

## Friends of the Samuel Gridley Howe Library, Inc.

The Friends group is a nonprofit corporation whose membership includes

both professional and personal advocates dedicated to maintaining one of the nation's most comprehensive collections of material on mental retardation and other disabilities.

The Samuel Gridley Howe Library currently houses some 8,000 volumes in addition to 200 journal titles including titles in French, German, Spanish, Danish and other languages. Approximately a quarter of these journal titles are current; the book collection is kept current by frequent purchases and donations. The Current Collection has been greatly enhanced by donations from Rosemary and Gunnar Dybwad, David Pfeiffer, and Irving Zola, advocates for people with disabilities.

This Library also contains material going back to the early days of research and interest in mental retardation. The Fernald Center was founded in 1848 by Samuel Gridley Howe with an appropriation of \$2500 from the Massachusetts Legislature, making it the first publicly supported school for people with mental retardation in the Western Hemisphere. The School grew to prominence in the following years and its library was said to be the most complete library on mental retardation in the world.

The Samuel Gridley Howe Library was formally opened in October of 1992. It is housed in the Southard Research Building of the Fernald Center. This building, constructed in 1921, was renovated by volunteers from the Sterling Community Service Foundation in 1990 and transformed into a library and media center.

If you want to join the Friends of the Samuel G. Howe Library and support the Library in its efforts to preserve and expand its collections on disabilities, please indicate your interests on the adjoining page.



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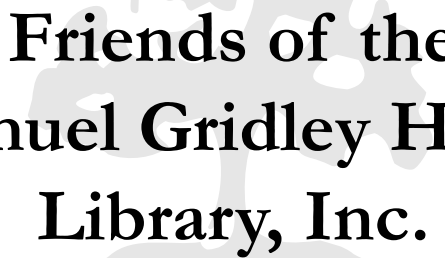
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