

# Connections

A Newsletter For Teachers Working With Autism  
Educational Equity For All



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## Autism spectrum disorders resource pack for school staff



Our publication *Autism spectrum disorders: a resource pack for staff* will be useful for any member of staff working in an education setting.

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One of our most popular autism resources is [Bluebee TeeVee: The Autism Information Station](#). It's a webisode series where kids learn all about autism—in a friendly, clinically correct and respectful manner with humor and pop culture references thrown in for fun. Created by two talented autistic men, it's an innovative series that helps children see past differences, learn acceptance, and discover that we're all pretty much the same at heart.

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q7hnuwu9xt0d7sg/AAApPds77nQQthzpe6uv\\_uUZa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/q7hnuwu9xt0d7sg/AAApPds77nQQthzpe6uv_uUZa?dl=0)



Don't miss the next Sensory Friendly Film!



**STORKS**  
Saturday 10/8

### Movie Showings for Guests & Families Living with Autism or Other Special Needs

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program to four showings per month.

- The second and fourth Tuesday and Saturday.
- Family-friendly movies will continue to show Saturdays, starting at 10am local time
- We've added Tuesday showings at 7pm local time that may appeal to others on the autism spectrum.

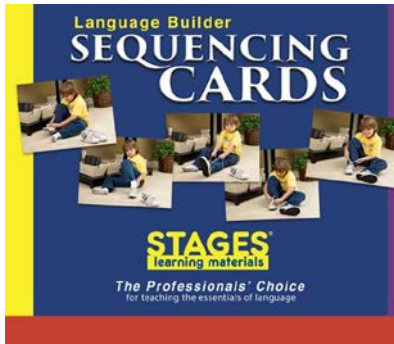
Tickets are \$4-6 depending on location and can be purchased on the day of the event. To find a participating theater:

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

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## FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



### Language Builder Sequencing Cards

Teach kids to understand the logical order of events. Also great to teach verbs & as a self-help prompt.

<https://www.stageslearning.com/collections/language-builder-complete-set/products/language-builder-sequencing-cards>

## WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://sww.esc3.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=200>  
<http://www.nea.org/home/15151.htm>  
<http://autismteachingstrategies.com/free-social-skills-downloads-2/>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### The Autism Spectrum: From Theory to Practise (The Open University)

Intermediate Level, 20 Hours Approx. Certificate available on completion of full course.

*"This unit offers a review of psychological research and practice aimed at understanding and explaining autistic spectrum disorders (ASDs) and helping people who have them. The discussion ranges from problems of identification and diagnosis, through theoretical research into causes, to an evaluation of selected therapeutic approaches. The chapter highlights the diversity of perspectives that exist in this area. It draws on the personal testimony of people with autism and their families, as well as on more formal sources of evidence. It will be of relevance to all those who are interested in autism, whether from an academic, practical or personal perspective."*

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/psychology/the-autistic-spectrum-theory-practice/content-section-0>



## Story Selections

The following list of children's printable e-books includes topics for working on emotional development, social skills, behavioral skills, communication skills, safety skills, and daily living skills. The text and images of the stories are personalizable for each child. Multiple profiles can be created to use Success Stories with every child in your family or classroom. Save the profiles to create additional books without re-entering all new information. Print as often as you like to create books for home and school. Story subscriptions last for one year.

### Feelings Faces - Emotions Cards

Set of 38 customizable emotions cards. Customize and print the 3" x 3" cards in color or coloring book format! Create unlimited profiles and print as often as you like for a year.

### When Things Change

Discusses feelings associated with change and ways to cope with it. Includes personalization of small and big changes that are especially difficult for the child and individual coping strategies (12 pages with cover).

And many more topics.

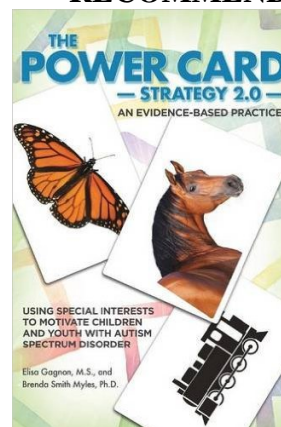
<http://www.sandbox-learning.com/RunScript.asp?page=16&ap=viewStories.asp&p=ASP~PgDefault.asp>



<http://www.autismgames.com.au/index.html>

Welcome to Autism Games. This site is for parents and teachers of children with moderate to severe autism. The information on this site describes the objectives of the games found on [www.whizkidgames.com](http://www.whizkidgames.com) a games portal for autistic children. The games are a free resource that aim to help autistic children to develop independent living skills.

## RECOMMENDED READING & VIDEO



### The Power Card Strategy 2.0: Using Special Interests to Motivate Children and Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder Paperback –

by MS Elisa Gagnon , Phd Brenda Smith Myles

The Power Card Strategy is a visual aid developed by educators and parents to assist students with Asperger Syndrome and autism in making sense of social situations, routines, the meaning of language, and the hidden curriculum that surrounds us wherever we go. What sets The Power Card Strategy apart is that it makes use of children's special interests - to help them make sense of situations they encounter on a daily basis.