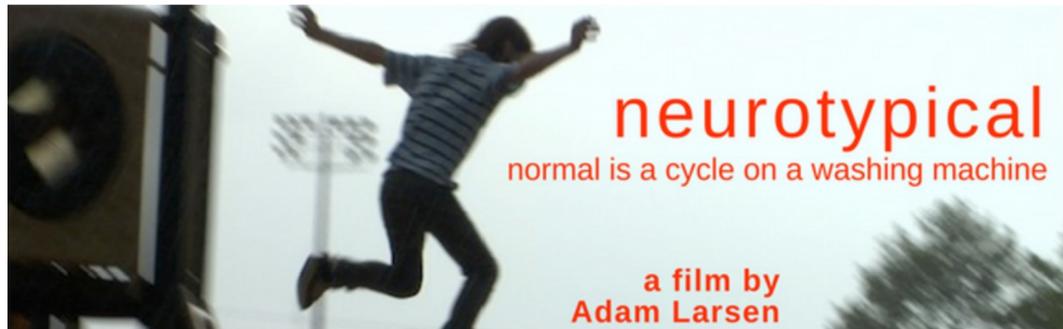




News Release

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POV Series with Community Conversations: "Neurotypical"

Saturday, January 27

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

for adults and teens

Lacey Timberland Library

Please join us for the second in a series of POV documentary screenings, to be followed by panel discussions and community conversations facilitated by [Window Seat Media](#) and the Lacey Timberland Library.

Our second film is "Neurotypical" by Adam Larsen. "Neurotypical" is an unprecedented exploration of autism from the point of view of autistic people themselves. Four-year-old Violet, teenaged Nicholas and adult Paula occupy different positions on the autism spectrum, but they are all at pivotal moments in their lives.



How they and the people around them work out their perceptual and behavioral differences becomes a remarkable reflection of the "neurotypical" world — the world of the non-autistic — revealing inventive adaptations on each side and an emerging critique of both what it means to be normal and what it means to be human.

Movie Trailer available courtesy of POV: [Click to Watch](#)



Panelist Bios:

- **Matt Woodard** has been in the field of special education for nearly 20 years. He has worked in the public school system as a special educator, in special education day programs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders (EBD), residential treatment programs, and served as a visiting instructor in special education graduate programs at Fitchburg State University and the University of Washington. Matt's work in launching BASICS NW is a result of his objective to improve the quality of service delivery for children with autism (and related disorders) in southwest Washington State who have been traditionally underserved.
- **Donna Burkhart** has worked with young children since she was 18 years old. In addition to her Master's degree in Social Work, her experience has been as a teaching assistant, preschool teacher, center supervisor, in-home child care provider, Elementary school crisis counselor, and social worker. Donna is currently the Director of the Child Care Center at Centralia College and Adjunct Professor in Early Childhood Education & Parenting Classes. She is also a mother of two adult children, one with special needs.
- **Samantha Craft (aka Marcelle Ciampi)** is best known for her prolific writings found in her well-received blog and book, "Everyday Aspergers". She is the founder of Spectrum Suite LLC, Lead Job Recruiter and Community Manager for ULTRA Testing (an innovative technology company with a neurodiversity hiring initiative), a professional educator, Selection Committee Chair and Community Achievement Award Recipient at the 2017 ANCA World Autism Festival, and active in autism groups locally and globally. Some of her works, especially "The Ten Traits" (list of traits for females on the autism spectrum), have been translated into multiple languages.
- **Tanner Calder** was diagnosed with Asperger's at 18 years old and has been working with the Lewis County Autism Coalition as a member of the board of directors for a year now with an emphasis on first responder training, autism in the workplace, and assistance with adults on the spectrum. He has recently began working as a job coach with Reliable Enterprises in Centralia where he lives with his wife Chelsea.

All Timberland library programs are free and open to the public.

The Lacey Timberland Library is located at 500 College St. SE.

For more information, call the library at 360-491-3860 or visit [TRL.org](#)

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