Libraries and Reading Services for Patrons with Intellectual Disability

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Intellectual Disability (ID)

- ▶ IQ below 75
- Diagnosis from birth
- Difficulties with communication, socialization, self-care

Problem

- Mainstreamed in public education system
- Abandoned after aging out
- ▶ Low levels of employment and income
- ▶ Goal: Community integration

Library Service

- ► ALA Commitment
- Minimal intervention
- ▶ Barriers cited of funding and training

Post-Secondary Education (PSE)

- College experience for those with ID
- Educational and vocational training

GIS Map



Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC)

- Dr. Tom Fish, Nisonger Center, Ohio State University
- Autonomous book clubs for those with ID
 - Reading
 - Socialization

Case Study at Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

- Academy for Community Inclusion (ACI) PSE
- ▶ Book club member of NCBC, facilitated by librarian and two staff
- Innovative use of educational games

FAU Book Club



Results

- Attendance
- ▶ Field observations
- Surveys

Lev Vygotsky – Educational Visionary

- "Alternative symbolic routes for those with ID"
- New media studies
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

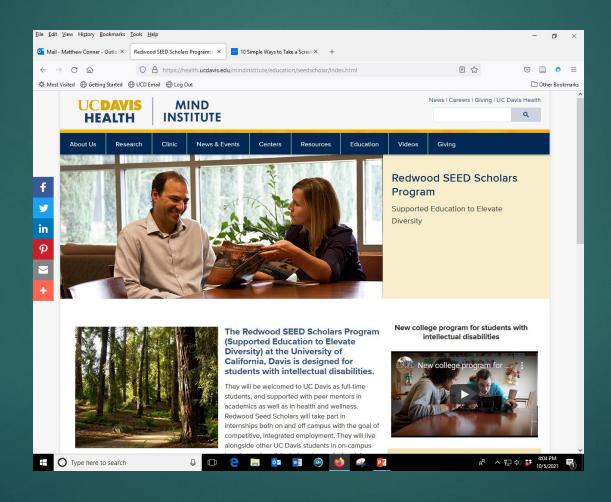
Lev Vygotsky (1896-1934)



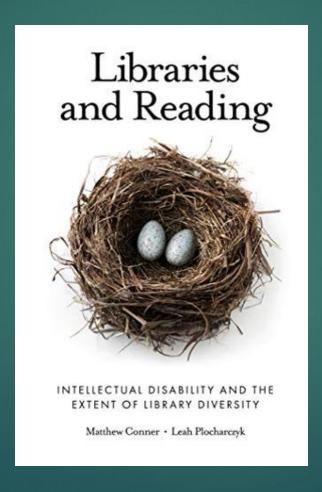
Redwood SEED Scholars at UC Davis

- ▶ First year
- ▶ 12 students
- ▶ Plans to expand to UC

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