

## October is Disability Awareness Month

In honor of **Disability Awareness Month**, the Thurston PTO has generously donated over a dozen books to help round out our library.

**Rules** by Cynthia Lord

**Junkyard Wonder** by Patricia Polacco

**All the Way to the Top** by Annette Bay Pimental

**Hello, Goodbye, Dog** by Maria Gianferrari

**Benji, The Bad Day, and Me** by Sally J. Pla

**What Happened to You** by James Catchpole

**Just Ask** by Sonia Sotomayor

**All My Stripes** by Shaina Rudolph

**If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi** by Barbara Esham

**When Things Get Too Loud: A Story About Sensory Overload** by Anna Alcott

**Not Quite Narwhal** by Jessie Sima

**Noah Chases the Wind** by Michelle Worthington

**Why Johnny Doesn't Flap: NT is OK!** By Clay Morton

**Emmanuel's Dream** by Ofosu Yeboah

**Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having A Disability** by Shane Burcaw

**We Move Together** by Kelly Fritsch

**El Deafo** by Cece Bell



Did you know that people with different disabilities may prefer person-first or identity first language? People with disabilities often have a strong preference for either identity-first or person first language. You can read more about it [here](#).

### Disability Resources in Our Community

[Thurston Student Intervention & Support Services](#)

[AAPS Student Intervention & Support Services](#)

[Ann Arbor Advisory Committee](#) (AAPAC) for Special Education is a district-sponsored organization of parents that represent and supports families and children with disabilities (IEP's and 504 plans) in AAPS. Michelle Malewitz is the building rep at Thurston for AAPAC and can be contacted at [maxfield.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:maxfield.michelle@gmail.com).

[Michigan Alliance for Families](#) is a statewide resource to connect families of children with disabilities to resources to help improve their children's education.