2016 Self-Advocate Book Project

This project began in 2003 when self-advocate, Tracy Hile, introduced the idea of self-advocates presenting books on Down syndrome to the NDSC convention host community. Self-advocates donate money for books that positively portray individuals with Down syndrome. They present these books to libraries in the NDSC Convention host city.
The project accomplishes several goals set by self-advocates:

- The public sees self-advocates as productive and as giving back to the community
- Self-advocates increase disability awareness for students K-12
- Self-advocates increase leadership opportunities as they implement the project
- Communities become more inclusive places for people with Down syndrome

How can you help?

- During on-line convention registration, check the box to have $1.00 or more added to your registration fee to be donated to the Self-Advocate Book Project.
- For a donation of $100.00, you may receive a "bundle" of all the books listed below. You might do this by having a special fundraiser to honor a self-advocate or educator in your community and donating this bundle in their name.

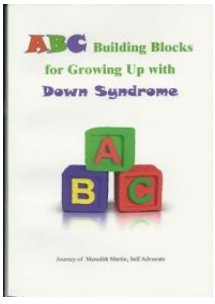
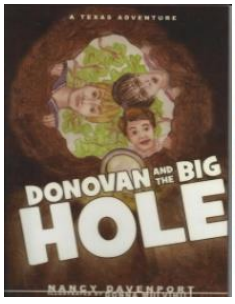
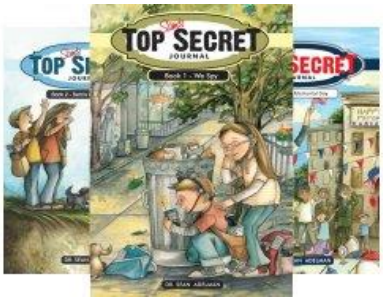
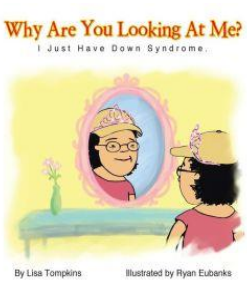
Send check (made payable to NDSC) to NDSC Center, 30 Mansell Court, Suite 108, Roswell, GA 30076.

2016 Book Project List

ABC Building Blocks for Growing Up with Down Syndrome by self-advocate Meredith Martin, outlines some of the key components that led her to independent living.

Donovan and the Big Hole by Nancy Lambert Davenport - This delightful fiction Texas adventure is narrated by fourteen year old Donovan who happens to have Down syndrome. He and his neighborhood friends don't ask for trouble, but manage to find it at every turn.

Sam's Top Secret Journal (3 Book Series) by Sean Adelman - This is a set of three delightful books about the adventures of Sam, a middle school girl with Down syndrome. They solve mysteries, have adventures, and deal with the world and its conflicts. Each book has a different setting that allows the plots to be unique and fresh.

The Little King and His Marshmallow Kingdom by Louis Rotella III - This beautiful book encourages children to be themselves with confidence, and challenge pressures to conform.

Why Are You Looking At Me? by Lisa Tompkins - A child with Down syndrome only wants to be a friend and have friends. She wants them to learn that she has likes and dislikes, not unlike theirs, and as a result, embrace their relationship.