



**AN  
ACCESSIBLE  
WORLD FOR  
ALL**

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## **Why is talking about accessibility so important?**

May is Global Accessibility Awareness Month. It's a reminder of how many kids and adults need assistive technologies just to access online content and get by in society. We need to remember that everyone has unique abilities and strengths. Disabilities shouldn't stop anyone from living their best life. Think about it: over 1.3 billion people worldwide have some form of disability. How is it fair to keep them from accessible digital content? Why isn't this a priority yet?

Accessibility isn't just about ramps and parking spots. It's about making digital resources, communication, workplaces, and schools welcoming to everyone. **Are we doing enough to include everyone?**

Many people depend on assistive technologies for daily tasks and accessing information online. Shouldn't we be pushing harder for the tech that can change lives?

Everyone deserves the chance to learn, work, and enjoy life.

**Accessibility is a basic human right. Why should anyone be left out?**

Yet, accessible digital content still isn't a top priority. Why? Many just don't get how important accessibility is or what people with disabilities need. Making content accessible is seen as too costly or complicated. Some places don't have strong rules or enforcement for accessibility. And too often, accessibility takes a back seat to other business goals.

Global Accessibility Awareness Month is important as it reminds us that accessibility is an ongoing effort that touches every part of life, not just physical spaces but digital and social ones too.

Share your thoughts on how we can make our spaces more accessible by emailing us at [talktous@kindtheory.org](mailto:talktous@kindtheory.org)





May



HIGHLIGHTS

## FEATURED ARTICLES



### STRINGS, STICKS, AND REFLECTIONS

**BY: HASAN AHMED**

Have you ever felt upset with yourself for being too distracted? Glory to the objects around me; I am invited to be distracted every other minute.

Wonder who invites me? There are so many everyday things that distract me, derail me, tire me, and finally shut me down...

### RESILIENCE

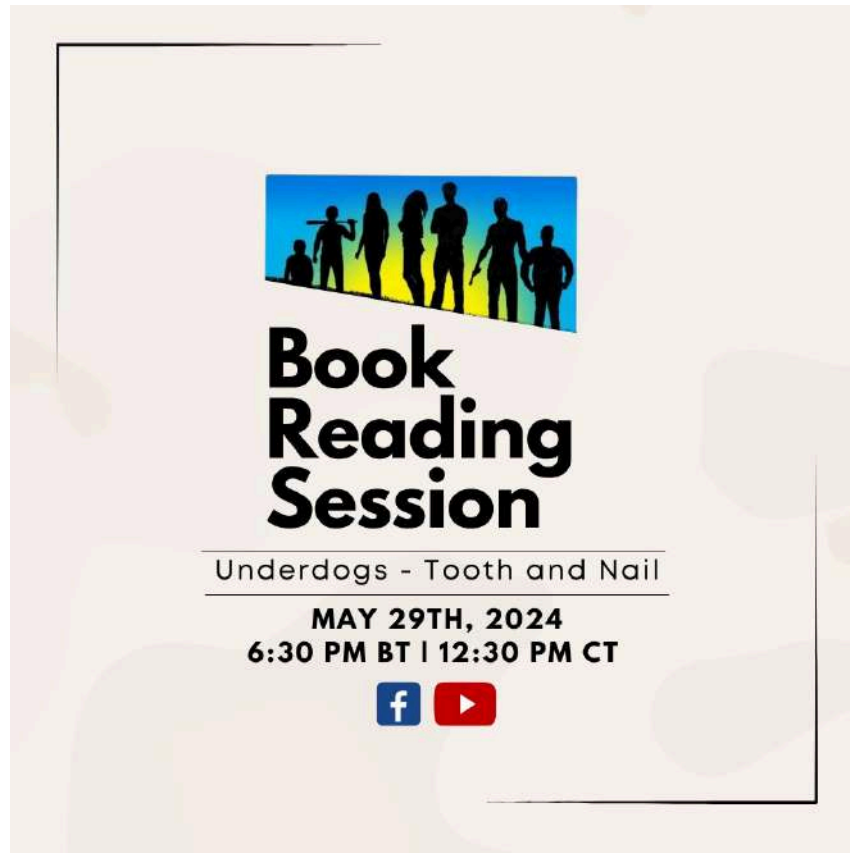
**BY: SWARIT GOPALAN**

Resilience in nonspeakers is likely taken for granted. Given the odds stacked against us most times, resilience is almost a necessary survival skill. Point not lost when life feels like a perennial comeback story. Every setback, health or otherwise, has to have a proportionate response that is often a tale of resilience...





## BOOK READING SESSION



In our monthly book reading session of *The Underdogs*, we explored chapters 6, 7, and 8. Chris Bonnello's storytelling sparked some fantastic discussions and kept us all engaged. We're excited for our next session and can't wait to go through more chapters next month. Stay tuned for more updates!



## MEET OUR NEW CONTENT CONTRIBUTOR

# Ashvita Kunder



Ashvita is a 10-year-old artist, musician, singer, baker and self-appointed 'Head' of her Prep School for rescue puppies.

Born with a unique perspective on the world, Ashvita navigates life with autism, using music and art to connect and express in a way her words can't.

Her artwork reflects her connection to nature and her love for animals. She was awarded winner of the Washington State sponsored art contest WA529, in 2022.

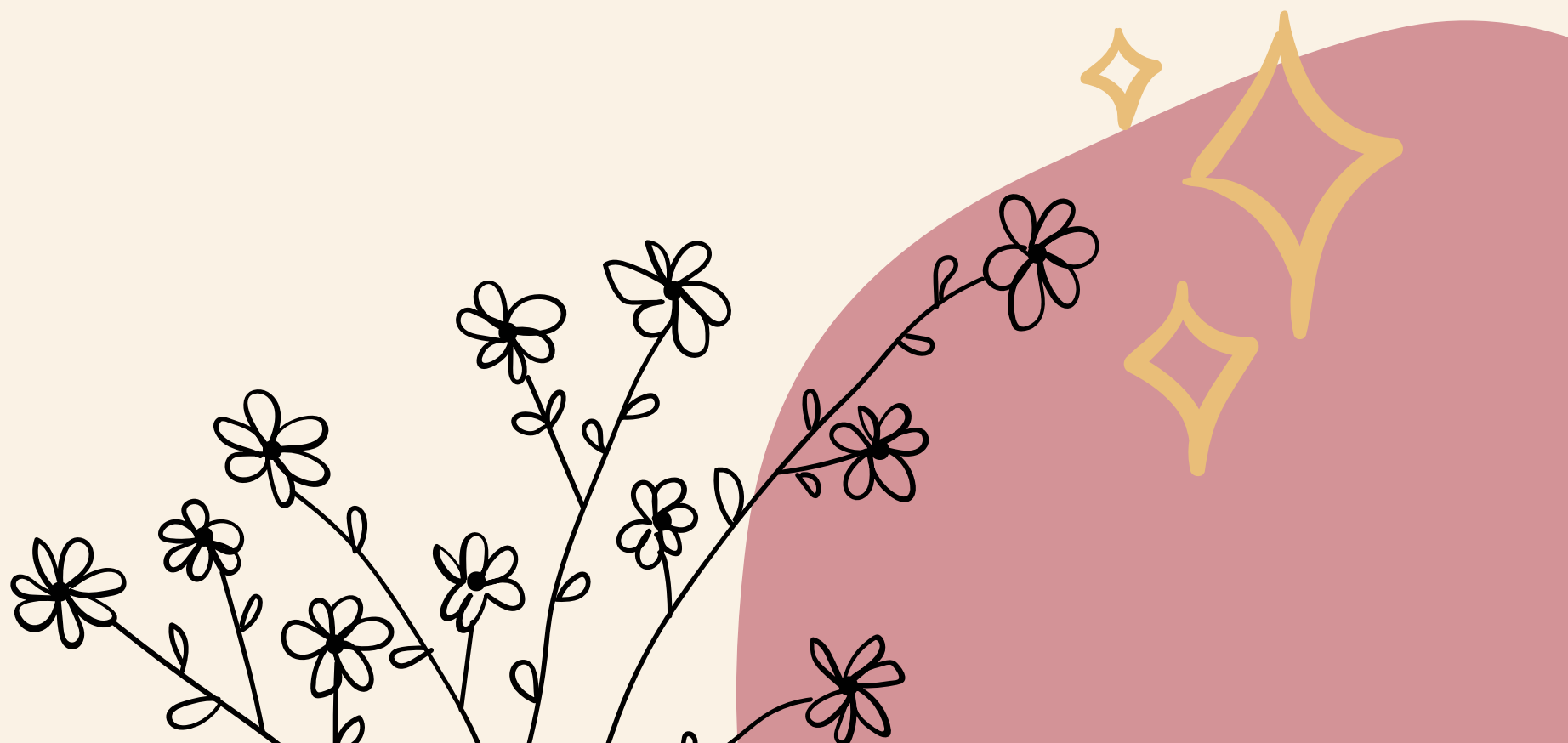
She is a singer (Grade – I certified from Trinity College London) and is part of Columbia Children's Choir, Seattle. She's been playing the piano since age 6 and plays the clarinet with her School band.

Ashvita is a devoted advocate for the environment. She spends her time fostering rescue puppies helping them get ready for their forever homes. She is also the designated "Spider and Earthworm Rescuer" at School.

Ashvita finds baking therapeutic and she is especially good with cakes and breads.



# UPCOMING EVENTS





## MONTHLY COMMUNITY RESOURCE SESSIONS



Register now for our monthly community resource sessions starting from June. You can request topics of interest, and our knowledgeable team organizes informative sessions or provides valuable resources.





## SENSORY FUN WITH KIND THEORY

Inclusive Sensory Fun Area for Kids - Parallel play, Sensory Activities, Personal Corner, Exploring friendship opportunities, fun giveaways, network with other parents and more!



**REGISTER NOW**

## AUTISTIC HANGOUTS FOR KIDS AGED 8 TO 14

Join us for our hangout sessions specifically for autistic kids aged 8 to 14. These sessions provide a safe and welcoming environment for making friends and connecting. Scan the QR code to register for more information.



**REGISTER NOW**







We are currently  
taking a brief break,  
but we'll be back with  
our Monthly  
Community Resource  
and Engagement  
Sessions in August.

Stay tuned for more  
details!