

Cool Tools

Bookshare

Bookshare - Accessible Books for Individuals with Print Disabilities.

<http://www.bookshare.org>

Learning Ally

Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic) offers an online catalog of the best audio book and audio learning opportunities on the internet.

<http://www.learningally.org/>

Livescribe (Pulse Pen)

Livescribe paper-based computing platform includes a smartpen, dot paper and software applications that changes the way people capture, use and share.

<http://www.livescribe.com/>

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Dragon speech recognition software makes it easier for anyone to use a computer. You talk, and it types. Use your voice to create and edit documents or emails, launch applications, open files, control your mouse, and more. Quickly and easily capture your thoughts and ideas while Dragon helps you get more done faster. There is special education pricing for the Premium version with proper validation if you are a student with a learning difference. Please follow this link (<http://www.nuance.com/for-individuals/by-product/dragon-for-pc/premium-version/index.htm>) and choose the Student/Teacher Edition.

<http://www.nuance.com/dragon/index.htm>

Kurzweil

A powerful way for students who struggle with printed text to access curriculum materials so they can keep up with assigned reading, learn critical study skills, and successfully complete writing projects and test independently. Free trial available through website.

<http://www.kurzweiledu.com/>

Inspiration

Visual thinking is a learning style where the learner better understands and retains information when ideas, words and concepts are associated with images. Visual learning helps students organize and analyze information, integrate new knowledge and think critically. Graphic Organizers, diagrams and outlines are just some strategies of visual learning. Free trials are available for download.

<http://www.inspiration.com/>

Write: OutLoud

Write:OutLoud is simple to use and reads words as they are written, providing real-time auditory feedback. Writing tools, including talking spell checker, homophone checker, and dictionary help your students confirm their word choice in language they understand.

http://www.donjohnston.com/products/write_outloud/index.html

Reading Pen2 (Wizcom)

Innovative portable learning tools for students of a second language and for people with reading difficulties (such as dyslexia). Adapted for both school-age readers and for college level and adult readers, these tools provide reading autonomy and fluency, enhancing text comprehension.

<http://www.wizcomtech.com/eng/catalog/a/readingpen2/>

Other Resources

Ultra Key (Bytes of Learning)

To teach touch-typing well, you need a teaching assistant that is effective with students, genuinely motivates them, lets you direct the instruction, provides the reports you need, and above all -- works reliably!

<http://www.bytesoflearning.com/english/view/1394>

Intel® Reader

The Intel® Reader from Intel-GE Care Innovations™ is a powerful assistive technology device that transforms printed text to the spoken word, enabling special populations to move from learning to read to reading to learn.

<http://www.intel.com/healthcare/reader/about.htm>

Greatschools

Articles about Assistive Technology

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education.topic?content=1541>

Family Center on Technology and Disability

Knowing where to begin and how to proceed can be daunting, however. We're here to help. The Family Center on Technology and Disability provides a wide range of resources on instructional and assistive technologies, from introductory fact sheets through CEU's for practitioners and educators.

<http://www.fctd.info>

Parents Helping Parents

Parents Helping Parents (PHP) strives to improve the quality of life for any child with special need of any age, through educating, supporting and training their primary caregivers.

<http://php.com/>

LD Online

LD OnLine is the leading website on learning disabilities, learning disorders and differences. Parents and teachers of learning disabled children will find authoritative guidance on attention deficit disorder,

<http://www.ldonline.org/>

Alliance for Technology Access website

The mission of the ATA is to increase the use of technology by children and adults with disabilities and functional limitations. ATA encourages and facilitates the empowerment of people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities.

<http://www.ataccess.org>