



# MARIN COUNTY INCLUSION INSPIRATION SERIES

Dedication to Special Education and the Marin County Office of Education, in collaboration with Changing Perspectives, are pleased to announce a new initiative for the 2021-2022 school year. *The Marin County Inclusion Inspiration Series* provides a unique opportunity to engage, inspire, educate and empower all members of Marin County schools throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Each workshop will be presented via Zoom and will be available with Spanish translations and closed captions.

Workshops will be facilitated by Sam Drazin, Executive Director of [Changing Perspectives](#). A list of events will be posted on the Dedication to Special Education website.



## Using Children's Literature to Foster Disability Awareness and Empathy

Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:30-7:30 pm PT  
via Zoom

Register at: [bit.ly/mciis-october](https://bit.ly/mciis-october)



Children's literature is a great vehicle for helping students learn about others who are different from ourselves. Empathy is a 21st century skill, and awareness is the foundation of empathy. If we want students to have empathy for their peers with disabilities we need to provide opportunities to build awareness. Both picture and chapter books provide engaging, unique and safe opportunities to learn, think, and talk about disabilities.

In this workshop Sam Drazin will share a list of suggested books for all grade levels and model an interactive read aloud.

Stay tuned for details on future events in the series.

**2021 DECEMBER** - An Exploration of Ableism & Neurodiversity

**2022 FEBRUARY** - Inclusion Initiatives in Marin: A Panel Discussion

**MARCH** - The R-Word Screening & Follow Up Discussion

**MAY** - What is Our Vision for Inclusion Moving Forward?