

## Our Mission

The library's mission is to provide a collection specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities, always keeping their needs in mind. The library aspires to encourage life-long curiosity and then to provide the means to satisfy that curiosity.



Our vision is to enrich the quality of life for NMCS consumers by connecting them with resources for information, education, and entertainment. The library will have free services accessible to all consumers equally, encouraging responsibility and independence through a carefully implemented circulation policy. The library will be organized to replicate a public library in as many ways as possible in order to be used as a training tool as well as a center for knowledge and recreation.

## How You Can Help

### Donate

The library will graciously accept donations, which will all be tax-deductible. Monetary donations can be given to NMCS and specifically earmarked for the library. We will also accept donations of gently used, high quality books. We are particularly interested in young adult/junior chapter books and illustrated non-fiction materials.

### Buy

From time to time, the library will be holding book sales to raise money for new books, supplies, software, and many more items as we look toward the future. Keep an eye out for flyers!

### Volunteer

If you would like to give your time to the library, we will certainly be needing help!



"I have always  
imagined that  
Paradise will be a  
kind of library."  
--Jorge Luis Borges

## Library Update

North Metro is excited to give you an update on the consumer library, which has been open since June of 2012. This library provides a wide variety of opportunities for meaningful in-house activities for Day Program consumers.

The library is housed in a room in the Team 6 area at North Metro, and it is filled with over 2300 books, magazines, and more. Many of the books have been generously donated, but we have also purchased new books and subscriptions to magazines. In the future, as finances allow, we plan to continue to expand the collection of new materials.

We have carefully selected books for the collection that will reflect the needs of the population it serves.

A thorough needs assessment was conducted, and the library was developed with this in mind.



Favorites include books about pets, sports, Elvis, and picture books. The library will strive to collect books that are suitable in regards to reading level, age-appropriateness, and relevance.

We also plan to include a reference section for staff members, which will include materials about working with people with developmental disabilities and about the disabilities/medical conditions as well.

The library is organized just like a public library, according to the Dewey Decimal system. By using a standard organizational system, the NMCS library also serves as a training platform so consumers can learn how to find materials in libraries in general.

In addition to printed materials, the library houses three computers for consumer use.

These computers can be used to search the library for materials and are equipped with standard software to allow for general computer skills training. The computers are outfitted with a variety of assistive equipment to make them easier for our patrons to use.

The library has done very well in its first year, and around 30% of North Metro's Day Program population is using it regularly. The patrons are enjoying the library thoroughly, and are doing an amazing job at handling the responsibility of returning their books!

If you have any questions/suggestions or if you would like to offer your support, please use the information below to contact the librarian, Jen Holmes.

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