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**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH: INCLUSIVE STORY TIME,
INTERACTIVE EVENT AT LIBRARY**

Little Red Hens Friends Story Time will have two very welcome guests Wednesday March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

In honor of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the Southeast Steuben County Library has teamed up with the Arc of Steuben and the Corning-Painted Post School District for a month of programming entitled *Enable Me, Don't Label Me* to bring awareness and education about disabilities to the general public.

Wednesday's Little Red Hens Story Time will be the first program at the library. Two clients of the Arc of Steuben will visit during story time to read to the children and interact with them.

"We are proud to collaborate with the ARC of Steuben and the Corning-Painted Post School District in celebrating "Enable Me Don't Label Me," said Library Director Pauline Emery. "Raising awareness helps community members recognize the importance of equal access."

The Arc will show a film **at its headquarters**, "Wretches and Jabberers," March 22 at 6:15 p.m. The film is about two autistic men who set out to change the public's attitude about disability and intelligence. For more details, visit <http://www.wretchesandjabberers.org/about.php>.

Meanwhile, at the library a display of artwork and photos from the Arc will be available for view all month. Also included in the display are books and DVDs that deal with various disabilities as well as examples of some of the library's technology for disabled people.

"The Southeast Steuben County Library recognizes its responsibility to provide access, and seeks to have its services, facilities, and programs accessible to persons with disabilities," Emery said.

The month will end with an open house at the library on March 27 at 7 p.m. Please join us for music, food and interactive displays that let you see what various disabilities feel like. In addition, we will have a keynote speaker, Thomasine Gilbert, who will share her story of living with a disability.

Other displays will showcase technology available to make life easier for the disabled, including those available at the library.

Sign up is not required for any of these programs. For questions, call the library at (607)936-3713.

