## The Apple shelf

Joy of reading for children with special needs



All children need books and have the right to experience the joy of reading! But all books are not appropriate for all children. Therefore, there is the Apple shelf. Here you will find fiction and nonfiction books and other stimulating reading material for children with special needs.

If you are an adult, there is literature about different disabilities and methodological manuals that can provide support and inspiration in your work or as a parent.

Joy of reading can be communicated in many forms, only imagination sets the limit.

Welcome!

#### Easy to read and clear images





Books with pictures can be a very good support for learning concepts and words. On the Apple shelf you find books with simple language and clear images.

#### Books to touch tactile picture books





Pictures are rendered in different materials and colours that make them easy to understand. Tactile picture books are made primarily for children with visual impairment, but also children with other disabilities can enjoy them. The book's text is also available in Braille and large print.

#### Braille and interleaved books





Braille is read with your fingertips. An interleaved book is an ordinary picture book with plastic sheets with Braille. Sometimes a Braille book has a printed book in a pocket on the binder. The one who can see and the one who cannot see can read the same book!

#### Talking books and audio books





Many books are audio taped. Audio books are audio taped stories for all children. Children with difficulties to read, such as dyslexia or visual impairment, can also borrow talking books. There are special talking books for reading training and special talking books for children with mental retardation.

#### Sign Language



Sign language is visual and has no written form. That is why books in sign language are recorded on video or DVD. The Children's Library has lots of reading tips in sign language made by children.

#### AAC - Alternative and Augmentative Communication





Books with sign as support to speech is made for





children who can hear but need additional communication means. The signs are borrowed from the sign language but the books are in Swedish. Other common, alternative methods of communication are: photos, Bliss symbols, picture symbols (eg pictograms), concrete objects and letters.

### Computer as an aid tool



With the computer as an aid tool a child with special needs can be active, play, learn and have fun. The computer encourages interaction and communication. There are many programs to choose from.

#### Ask at the library





Books for and about children with disabilities can be found on the Apple shelves at your library. If you miss something, or if you want help or reading tips, please ask!

#### Look in our webbsite



There you will find reading tips and links for all. The adress is: www.appelhyllan.se



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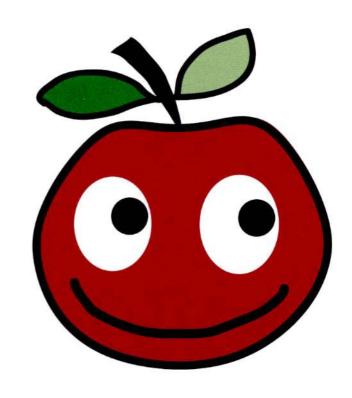
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