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ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY WEBSITES

ABLEDATA

www.abledata.com

This is a national website established through the Department of Education.

Americans with Disabilities Act Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs)

www.adata.org e-mail: adata@adata.org

This website and linked sites provide information, referrals, and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA)

www.atia.org

ATIA is a not-for-profit membership organization of organizations manufacturing or selling technology-based assistive devices for people with disabilities, or providing services associated with or required by people with disabilities.

Center for Advanced Technology in Education (CATE)

www.cate.uoregon.edu

A research and development group at the University of Oregon, College of Education. Established this site to investigate educational applications of technology.

Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)

www.cast.org

CAST is a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand opportunities for people with disabilities through innovative multimedia computer technology.

Center for Electronic Studying

www.ces.uoregon.edu

A site funded by the U.S. Department of Education for a center that is investigating technology to enhance students' efforts to study and learn high content materials.

Closing the Gap

www.closingthegap.com

This is an internationally recognized source for the use of computer technology for individuals with disabilities.

Equal Access to Software and Information (EASI)

www.rit.edu/~easi

EASI is a resource for the education community that provides information on access to information technology for individuals with disabilities. Information on input, output, and other access devices is available on this site.

"promoting literacy through research, education and advocacy"

Learning Disabilities Resources

www.ldresources.com

This site provides reviews of software and hardware for people with learning disabilities. Richard Wanderman, a technology expert and adult with dyslexia, writes the reviews.

Literacy Instruction Through Technology (LITT)

www.edweb.sdsu.edu/SPED/ProjectLitt/LITT

The website of a research project at San Diego State University that focuses on improving the reading skills of students with learning disabilities through the use of technology.

National Center to Improve Practice (NCIP)

www.edc.org/FSC/NCIP

A site funded by the Department of Education to promote the effective use of technology in the education of students with disabilities.

RESNA Technical Assistance Project

www.resna.org

The site provides information on assistive technology programs in states and territories funded under The Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act Amendment (1994).

Speak to Write

www.edc.org/spk2wrt

This is the site for a federally funded project for studying the use of speech recognition technology by secondary level students with disabilities.

The Internet: An Inclusive Magnet for Teaching All Students

www.wid.org (Look for information on the technology handbook.)

A handbook on access to the Internet for K through 12 teachers of students with disabilities is available on this site. The handbook provides practical tips, guidelines, and resource listings.

Additional Source

Assistive Technology Pointers for Parents is a book by Penny Reed and Gayl Bowser designed to be used as a workbook. Published in January 2000, the publication addresses specific questions that parents can use to help in the decision making process of selecting appropriate and effective technology devices and services for their children. The book is available on the Education Tech Points website at www.edtechpoints.org/order.htm or through the Coalition for Assistive Technology in Oregon (CATO). The current cost for the book is \$12.00 including shipping and handling.

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NAME	WEBSITE	DESCRIPTION
Acrobat eBook Reader	www.adobe.com/products/ebookreader	Displays eBooks with the pictures, graphics, and fonts similar to printed books.
Heartit!	www.ldrresources.com/resources/macintosh_shareware	Utilizes a control panel item that works with the Speech Manager to speak all the text that can be highlighted. Macintosh, grade 2 to adult.
HELP read	www.pixl.com/~reader1/allbrowser	Has received numerous software awards and is highly recommended by many websites and reviewers. Windows, grade 2 to adult.
Microsoft Reader Software	www.microsoft.com/reader/	Designed to deliver an on-screen computer reading experience that for the first time approaches the convenience and quality of paper.
Text Talkster v1.0 Code It Freeware	www.code-it.com/downloads	Program will speak the content of the clipboard after any text has been copied.
2. SHAREWARE Tex-Edit Plus	www.lex-edlit.com	Scriptable, styled text editor for Macintosh. Fast, efficient, and has an uncluttered interface.
TextAloud MP3	www.nextup.com/TextAloud	Reads aloud, and can save audio to .wav or .mp3 files for later listening. Windows.
3. COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE CAST eReader	www.kurzweil.edu.com	Takes electronic text content from any source and reads it using synthesized speech and visual highlighting. Macintosh and Windows, grade 3 to adult.
Kurzweil 3000	www.cast.org	Pronounces text aloud while simultaneously highlighting the word being spoken on the screen. Can drive a scanner to scan text into the computer, then convert the scanned image into digital text that can be spoken aloud, edited, and saved. Word prediction, study aids, more.
Read & Write Gold	www.kurzweil.edu.com	Numerous features in addition to reading text aloud: talking calculator, can save spoken text as Mp3 files, speaking phonetic spelling checker, support for web searches, can drive a scanner to convert printed material into readable digital text. Windows, grade 2 - adult.
WYNN [What You Need Now]	www.texthelp.com	Allows users to scan text, then convert text into a digital form that can be read aloud. Has built in e-mail, word prediction, outlining mode, text highlighting, bookmarking, and dictionary.
www.freedomscientific.com/WYNN	www.freedomscientific.com/WYNN	Has capacity to selectively block visual elements on web pages, reducing visual clutter.
VOICE RECOGNITION SOFTWARE Naturally Speaking	www.scansoft.com/naturallyspeaking	Can be used with many Microsoft programs
ViaVoice	www.scansoft.com/miavoice	Features Windows and Mac versions

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Abacci Books	www.abacci.com/books/default.asp	Free digital text versions of classic literature - with reviews.
Audible	www.audible.com	Collection of audio books, magazines, newspapers; playback using Windows Media Player.
Bartleby.com	www.bartleby.com	Online collection of copyright-free books that come with navigational and cross-referencing tools. E-book versions can be downloaded for \$1 per title.
Electric Library	www.electriclibrary.com	Contains copyrighted, full-text documents from magazines, newspapers, scholarly journals. A commercial site, but strong resource for students.
Follett Software Co.	www.fsc.follett.com	Offers e-books through partnership with netlibrary. Can "check out" books.
Franklin Free Library	www.franklin.com/freelibrary	Requires 'eBookMan', but can read thousands of texts. Some e-books available for purchase.
Galaxy Library	www.galaxylibrary.com	Offers free and fee books in many electronic formats.
Project Gutenberg	http://promo.net/pg/	Philosophy is to make information, books, etc. available to general public in easy-to-use form.
Rosetta Books	www.rosettabooks.com	Electronic published of backlist books; works with many eBook platforms.
TeleRead	www.teleread.org	Digital library membership for institutions.
The Alex Catalogue of Electronic Texts	www.infomotions.com/alex	Collection of digital documents: English and American literature, Western Philosophy.
The Children's Literature Web Guide	www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown	Library of internet resources related to books for children and young adults.
The Library of Congress	www.loc.gov	Information about digital libraries.
The Nat'l Academy Press	www.nap.edu	Full-text books from Nat'l Academy of Science, Nat'l Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, Nat'l Research Council.
The Online Books Page	www.uli.cs.cmu.edu	Directory of free books on web; index of thousands of online books, text archives.
Texas Text Exchange	http://tte.tamu.edu	Primarily for educators; with membership comes access to library of e-texts.
University of VA Electronic Text Center	http://etext.lib.virginia.edu	Provides access to over 5,000 texts, including British and American Fiction, Children's Literature, American History.
WebCT	www.webct.com	Delivery system for Internet-based curriculum, assignment and assessment.
WizeUp	www.WizeUp.com	Offers digital textbooks with feature that allows note-taking, highlighting, searching.
INDEPENDENT PUBLISHERS		
AlphaSmart	www.alphaSMART.com	Full keyboard, small screens, easy transfer of material to Windows or Mac system
Dreamwriter	www.brainium.com	Full keyboard, small screens, easy transfer of material to Windows or Mac system
Laser PC6	www.perfectsolutions.com/pc6f.asp	Full keyboard, small screens, easy transfer of material to Windows or Mac system
OTHER RESOURCES		
Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic	www.rfbpd.org	Largest provider of audio books, serving 116,000 members worldwide. Library of recordings contains more than 93,000 titles. Some books now available on digital audio CDs.
Wizcom Superpen voice	www.wizcomtech.com	Portable, pen-sized device reads text aloud, can store it for future downloading to computer.
Don Johnston Inc.	www.donjohnston.com	Offers software which supports draft planning, read-back and word prediction.

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