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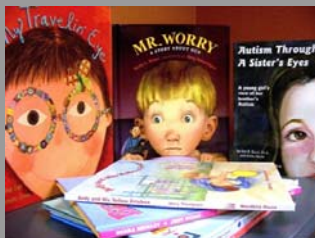
We Change Attitudes

E-News from the Cromwell Center

February 2011

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The Gift of Books  
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We leave high quality books about children with different kinds of disabilities in every classroom we visit as part of the Student Disabilities Awareness Program. Books about living with autism, OCD and visual impairments are among those shown here.

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securely through our web site, or through the mail.  
Thank you for making a difference.

**4th Grade Teacher:**

**Greetings Friends:**

This month's E-News is about the value of old and new technologies --books and the Internet. Read about the power of pictures to tell a story, and the power of the Internet to fund community needs.

**Maine Schools Value Gift of Children's Books**

There never seem to be enough hours in the day, or in our case, hours in the classroom. So how do we extend the impact of a classroom session for the 3rd-6th graders we visit as part of our [Student Disabilities Awareness Program?](#)

We are an educational program, and we believe in the power of stories. We end every classroom session by presenting age-appropriate books on disability diversity to reinforce the messages of the program. In addition to the gift of two books, we leave each teacher summaries of the books and suggestions for using them in lesson plans.



The 21 titles we have selected to give schools are an integral part of the [Student Disabilities Awareness Program](#). The books are

This is the fourth year we have participated in your program. I read the books each year to my class. I think the program builds a foundation of tolerance!

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Teacher, Jan. 2011:  
Thank you for the books-the children love to hear about other children.

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Forward this newsletter to friends in Maine and ask them to vote, too. Voting ends March 7. Thank you for your support.

about children and students living with all kinds of disabilities, from autism to obsessive compulsive disorder, Tourette's syndrome to learning disabilities, blindness and dwarfism. Whether the books show photos of real people or colorful illustrations, every book presents a young person living a full life-- school, home and play with friends, pets and siblings. "Views From our Shoes" shares the experiences of 45 siblings --ages four to eighteen-- who are the brother or sister of someone with a disability.

Educators tell us how grateful they are for the addition of these carefully chosen books to their classrooms. Teachers use the books in follow-up lessons about diversity and watch students lining up to read them on their own.

*The students loved the book/story and thought the illustrations added to the story and were 'beautiful.' I loved that they connected how well the story was written to our Writing Workshop: lead, conclusion and descriptive vocabulary. 4th Grade Teacher, October 2010*

We've posted a [list of books and their publishers](#) on our web site. Please consider a [donation](#) to help us purchase more high-quality books for classrooms.

### Cast Your Vote and Help Cromwell Win \$5,000

Help the Cromwell Center win \$5,000 by casting your vote today. As part of their Community Matters campaign, Bangor Savings Bank will award \$5,000 to the top vote-winning nonprofit in each of eight regions in Maine. One minute of your time is all we ask. If you live in Maine, click below, scroll to the Greater Portland/Lewiston/Auburn category, and enter Cromwell Center.

**VOTE HERE:** <https://www.bangor.com/Why-Bangor-Savings/Supporting-Our-Communities/Voting.aspx>

Although you may vote only once (for up to 3 organizations in the state), your vote is important, and could put us at the top. \$5,000 will extend our [Student Disabilities Awareness Program](#) and help us reach more students in 2011. Help us *change attitudes*.


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