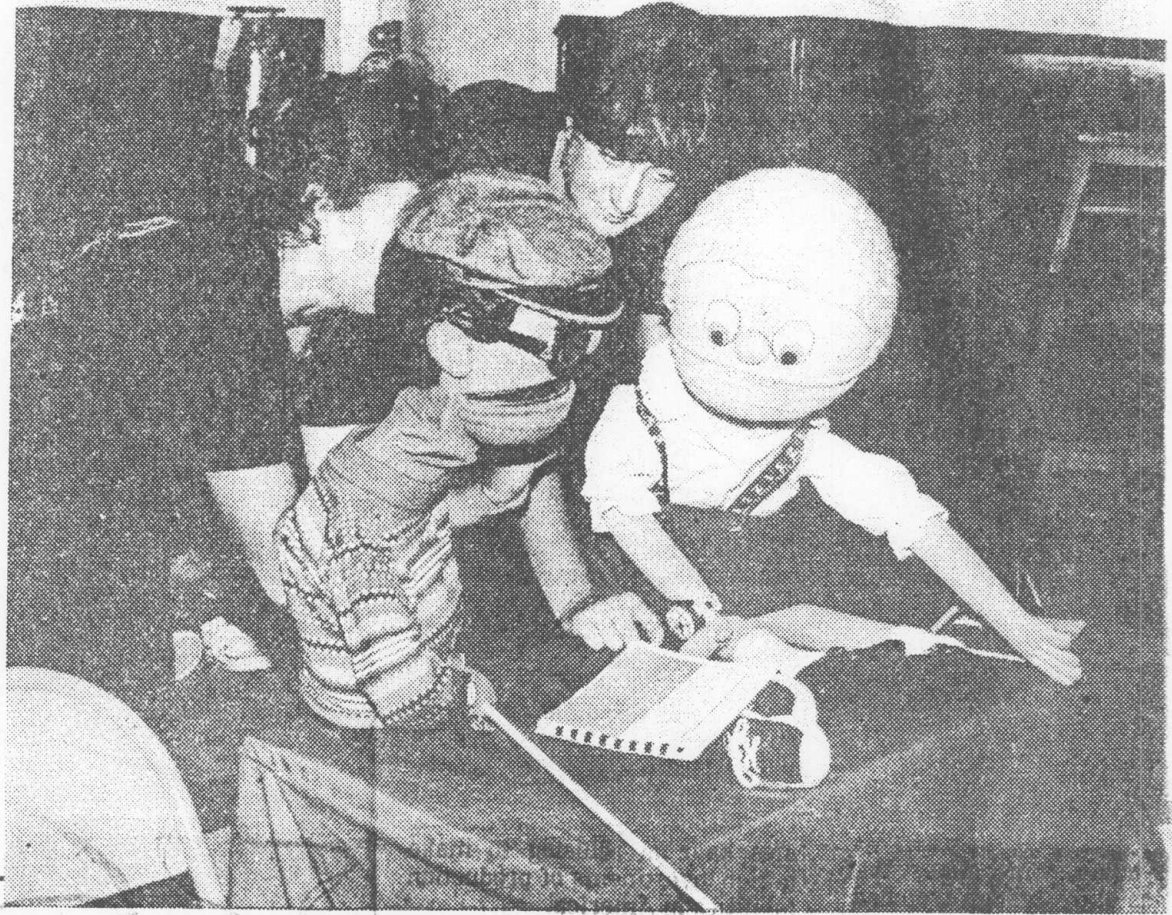


## Disabilities illustrated by puppets

Puppeteers Liz Ricciardi, top photo, left, and Marion Dwyer, top photo, right, of the Staten Island Developmental Center, operate "Renaldo Rodriguez," left, and "Brenda Dubrowski," right, as part of the state Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities' Kids Project. The project, which is designed to illustrate the problems of disabled youngsters to third-graders, was originated by Barbara Aiello of Washington, D.C. In it, the puppets like Renaldo, who is blind, take on disabilities such as Downs Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, blindness, deafness, or being confined to a wheelchair. The success of the program can be measured by the intent faces of youngsters and adults in the Great Kills Branch Library, bottom photo viewing the show.



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