

GVSU Research Study

For Children who Have a Sibling with a Disability...

Grand Valley State University Therapeutic Recreation faculty are looking for children aged **8—12 years old**, who have a **sibling with a disability** to participate in a research study on the **benefits of using books and activities** to help them identify and understand their feelings about their sibling (called bibliotherapy). Children who have sibling with a disability have unique experiences and feelings to deal with—both positive and negative. The program will help children learn effective ways to cope with the feelings and differences they experience by discussing stories, playing games, doing crafts, and being with other kids with similar experiences.



Study Eligibility:

- ◆ The child must have at least one sibling with a disability
- ◆ The child must be 8-12 years old
- ◆ The child and parent must be willing to complete a pre and post-program survey
- ◆ The child must be able to participate in three 2 hour sessions held on Saturdays from 10a —12p. The dates are 9/24, 10/1, 10, 8. The location is Grand Valley's Health Professions building at 301 Michigan NE (near Spectrum Downtown)

If you would like more information or are interested in participating in this study, please contact Dr. Dawn DeVries at 331-5553 or devridaw@gvsu.edu OR Ms. Susan Sunden at 331-5674 or sundens@gvsu.edu