

Disability Visibility



 **Monroe County Library System**

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Dust by Alison Stine
Thea's paranoid and reclusive parents move their family to a climate-ravaged Colorado. There, Thea must resist any "dangerous" outside world influence and must always pass as hearing even though she was born hard of hearing. When Thea meets a Deaf boy at her job who teaches her sign language, he opens up a whole new community to her.

Navigating With You by Jeremy Whitley
A new romance evolves as two girls adventure across North Carolina in search of the final volumes of a beloved manga series.



This Moth Saw Brightness by A.A. Vacharat
'Wayne participates in a university run health study to make his father proud. But how will 'Wayne continue when he and some fellow participants uncover conspiracies pointing to a larger government plot?

At the Speed of Lies by Cindy L. Otis
High school junior Quinn finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy involving missing children after posting about it on her social media.



Diet Soda Club by Chaz Hayden
When 17-year-old Reed's mom leaves for an extended vacation and doesn't return, he is left to take care of his ill younger sister. As bills come due and the pantry remains empty, Reed must turn to illegal means to support his sister.

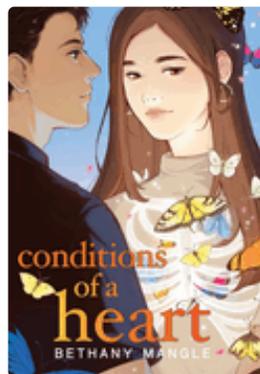


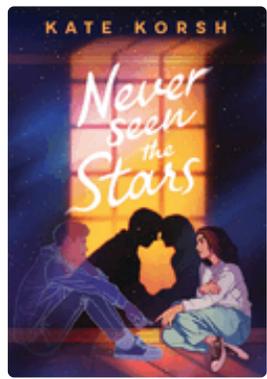
The Loudest Silence by Sydney Langford
Casey is navigating life as a newly Deaf-Hard-of-Hearing person and Hayden struggles with anxiety. Even though the two hide these facts from their classmates, they find solace together through their shared love of music.

One Killer Problem by Justine Pucella Winans
When Gigi finds her math teacher lying in a pool of blood, she calls on her high school's 'mystery club' to help her solve the murder. Can she solve the murder despite the confusing clues from the killer, continual flare-ups of her IBS, and her archnemesis turning flirtatious?



Conditions of a Heart by Bethany Mangle
Brynn hides her disability from everyone at school through a carefully constructed persona. During a week-long suspension, Brynn worries when she finds that she can no longer recognize herself through her persona.





Never Seen the Stars by Kate Korsh
Hattie has a genetic eye disorder and is slowly going blind. On top of this, she is left reeling after the sudden death of her best friend Mason. When Mason's ghost returns and Hattie is the only one who can see him, she wonders if she can move on if it means losing him.



The Breakup Lists by Adib Khoram
Jackson Ghasnavi is not a romantic, opting instead to make extensive "breakup lists" with his sister, Jasmine, which compile all the flaws of her various exes. But when Jackson can't stop thinking about Liam, the senior swim captain turned musical leading man, Jackson wonders if he could be developing a crush.



Compound Fracture by Andrew Joseph White
16-year-old transgender Miles is nearly beaten to death for presenting incriminating evidence against the corrupt sheriff. Will joining his fellow townsfolk help end the town's blood feud in this Appalachian thriller?

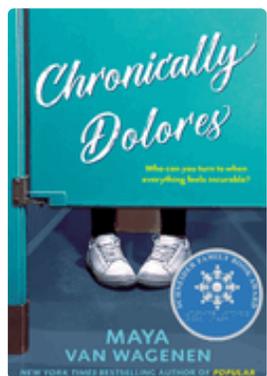
Hazeltorn by CG Drews
Following the suspected murder of his rich guardian, Evander inherits a gothic mansion with an overgrown garden. As the garden continues to grow, Evander must seek the help of an unlikely ally to uncover family secrets before he is killed too.



Joined at the Joints by Marissa Eller
17-year-old Ivy is ecstatic to meet Grant, a boy her age who shares her same chronic illness: juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. As her symptoms worsen and she loses energy, her best friend begins to drift away, and Ivy worries that Grant will leave too.



Sunrise Nights by Jeff Zentner
Jude, a photographer who struggles with anxiety, and Florence, a dancer with an eye injury, connect during an evening together on the last day of their summer arts camp. A three-year slow burn unfolds when the two promise to go no contact for the whole year as they work on finding themselves.



Chronically Dolores by Maya Van Wagenen
Dolores, who was recently diagnosed with a chronic bladder condition, enters into a tentative friendship with homeschooled Terpsichore. Terpsichore will help Dolores win back her ex-best friend in exchange for Dolores convincing Terpsichore's mom that she has the social skills to attend public school.

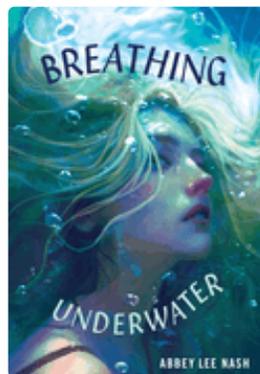


Time and Time Again by Chatham Greenfield
Phoebe has been stuck reliving August 6th for a month, desperately researching how to get out of the time loop. Then Jess, Phoebe's childhood crush, suddenly enters the time loop and pushes Phoebe out of her comfort zone. Will the two find a way out?

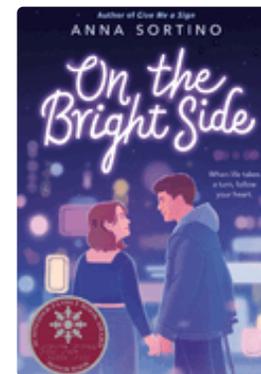


Take All of Us by Natalie Leif
A parasite poisoned the water in a West Virginia town and turned many citizens into zombies. Ian, a teen who is slowly turning into a zombie, must find the boy he loves before he loses his mind and body.

Breathing Underwater by Abby Lee Nash
Tess' life is turned upside down after an epilepsy diagnosis that causes her to miss swim practices and her job as a lifeguard. Tess spends the summer trying to get back in the pool and back to herself amidst the drama of doctors visits, a new crush, and changing friendships.



On the Bright Side by Anna Sortino
Ellie's Deaf boarding school shuts down, sending her back to public school and her hearing family. Jackson has been experiencing a strange numbness in his leg that cost his team a soccer match. When Jackson is tasked with helping Ellie adjust to the new school, the two connect over the inevitability of change.



These Bodies Ain't Broken by Madeline Dyer
This anthology of 13 horror stories center disabled characters as the hero.

