This pathfinder is useful for parents and others looking for basic information on autism and autism spectrum disorders. The items contain reflect a small fraction of the resources available on this subject. The Autism Pathfinder is intended to provide a place to start your reading and research. While for use by everyone, much of this information is tailored to meet the needs of parents of newly diagnosed children.

For an introduction to the topic, see:
- NIMH: Autism Spectrum Disorders
  This website provide an introduction to the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including autism, Pervasive Developmental Delay, Asperger’s, and other related disorders.

Where to Begin in a Library:
When beginning to research this subject in the library, it can be helpful to know search terms, subject headings, and call numbers to find relevant material in the collection. If you need additional assistance, a reference librarian will be happy to help you.

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Key Web Resources:
These key web resources provide an understanding of what autism is, along with important information on treatment and educational options.
- Autism Society of America
  http://www.autism-society.org
- Center for the Study of Autism
  http://www.autism.org
- Autism Web
  http://www.autismweb.com

Print and Electronic Resources:
These resources discuss autism and the related disorders on the autism spectrum, including Asperger’s and PDD. They provide information on what to expect, finding resources, treatment and educational options, and provide a supportive voice for the parents of the newly diagnosed.

Books
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- **Teaching Conversation to Children with Autism**, Lynn E. McClannaham, PhD and Patricia J. Krantz, PhD (2005)
- **Making a Difference: Behavioral Intervention for Autism**, by Catherine Maurice (2001)
- **Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports From My Life with Autism**, by Temple Grandin (1996)
- **Emergence: Labeled Autistic**, by Temple Grandin and Margaret M. Scarino (1986)

Magazine Articles

Websites
- Cure Autism Now [http://www.cureautismnow.org](http://www.cureautismnow.org)
- TEACCH-Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children's [http://www.teacch.com](http://www.teacch.com)

**Resources for Siblings:**
A new diagnosis is hard on siblings as well as parents. These resources can be helpful in explaining autism to brothers and sisters of autistic children.

**Books**
- **Andy and His Yellow Frisbee**, by Mary Thompson (1996)
- **Everybody is Different: A Book for Young People Who Have Brothers or Sisters with Autism**, by Fiona Bleach (2002)

**Web Resources**
- Kids’ Quest on Disability and Health

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