

Stoneham Public Library
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Books Dealing with Prosthetics and Amputation

Picture Books:

Harry and Willy and Carrothead by Judith Caseley

Being born without a left hand doesn't keep Harry from being a good baseball player — or a good friend.

Gretchen: the Bicycle Dog by Anita Heyman

The true story of a dachshund, Gretchen, who loses the function of her hind legs after a fall. She is fitted with a bicycle-like contraption that greatly improves her mobility and enables her to live a happy, active life.

My Brand New Leg by Sharon Rae North

A child whose leg was amputated due to cancer shows her new friend all the activities she can engage in with her prosthetic leg. Comes with a CD of the book text.

Annie Loses Her Leg but Finds Her Way by Sandra J. Philipson

Based on an actual incident, this is the story of a dog, Annie, who loses her front leg to cancer.

Sea Crow by Shannon Stewart

One hot day Jessica wears shorts to school, revealing her artificial leg and responds honestly to her friend's questions about it.

Nonfiction:

Don't Feel Sorry for Paul by Bernard Wolf

Juvenile 362.4 WOL

Photographs and simple text capture two weeks in the life of a handicapped boy learning to live successfully in a world made for people without handicaps.

The Making of My Special Hand: Madison's Story by Jamee Riggio Heelan

Juvenile 617.5 HEE

A child who was born with one hand tells the story of how people at the hospital made a helper hand for her, how the new hand operates, how it feels, and how she can use it.

Knockin' on Wood: Starring Peg Leg Bates by Lynne Barasch

Juvenile Biography Bates

A picture book biography of Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates, an African American who lost his leg in a factory accident at the age of twelve and went on to become a world-famous tap dancer.

Breaking Down Barriers: Youth with Physical Challenges by Joan Esherick

Available at Middlesex Community College

In this book, five teens face different challenges-amputation, CP, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, and spinal-cord injury.