

2019 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 online convention registration, check the box to have \$1 or more added to your registration fee to be donated to the Self- Advocate Book Project. You may receive a “bundle” of all the books for a \$100 donation. These books make excellent donations for World Down Syndrome Day: 3/21 or in October for Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Checks may be made payable to *NDSC with Book Project* in the memo line.

2019 Book Project List

ABC Building Blocks for Growing Up With Down Syndrome by Meredith Martin

Whether the individual is two or thirty-two it's never too late to work on independent living skills. Meredith does a nice job of outlining components used in her plan.

Chad's Surprise Balloon Ride by Kelly Wallis DeWitt When a Hot Air Balloon Competition comes to his town, Chad is ready for an adventure! This story, based on real events, is one of Chad's big moments.

Donovan and the Big Hole by Nancy Lambert Davenport This delightful 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 its conflicts.

Stealing First the Teddy Kremer Story by T Kremer with D. Lang & M. Buchanan Nothing can top that night- I was batboy for the Cincinnati Reds! Whoever thought that a bat boy could mean so much to a city, a team, & it's fans?

The Little King and His Marshmallow Kingdom by Louis Rotella III This beautiful book encourages children to be themselves. Follow Louie as he shows you the kid-like things he loves!

