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## **“My Baby Rides the Short Bus” Authors offer their experience to parents of kids with disabilities**



Authors and editors of the anthology, “My Baby Rides the Short Bus: the Unabashedly Human Experience of Raising Kids with Disabilities,” will read essays and answer questions at an afterhours event at the Olympia Timberland Library on Saturday, May 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters Roma Agny and Heidi Weber will interpret the readings. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

The stories in the collection reflect the realities of parenting children with disabilities. They offer strength, understanding and some laughs as well to parents of “special needs” kids.

The book’s 30 contributors range from professional to novice writers. Their personal experiences provide authenticity and an antidote to stories that idealize, ridicule, or objectify disabled children and their parents. Seven of the writers will read at the event. They, are Chloe Eudaly, Alex Winninghof, Nina Packebush, Kerry Cohen, Andrea Givens, Sarah Talbot (also an editor), and Yantra Bertelli (also an editor).

The Olympia Timberland Library is at 313 8th Avenue SE. For more information, call the library at (360) 352-0595 or go to [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

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