



# *How Can I Celebrate* **Disability History Week?** October 18-24, 2009

## **Did You Know Facts**

Share a new fact about disability history (ex: a famous person with a disability) every day during Disability History Week.

## **Publicize**

Use a Disability History Week template on outgoing e-mails, add stickers or stamps on outgoing mail and post flyers prior to/during Disability History Week.

## **Highlight your Group's History**

Put together a timeline with information and photos about your group/agency! Hold a reception to celebrate your own history of advocating or providing services to individuals with disabilities!

## **Disabilities Book Club Selection**

Host a book club discussion on books written by or about people with disabilities.

## **Collaborate with a School or College**

Plan an event, schedule a film festival or offer stations highlighting disability history lessons (ex: Myths and Misconceptions, Disability Etiquette, etc.). For free lesson plans visit: [www.museumofdisability.org/teachers\\_resources.asp](http://www.museumofdisability.org/teachers_resources.asp)

## **Guest Speakers**

Invite people with disabilities, advocates, family members and/or service providers to speak to your group about their experiences and how changes in service delivery or accessibility have impacted them.

## **Use Person-First Language**

Make a conscious effort to always place the focus on the person rather than the disability (ex. say "a student who receives special education services" or a "person with autism" rather than "a special ed student" or "an autistic person." Set an example for others.

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