



Happy Holidays from EvoLibri!

It's been a wonderful, enlightening, and satisfying year at EvoLibri. I moved into my new digs on Colorado Ave., did more guest lecturing and speaking engagements, had clients as diverse as the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple and Santa Clara University, as well as served clients with Asperger's, Bipolar, ADD and ADHD, Schizophrenia, and BTI (Brain Trauma Injury). I've made great connections with therapists, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists/assessors, attorneys, and disability centers at local private and public schools. It has been a great year, and I am truly blessed to be able to do this work — thanks to you!

CSU and UC Cutbacks

As if the pressure to get college applications in on time wasn't enough, now students have more to worry about. By now, you've undoubtedly heard that both the CSU and UC systems are

placing new admissions restrictions for incoming freshman and transfer students for 2009. So, what exactly does this mean for your Junior or Senior? The California State University system will still accept all qualified applicants to their local school — which for us in the Bay Area means San Jose State, East Bay, and San Francisco State. So, your students will still get a spot in CSU if they have the grades and meet CSU requirements, and will likely be able to transfer to the campus of their choice in the next year or two. The UC System will likely also make cuts to enrollment, but no numbers have been announced yet. If your teen gets caught in this fiasco and doesn't make it into either system, come in and let's talk options — and let's hope that this situation will only be temporary! ***In the meantime, best of luck to all college applicants who made the Dec 1 deadline — great job, and let's hope you end up at the perfect college!***

EvoLibri In 2009

- **Off to College Cooking** I'll be offering cooking classes, probably in the summer, for those teens going off to college (or just wanting to learn from a former chef (me!))
- **Club Neuro Art!** Many of our Neuroites have indicated that they'd like to do art projects, and so, I'll be offering a second Club Neuro each month for this purpose.
- **Parent's Info Nights and Club Neuro** schedules will be posted Jan 2009.

Age of Disclosure Survey — Thanks for the Great Response!

At 12 midnight last night (November 30th), EvoLibri's Age of Disclosure in ASD survey was closed. Response was really pretty phenomenal — over 420 people took the survey, including 122 individuals with ASD, 219 parents of individuals with ASD, and over 50 counselors/therapists/psychologists, teachers, and paraprofessionals who work with ASD youth. At first blush, the data seems to support early to very early disclosure of an ASD diagnosis to youth — before the age of 10 years old. Additionally, there are some amazing quotes from ASD individuals, which I will be sure to share. I'll be reviewing the data soon, and hope to have a full report available on my website by mid-December.



Club Neuro!
more than a mind...

EvoLibri and Club Neuro's Holiday Party!

As our final event for 2008, EvoLibri will be hosting a Holiday Open House for all current, past, and future clients, as well as members of local organizations and schools. Invitations will go out very soon, but please mark your calendars for December 19th at 7 pm. Please note that we are asking for donations of **travel-size personal hygiene items such as new toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and safety razors, holiday candy and sugar-free gum** which will we place in gift bags and deliver to the good folks at **Grace Community Center** in San Jose. Helping others is not only a good way to share the holiday spirit, but it is a vital way for neurodiverse individuals to build confidence and self-esteem by helping others. In any event, I sincerely hope to see you at our party!

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Upcoming EvoLibri Events...

Please note that the 2009 PINS and Club Neuro schedules will be posted by the end of the month...stay tuned!

All **PINS** (Parent Information Nights) start at 7:00 pm and cost \$15 at the door. Light refreshments are served, and each session includes handouts and discussion. Please pre-register at www.evolibri.com/contact.html. **Independence Seminars (IS)** meet from 10 am until 7 pm and require pre-registration. Cost is \$275 per session. Please contact EvoLibri at info@evolibri.com for registration information. **Club Neuro** is \$15 at the door.

Dec 19	<i>Club Neuro: Holiday Party & Open House</i>
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Free Holiday Party for friends and family, woo-hoo!

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