

2018 The 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 & friends 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 or more added to your registration fee to be donated to the Self- Advocate Book Project. For a donation of \$100, you may receive a “bundle” of all the books listed below (to take back to your local community).

2018 Book Project List

- **ABC Building Blocks for Growing Up With Down Syndrome, by self-advocate Meredith Martin** – *Nicely outlines some of the key components that lead her to independent living.*
- **Donovan and the Big Hole, by Nancy Lambert Davenport** – *This delightful, fictional 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!*
- **Sam's Top Secret Journal (3 Book Series), by Sean Adelman** – *This is a set of three short novels 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.*
- **Stealing First: the Teddy Kremer Story, by T Kremer w/D Lang & M Buchanan** – *“Nothing—can top that night- I was batboy for the Cincinnati Reds!”*
- **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 she “is more alike than different”!*

