Resource List for Parents and Teachers

Books:
Each of the books listed here include extensive bibliographies and resource lists.


Websites and Organizations:

American Childhood Cancer Organization
www.acco.org
(855) 858-2226
Provides information, advocacy, support and awareness for children and adolescents with cancer.

Curesearch
www.curesearch.org
(800) 458-6223
Service of the Children’s Oncology Group and the National Childhood Cancer Foundation, providing online information about specific diagnoses, treatments, and effects of treatment.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
www.lls.org
(800) 955-4572
Provides information, ongoing education programs, and printed materials for children diagnosed with blood cancers and their families.

National Brain Tumor Foundation
www.brainumor.org
(800) 934-2873
Information for patients with brain tumors, their families, and caregivers.
National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health
www.cancer.gov
(800) 422-6237
Information about the diagnosis and treatment of different kinds of cancer.

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children With Disabilities
www.oceed.org
(800) 374-2806
Provides information, training, and assistance to parents of children with disabilities throughout Ohio.

Ohio Department of Education
www.ode.state.oh.us
(614) 995-1545
Information related to children with special needs can be located in the Operating Standards section of the website.

Disability Rights Ohio (formerly Ohio Legal Rights Services)
www.disabilityrightsohio.org
(800) 282-9181
Provides advocacy resources, publications, and links to guide parents through process of obtaining services for their children in the public school system.

Starlight Starbright Children’s Foundation
www.starbright.org
(800) 315-2580
Information and resources for critically ill children and their families, including interactive programs for children and teens. On-line community for teens available also.

Teens Living with Cancer
www.teenslivingwithcancer.org
(585) 563-6221
Designed specifically for teens to find cancer information and connect with other teens about issues important to them.

Wright’s Law
www.wrightslaw.com
Information about special education law and advocacy for children with disabilities.

Children’s Books about Illness and Courage:


DeLand, M.M. (2010). The Great Katie Kate Tackles Questions about Cancer. Austin, TX: Greenleaf Book Group Press. Great Katie Kate is there to answer questions for a young girl with newly diagnosed cancer. Great Katie Kate helps Suzy shrink the Worry Wombat by providing answers about all the things Suzy is experiencing. (Age 5-9).

Foss, K. (1996). The problem with Hair: A Story for Children Learning About Cancer. Omaha, NE: Centering Corporation. This poem is about friends, including one who loses hair to chemotherapy.


A story about a young girl who is diagnosed with cancer, loses her hair, and shares her relationship with hats. Her friends welcome her back to school with a hat party. (Age 4-8).

Meyers, B. & Mays, L.C. (2011). The Long and Short of It. Atlanta, GA: American Cancer Society. Isabel and Emma have two different dilemmas with their hair. Isabel wants her to grow longer so it will bounce and sway when she dances. Emma wants her hair to grow after it came out with her cancer treatment. The girls learn about Locks of Love and a new meaning of giving. (Age 5-9).

Mills, J.C. (1992). Little Tree: A Story for Children with Serious Medical Problems. Washington DC: Magination Press. Little tree lived in the forest and when she was damaged by a large storm her friends summoned the tree wizards to help her heal. She was different on the outside after she recovered but was still the special tree her friends remembered. (Age 4-8).


Polacco, P. (2007). The Lemonade Club. New York, NY: Philomel Books. Two fifth grade friends go through the difficulty of one being diagnosed with leukemia. As the girls are working through their feelings they learn that their teacher is also being treated for cancer. The whole fifth grade class provides the support needed for the journey. (Age 7-10).

Saltzman, D. (1995). The Jester Has Lost His Jingle. Palos Verdes Estates: CA: The Jester Co., Inc. A jester has lost his laughter and sets off to find it again. With perseverance and support from others, the jester finds that his joy was hiding inside of himself all along. (Age 5-9).

Scott, Liz & Scott, Jay. Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand. 2004. Asia/China: BookMasters, Inc. Alex is a young girl with cancer who finds a way to help other sick children with a lemonade stand fundraiser. (Age 4-7).
