



CELEBRATE NEURODIVERSITY WITH KIND THEORY



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Neurodiversity Celebration Month

arch is Neurodiversity Celebration Month, and to truly honor this month, we must understand that words alone may not be enough to create a world where differences unite us rather than divide us.

This should be an opportunity for us to ensure that we respect every person, regardless of their neurological differences, every day of the year by challenging any misconceptions or misinformation leading to prejudice or discrimination.

Neurodiversity Education is essential to challenge misconceptions around neurological variants. Kind Theory has made it its mission to create neurodiversity affirming learning opportunities to help challenge those misconceptions and increase representation of neurologically divergent people.

This year, in honor of Neurodiversity Celebration Month and Autism Acceptance Month, we are hosting an event called "Celebrating Neurodiversity with Kind Theory."

This event will serve as a platform to increase the representation of autistic people. As part of this event, we are also introducing the Building Safe and Supportive Community program.

This program aims to create inclusive, safe, and respectful environments, systems, and policies that accommodate neurological differences. It seeks to equip law enforcement professionals with a better understanding of neurodivergent communication and traits while providing neurodivergent individuals with the education, tools, and resources to understand what to expect in a police interaction and how to avoid escalation in law enforcement interactions.

If you're interested in being part of this event, there are several ways you can get involved. Whether you want to lend a helping hand as a volunteer, showcase your products or services as a vendor, or support the cause as a sponsor, there's a place for everyone. Simply <u>click</u> <u>here</u> to register. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help make this event a success.

FEBRUARY Highlights





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EXCERPTS FROM FEATURED ARTICLES

A NONSPEAKER'S QUEST

The happiness journey
Via the rollercoaster of life
The destiny of a family
And its ever evolving baselines

Can a nonspeaker's voice be trusted On the most difficult day of his life When all his life, he was Buried under vast swathes of doubt?

BY SWARIT GOPALAN



BY HASAN AHMED



I have heard things like weird guy, crazy guy, what is wrong with him, is

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crazy guy, what is wrong with him, is he okay.

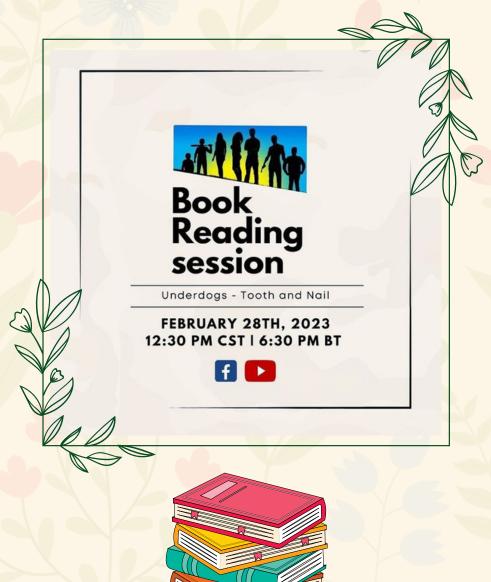
Don't worry, after many stings I recently found some honey. I was in Disney weeks ago.

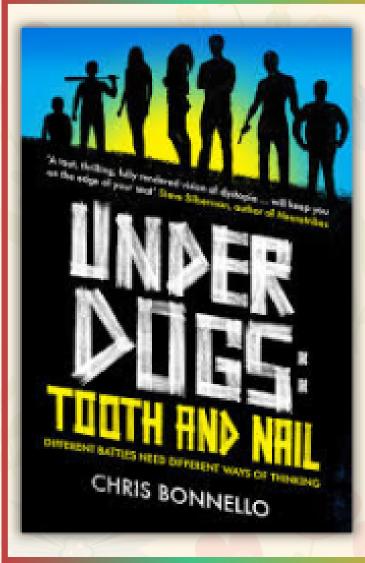
It was time to hop into a ride. I was in line bored and flapping away.



Book Reading Session

with Chris Bonnello





After a long wait, we're finally back with another book reading session featuring none other than Chris Bonnello! Following up on the excitement of the Underdog series, we're going into the second book, "Underdog: Tooth and Nail." Our latest session was incredibly exciting as we went through Chapter 2. You can catch the entire session live on our YouTube and Facebook page. Trust me, you won't want to miss out on the rest of the series! Keep an eye on our social media handles for updates on the next session dates.



Podcast, Episode 5



BLACK

HISTOR)

with Jude Oludobun



On February 19th at 12:30 PM CST, we had the pleasure of hosting a special podcast in honor of Black History Month. Hosted by Jamie Shields, this episode featured the remarkable Jude Afolake Olubodun. Jude Afolake Olubodun, a black, trans, late-diagnosed autistic educator, shared his insights into transformative justice, community building, and self-advocacy. You can watch the episode right on our Facebook page and Youtube channel.

Apcoming Events





Sunflowers....Because not all disabilities are visible.



Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with us!

WHEN

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM!

WHERE

Painting with a Twist (McKinney Studio) 3201 S Hardin Blvd STE 204, McKinney, TX 75070, United States. TO REGISTER











Call for Volunteers



Help us spotlight neurodiversity and amplify the voices of neurodivergent people by volunteering at our upcoming Celebrating Neurodiversity luncheon on April 28th. Whether you identify as neurodivergent or are someone who champions inclusion and diversity, your participation is crucial. You can help by bringing your skills, passion, and energy to build community around an event that not only celebrates but also educates and empowers.



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Call for Neurodivergent Talent



As part of our Celebrating Neurodiversity luncheon on April 28th, we're looking to provide space for neurodivergent individuals to share their artistry—be it through painting, music, poetry, handcrafts, or any creative expression. We welcome you to be centered in this space that recognizes the beauty in neurodiversity.



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Call for Vendors



Dive into an opportunity to connect and showcase at our Celebrating Neurodiversity luncheon, happening on Sunday, April 28th, at The McKinney Cotton Mill. We warmly invite vendors to display their products or services in an environment that's supportive and welcoming. For a fee of \$200, secure your spot and engage with our vibrant community. Tables provided. Space is limited, so act fast!



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Call for Sponsors

2024 Sponsorship Packages

Kind Theory is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to championing neurodiversity, with a vision to cultivate a world where neurodivergent individuals are celebrated for their unique strengths, supported amidst their challenges, and embraced for their differences. Our mission is deeply rooted in empowering neurodivergent people, enhancing their visibility, and fostering their inclusion in local communities. Through the provision of accessible educational resources, the development of empowering social initiatives, and the fostering of inclusive communities, we are committed to not just advocating for neurodivergent individuals but actively engineering social avenues for their contributions to be recognized and valued.

Sponsorship Benefits	Platinum \$10,000	Gold \$5000	Silver \$2500
Speaking Opportunity			7
Exhibit Table			
Lunch			
Brand Visibility			
Representation on Social Media			
Guests Allowed	10	5	2