

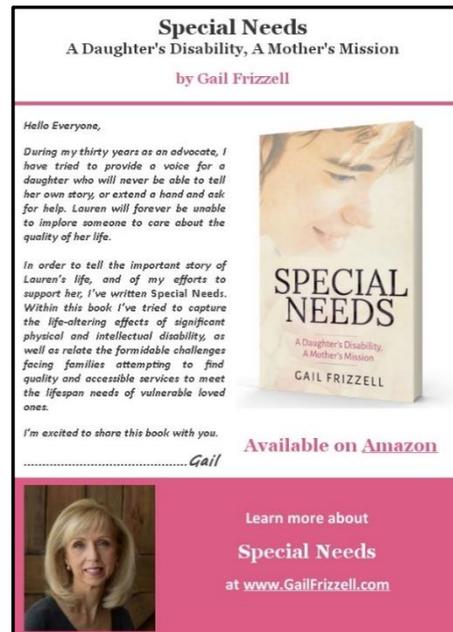
This Week at ASCARC

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More January News at ASCARC

- SCARC's own **Gail Frizzell**, former SCARC board member and parent of daughter Lauren is pleased to announce the publishing of her new book, **Special Needs**. The new book, published by Gail is the story of her journey with Lauren through all the challenges of Lauren's 32 year life. Caring, planning, coordinating, and facilitating Lauren's life supports has been Gail's life dedication and raison d'être. Richard Lecher, SCARC CEO says, "I have read the book and would recommend it to parents who have struggled with bureaucratic and cultural forces in raising a child with special needs, and for anyone who would like to understand the journey of these families." Questions and comments about the book can be addressed to Gail at www.GailFrizzell.com, or FrizzellGail@gmail.com.



- Our SCARC Harvest Home Foods program has partnered with the **Sussex County Library System** to develop a variety of activities that will be facilitated by library staff. Louisa Bann, library staff member, has named this new collaborative program, **SCARC Book Club Café**. Attached is a photo from the first day at the **SCARC Book Club Café** hosted and facilitated by library staff. Today they worked on a craft and also worked on the type writer, writing letters. This will be a great weekly outing for the Harvest groups to enjoy. Thanks to SCARC staff **Edna Talmadge** for making the contact with the Library to create this new initiative.

- **Arc of New Jersey Chief Executive Tom Baffuto** testified this week at the New Jersey Department of Health's FY 2020 Budget Listening Session. This was an important opportunity to give feedback to the Commissioner and senior level members of his team about issues impacting people with I/DD. Thank you New Jersey Department of Health for hosting this stakeholder event!

