



**RECOMMENDED BOOKS LIST**  
*(These books have not been purchased by the Center)*

**Adults – Adopting the Older Child**

**Parenting Your Adopted Older Child: How to Overcome the Unique Challenges and Raise a Happy and Healthy Child – by Brenda McCreight, Ph.D.**

**Adults – Adoption**

**My New Family: A First Look at Adoption –by Pat Thomas**

**Adults – Education**

**Children of InterCountry Adoptions in School: A Primer for Parents and Professionals by Ruth Lyn Meese**

**Morning by Morning: How We HomeSchooled Our AfricanAmerican Sons to the Ivy League – by Paula PennNabrit**

**S.A.F.E. at School (S)upport for (A)doptive (F)amilies by (E)ducators, a Manual for Teachers and Counselors – by Marilyn Schoettle**

**Adult – Foster Care**

**What You Need to Know About Being a Foster Parent But Don't Know Who To Ask – by Jennie Martin & Susan Goodburn**

**The Women Who Raised Me – A Memoire by Victoria Rowell**

**FLUX: Life After Foster Care – by Leigh Ecke, Misty Stensile, & more**

**Adults – International**

**At Home in This World, A China Adoption Story –by Jean MacLeod**

### **Adults – Open Adoption**

**A Letter to Adoptive Parents... On Open Adoption –by *Randolph W. Severson, Ph.D.***

**Arms Wide Open: An Insight Into Open Adoption – by *Jane Waters***

**Because I Love You: A Birthmother’s View of Open Adoption – by *Patricia Dischler***

**Lifegivers: Framing the Birthparents Experience in Open Adoption – by *James Gritter***

**Making Room in Our Hearts: Keeping Family Ties Through Open Adoption by *Micky Duxbury***

**Spirit of Open Adoption – by *James Gritter***

**The Open Adoption Book: A Guide to Adoption Without Tears – by *Bruce Rappaport***

### **Adults - Parenting Challenges**

**A Parent’s Guide to Developmental Delays: Recognizing and Coping with Missed Milestones in Speech, Movement, Learning, and Other Areas – by *Laurie Lecomer***

**Damaged Angels: An Adoptive Mother’s Struggle to Understand the Tragic Toll of Alcohol in Pregnancy - by *Bonnie Buxton***

**My Baby Rides the Short Bus: The Unabashedly Human Experience of Raising Kids with Disabilities – by *Yantra Bertelli, Jennifer Silverman, and Sarah Talbot***

### **Adults - Special Situations**

**Fatherhood for Gay Men – by *Kevin McGarry***

**Family Feasts for \$75 a Week: A Penny-Wise Mom Shares Her Recipe for Cutting Hundreds from Your Monthly Food Bill – by *Mary Ostyn***

### **Adults – Transracial Adoption**

**The Ethics of Transracial Adoption – by *Hawley FoggDavis***

## **Children – Adopting from Asia**

**At Home in This World: A China Adoption Story –by *Jean MacLeod***

**Before I Met You: A Therapeutic PreAdoption Narrative Designed for Children Adopted from China – by *Doris A. Landry, M.S.***

## **Children - Celebrating Differences**

**All Families Are Special – by *Norma Simon***

**The Family Book – by *Todd Parr***

**Our Twitchy – by *Kes Gray and Mary McQuillan***

## **Children - Understanding Adoption**

**All About Adoption: How Families Are Made & How Kids Feel About It by *Marc Nemiroff, Ph.D. & Jane Annunziata, Ph.D.***

**Danielle, Where Are You? – by *Cindy Roberts***

## **Children - Young**

**Daisy and the Egg – by *Jane Simmons***

**My New Family: A First Look at Adoption – by *Pat Thomas***

**My Special Someone – by *Brittany and Sherry Kyle***

**Sandra Claus: A Tiny Gift to Santa Brings a New Tradition to Christmas – by *Douglas Clark Holloman***

**King & King & Family – by *Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland***

**Molly's Family – by *Nancy Gardner***

**One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dad – by *Johnny Valentine***

**The Daddy Book – by *Todd Parr***

**The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans and Other Stories – by *Johnny Valentine***

**Family Book – by *Todd Parr***

**Heather Has Two Mommies – by *Leslea Newman***

**How It Feels to Have a Gay or Lesbian Parent: A Book by Kids for Kids of All Ages – by *Judith Snow***

**King & King – by *Linda Haan & Stern de Nijland***

**Teen – Foster Care**

**A Teen Foster Adoption Lifebook: For When I'm Famous –by *Beth O'Malley***