

DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

Resources and Materials

MDOD suggests that your organization, campus, or classroom make use of the following resources as you continue to develop activities and events in celebration of Disability History and Awareness Month in October. Please find below lists of books, films, and other materials addressing disability history and awareness.

Films

For a list of more than 3,000 feature films and documentaries categorized by the disability portrayed, visit <http://www.disabilityfilms.co.uk/index.html>.

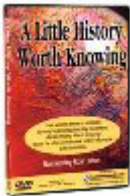


A Beautiful Mind (2001)

Film based on the biography of John Nash, the Noble prize winning mathematician diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Rated: PG-13

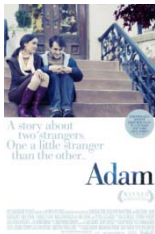
Format: DVD, Universal Pictures



A Little History Worth Knowing: Disability Down Through the Ages

Video examines the history of individuals with disabilities “from ancient times to the telethons of today’s growing disability movement.”

Format: VHS; Wood, Irene M and Associates



Adam (2009)

Romantic comedy about Adam, a young man with Asperger’s Syndrome, and his relationship with Beth, a new neighbor.

Rated: PG-13

Format: In theatres (August 2009), Fox Searchlight

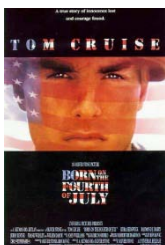
As I Am: Portraits of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (1990)

Documentary portraying the experiences of three young people with developmental disabilities.

Audience: Teens

Format: VHS, Fanlight Productions

ISBN-1-57295-058-7



Born on the 4th of July (1989)

Biography of Ron Kovic, played by Tom Cruise, who was paralyzed in the Vietnam War and became an anti-war and pro-human rights activist.

Rated: R

Format: DVD, Ixtlan

ISBN-1-888451-78-5



Butterflies are Free (1972)

“A blind man moves into his own apartment against the wishes of his overprotective mother, and befriends the freethinking young woman next door.”

Rated: PG

Format: DVD, Sony Pictures

ASIN: B0000633R8



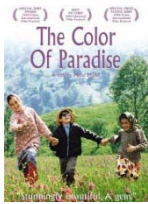
Children of a Lesser God (1986)

Film featuring the Oscar award winning debut of Marlee Matlin in a story about a speech teacher at a school for deaf students that falls for a young and troubled graduate of the school.

Rated: R

Format: DVD, Paramount

ISBN-0792169719



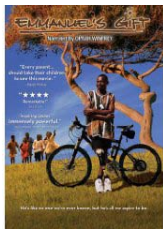
Color of Paradise (Rang-e-khoda) (1999)

Story of an eleven-year-old blind boy living in Tehran who succeeds in his studies and apprenticeship but whose father struggles to accept him and his disability.

Rated: PG

Format: DVD, Sony Pictures

ISBN-0767857089



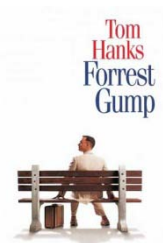
Emmanuel's Gift (2005)

Documentary about Emmanuel Ofori Yeboah, a successful athlete and activist born with one deformed leg in Ghana, whose mother championed his education and medical care in a country where children with disabilities were routinely discarded; With Oprah Winfrey and Robin Williams

Rated: G

Format: DVD, Lookalike Productions

ISBN-1592416446



Forrest Gump (1994)

A man with a developmental disability recounts his life story while waiting for the bus to see his love; Oscars: Best Picture, Director, Actor, Visual Effects, Film Editing, and Adapted Screenplay.

Rated: PG-13

Format: DVD, Paramount Pictures

ISBN-0792174844



Gaby – A True Story (1987)

The story of a young woman with cerebral palsy who becomes a critically acclaimed author. Academy Award Nomination – Best Supporting Actress.

Rated: R

Format: DVD, G. Brimmer Productions

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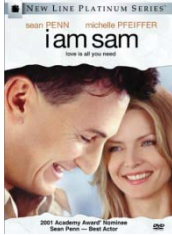
Genghis Blues (1999)

Portrayal of a blues musician who is blind and his journey to the land of Tuva. Winner, Sundance Audience Award. Nominated, Academy Award for Best Documentary.

Not rated

Format: DVD, Wadi Rum Productions.

ASIN-B00004YKS6



I Am Sam (2001)

Sam, a father with a developmental disability, fights for custody of his daughter.

Featuring Sean Penn and Dakota Fanning.

Rated: PG-13

Format: DVD, New Line Cinema

ASIN-B000066HAS



If You Could See What I Hear (1982)

A comedy and love story based on the life of Tom Sullivan, a musician who is blind.

Rated: PG

Format: VHS, Vestron

ASIN- B0002XQWB6



Life Goes On (1989-1993)

TV Series about the Thatcher family, whose son Corky has Down Syndrome

Audience: Family

Format: TV Series, Available on DVD, Warner Home Video

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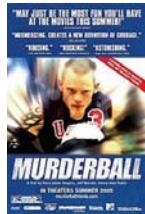


The Miracle Worker (1962)

Story of Anne Sullivan, the woman who struggled to teach Helen Keller to communicate.

Format: DVD, MGM

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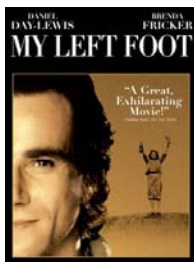
Murderball (2005)

Story about the lives of the members of the USA quadriplegic rugby team as they compete their way towards the 2004 Paralympics Games in Athens.

Rated: PG-13

Format: DVD, Paramount Pictures

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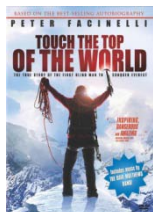
My Left Foot (1989)

Oscar winning film portraying the true story of Christy Brown, an Irishman with cerebral palsy whose develops into a artist, painter, and poet. Winner: Academy Awards for Best Actor (Daniel Day-Lewis) and Best Actress in a Supporting Role; Nominated for Best Director, Best Picture, and Best Writing Screenplay.

Rated: R

Format: DVD, Miramax.

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Touch the Top of the World (2006)

Film portraying the story of Erik Weihenmayer, a rock and ice climber with visual impairments who became the first blind man to summit Mt. Everest.

Not Rated

Format: DVD, Sony Pictures

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