



**“Greatest Hits” for Special Educators:**  
**A collection of the essential websites for special educators**  
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## I) Instructional Materials

### Ia) Electronic and Audible Book Resources

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

**Accessible Book Collection**, a non-profit corporation, provides high interest/low reading level digital text to qualified persons with disabilities; non-profit schools and others can subscribe for all their eligible students for one low price

<http://www.infomotions.com/alex/>

**Alex: A Catalog of Electronic Texts** includes a catalog with over 2,000 entries of electronic text

<http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/access>

**Alternative Formats to Print Sources** offers numerous web links regarding resources for print alternatives; very useful for students needing reading support and alternatives for using vision to read

[http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/browse/-/551440/ref=tr\\_39781/102-6024416-0037720](http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/browse/-/551440/ref=tr_39781/102-6024416-0037720)

This is the electronic book section of **Amazon.com** with has over 20,000 electronic books for sale.

[www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)

**American Printing House for the Blind** is the world's largest company devoted to creating products for people who are visually impaired.

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

**Assistive Media** provides an audio-literary service for persons with print-access disabilities; provides audiocassette-based literary works through the Internet

<http://www.audible.com>

**Audible.com** has audiobooks, including a variety of audio magazines and newspapers.

[www.audiobooksforfree.com](http://www.audiobooksforfree.com)

**Audio Books For Free** offers free MP3 downloads of audio books.

[http://www.awesomelibrary.org/Awesome Talking Library.html](http://www.awesomelibrary.org/Awesome_Talking_Library.html)

**Awesome Library's Awesome Talkster**, animated talking character for e-books, provides visual synchronized highlighting so students can follow the text. Online books for children and teens to practice their reading skills are also available in the Awesome Library.

[www.bartleby.com](http://www.bartleby.com)

**Bartleby** is an Internet publisher of literature, reference and verse, providing students, researchers unlimited access to books and information on the web, free of charge.

<http://bookbuilder.cast.org>

**Bookbuilder by CAST**: Use this site to create digital books. The website includes examples.

[www.books-on-line.com/](http://www.books-on-line.com/)

**Books-On-Line** is a directory of books that are posted on the net and available for downloading at no charge along with new books being published.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

**BookPALS** is a program of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, consisting of professional actors who read aloud to children at public elementary schools.

<http://www.bookshare.org/web/Welcome.html>

**Bookshare.org** dramatically increases access to books for the community of visually impaired and otherwise print disabled individuals. This non profit online community enables book scans to be shared, thereby leveraging the collections of thousands of individuals who regularly scan books, eliminating significant duplication of effort. Thousands of books have been scanned at this time from pre-school level to adult literacy levels.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/stories.html>

**Children's Literature Web Guide**, includes a listing of online children's stories to read or download, some of which from well-known books, others can be found only online.

<http://www.childrenstory.com/tales/index.htm>

**Children's Story** provides a selection of online traditional fairy tales with illustrations.

[www.cliffnotes.com](http://www.cliffnotes.com) and [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com) and [www.bookrags.com](http://www.bookrags.com)

**Cliff notes**, **Spark Notes**, and **Book Rags** have online free summaries, character analyses, essay suggestions, and important quotes for thousands of books.

[www.codeMantra.com](http://www.codeMantra.com)

**Code Mantra** is a company that will scan books at a reasonable price to create high-quality PDF files you can easily convert to Word or other formats.

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

**Digital Book Index** has over 110,000 electronic book resources, most of which are free to download.

[www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books/index.html](http://www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books/index.html)

**The On-Line Books Page** provides electronic text access to over 25000 free books.

<http://www.ebooks.com>

**Ebooks** is a commercial website that has downloadable ebooks.

[http://www.indianchild.com/tongue\\_twisters.htm](http://www.indianchild.com/tongue_twisters.htm)

**E-text (electronic text)** free books online. Electronic text provides access to digital materials for students with learning, sensory and physical disabilities.

<http://www.etext.org/index.shtml>

**Etext Archives** is a searchable archive of electronic texts of fiction, poetry, history, politics and religion.

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/english.html>

**Electronic Text Center** includes an extensive listing of prose and poetry e-text available for downloading.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>

**Enchanted Learning** has numerous online books, easy-to-read information about popular academic areas, and cloze activities.

<http://www.ereader.com>

**EReader** states that it is the largest online electronic book resource. Most downloads require a fee.

<http://reading.indiana.edu/>

**ERIC: Clearinghouse on Reading, English, and Communication** is an information repository of the [Indiana University School of Education](#) which offers numerous online e-text options to enable literacy at all levels, database searches, online lessons, and online web resources.

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

**Fiction Wise** has thousands of free and for-a-fee downloadable ebooks.

[www.gamequarium.com/magazines.html](http://www.gamequarium.com/magazines.html)

**Gamequarium** has a great list of on-line magazine sites that are very motivating for kids to use with text-to-speech software.

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com>

**Giggle Poetry** includes children's poetry, poetry contests, and ideas for educators on teaching poetry in fun and interesting ways.

[www.google.com/](http://www.google.com/)

When using [google.com](http://www.google.com/), type in the name of the book and "ebook" to get possible etext resources.

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

**Hedgie Loves to Read** -you can listen online or download a PDF of the entire book.

<http://internet4classrooms.com/index.htm>

**Internet 4 Classrooms** is a website that offers a veritable catalogue of links to internet resources for educators, many of them of outstanding quality. The site is well organized and easy to navigate so that you can browse easily through the literally hundreds of suggested resources. Main categories include Links for K-12 Teachers, Assessment Assistance, On-Line Practice Modules (for learning computer applications), Daily Dose of the Web, and In-School Integration Support. Each category is also well organized for convenient browsing. In the Resources section, under Links for K-12 Teachers, there is a helpful page of Assistive Technology links.

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

**Internet Public Library** includes links to picture books, short stories, poetry, myths, fables, magazines, and information about authors.

<http://www.ifla.org/II/etext.htm>

**Internal Federation of Library Associations and Institutions** is an international and non-profit organization that provides access to digital libraries.

<http://www.kidsclick.org>

**KidsClick** was created by a group of librarians at the Ramapo Catskill Library System, articles listed with illustration information and readability level.

<http://libraryspot.com>

**Library Spot** is a free virtual library resource for educators and students, families for valuable research information and includes a section on electronic books.

<http://librivox.org/>

**Librivox** provides free audiobooks which have been recorded by real persons.

<http://lil-fingers.com/>

**Lil Fingers** offers a few books, but they are free and appropriate for both very young children as well as emergent readers.

<http://literactive.com/>

**Literactive** website has many animated talking books that are free when you register on their website. Mouse skills are required to play the interactive activities. There is also an online phonics program.

<http://www.literacycenter.net/>

**The LiteracyCenter.Net** offers free literacy lessons a day to children in more than a 160 countries. All online pre-school and elementary lessons are free of advertising and free of charge.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books>

**Magic Keys** has an award winning site for online children's talking storybooks, games, cartoons, coloring books, phonics, and teacher resources.

<http://www.ebookdestination.com/estore/search>

This is the electronic book section of **Michaels and Associates**, which has numerous books for sale.

<http://www.msllit.com/default.asp>

**Microsoft's eBook Catalog** contains an alphabetized list of topics, including a link to free ebooks. Information on Microsoft Reader, a text reader for PC computers, is available on this webpage.

<http://mightybook.com>

**Mighty Book** website includes online talking books for student and online games.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

**National Geographic for kids** includes news from around the world with an environmental focus, and includes on animals, nature, history, people and places, science, and space. Students and teachers can research for pictures, articles, maps and more.

<http://netlibrary.com/>

**Netlibrary** gives access through your local public library. Members can download e-books in text and audio formats for loan. When the loan period expires, the book will no longer work.

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

**The Online Books Page** website facilitates access to books that are available on the Internet.

[www.PinkMonkey.com](http://www.PinkMonkey.com)

**Pink Monkey** offers hundreds of free study guides, chapter summaries, booknotes, book notes, chapter notes, synopsis, essays, downloadable notes, and online textbooks.

<http://www.promo.net/pg/>

**Project Gutenberg** includes e-text files of popular literary works in a downloadable format.

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

**Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic [RFB&D]** describes services to individuals who can not read standard print because of visual, perceptual, or other physical disability; how to access RFB&D services; and information on the collection of audiotape books maintained by RFB&D.

[http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/content/read\\_aloud\\_stories.msp](http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/content/read_aloud_stories.msp)

**RIF Reading Planet Read Along Stories and Songs** is animated stories with the text highlighted as it is read in a human voice. Free. Requires Flash.

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

**Starfall** provides interactive books with sounds.

<http://gb-cs.cs.unc.edu/TarHeelReader>

**Tar Heel Reader** is an open source library of books that are switch accessible, talking, internet accessible, and downloadable. There are multiple options for accessing the books: Internet, download the PowerPoint File, Open Office Impress File, and Flash File.

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

**Teacher Express:** See section on digital books

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

**TechAdapt, Inc.** is a commercial company which provides braille and digital translation services for any text, making print and electronic materials accessible to anyone.

<http://www.textbookreader.org>

**Textbook Reader** is a commercial company which makes textbooks available in Kurzweil's .KES format and are completely prepared. They have a list of textbooks that they have transferred into electronic format and they will also prepare other textbooks.

<http://www.tumblebooks.com/library>

**TumbleBookLibrary** is an enchanting selection of talking electronic books and games geared toward the elementary-age audience. The books are appealing and colorful with high interest animation that is bound to capture the attention of even the most reluctant of readers.

<http://www.underthesun.cc>

**Under the Sun** is an online repository and electronic library of classic authors and great literature.

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

**We Read** is a non-profit organization which utilizes the Internet and Technology to engage children and young adults in reading; website includes numerous talking and non-talking books and games

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_page](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_page)

[Wikipedia](#) is a free encyclopedia that can be edited to address any student's needs.

[wowio.com/index.asp](http://wowio.com/index.asp)

[Wowio](#) offers free electronic books online; make selections provided by category.

## **Ib) Instructional Strategies and Reproducible Resources**

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

**A to Z Teacher stuff** was designed to help teachers find online lesson plans and resources quickly and easily. This site contains over 1000 pages and is a popular Web destinations for teachers, reproducible materials, songs, charts, worksheets, and lesson plans.

<http://aacintervention.com/tipstricks.htm>

**AAC Intervention.com Tips, Tricks, & Cheat Sheets:** tips, tricks, and “cheat” sheets.

<http://abcteach.com/directory/>

**ABC Teach Network** has a huge number of reproducible worksheets, writing activities, fun activities, and thematic based activities for printing/download.

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

**Accessible Computer Games** is a fabulous resource for online Accessible Single Switch Games and Switch Activities.

<http://www.disabled-world.com/artman/publish>

The **Accessible Games** section of **Disabled-World.com** offers an array for free games, including those of visual and auditory sensory deficits.

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

The **Amazing Flash Card Machine**, an interactive web application that allows the user to create interactive web-based study flash cards.

[www.arcytech.org/java](http://www.arcytech.org/java)

**Archytech** offers applets for several manipulatives including pattern blocks, base-ten blocks, and Cuisenaire rods. It also has links to pages with lessons and activities for using these tools.

<http://www.bcps.k12.md.us/boardmaker/Results.asp>

**Baltimore City Public Schools** includes a searchable list of books that have been adapted using the Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) and Mayer-Johnson program BoardMaker for reading and writing readiness. This requires Boardmaker program loaded onto your computer.

<http://www.mayer-johnson.com>

**BoardMaker Exchange Page** of Mayer-Johnson’s website has many pre-made Picture Communication Symbols pages and grids useful to create materials for communication, articulation, language, literacy, and thematic units.

<http://www.bry-backmanor.org/>

**Bry-Back Manor** has loads of reprintable activities, picture recipes, worksheets, and icons designed for folks with young children or children with special needs.

[http://www.computerlab.kids.new.net/what\\_to\\_do.htm](http://www.computerlab.kids.new.net/what_to_do.htm)

**Computer Lab Kids** offers tons of online lessons for pre-school and elementary instruction.

<http://snow.utoronto.ca>

**Designing Accessible Curriculum**, part of the SNOW website offers a professional resource which is a self-directed course, for educators to learn how to design an accessible curriculum. This website also includes tons of other online AT resources and online courses.

<http://www.do2learn.com/>

**Do2Learn.com** has resources and free printable picture symbols and charts to use for visual schedules and steps within tasks. This website has lots of low/no tech free options, many of which are helpful as visual strategies of relatively low functioning students. Check out the tabbed sections on the top of the home page: Activities, Get Organized, and Picture Cards

[http://speech.jpss.k12.la.us/engineering\\_the\\_classroom.htm](http://speech.jpss.k12.la.us/engineering_the_classroom.htm)

**Engineering the Classroom** has a variety of downloadable symbols and sample communication pages for various activities

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

**EduHound** has pre-screened directory of more than 20,000 links in over 50 categories in English and Spanish, clipart, worksheets, and making a classroom web page.

<http://www.thegateway.org>

**Gateway to Educational Materials**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, provides easy access to educational resources found on various federal, state, university, non-profit, and commercial Internet sites; also includes high quality lesson plans and curriculum units.

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

The **Handwriting Worksheets** website includes free templates to make custom handwriting worksheets for print and cursive handwriting.

<http://www.hiyah.net/software.html>

**Hiyah** is a website written by a parent of two children with special needs and limited language skills. The website has downloadable educational software is made for children 18 months to 4 years of age (or higher for children struggling with language delays due to autism or other causes), which can be operated by simply pressing the spacebar.

[http://www.download.com/Home-Education/2001-2015\\_4-0.html?tag=dir](http://www.download.com/Home-Education/2001-2015_4-0.html?tag=dir)

The **Home and Educational section** of **Download.com** has a wonderful selection of free educational software and technology tools.

[www.humbolt1.com](http://www.humbolt1.com)

**Humbolt** offers free downloadable community sign software.

[www.humpherlinks.co.uk](http://www.humpherlinks.co.uk)

**Humpherlinks** has loads of free educational activities, art, games, greetings cards, and references for children.

<http://www.acdclab.alleganisd.org>

**Integrating the Internet into the Special Needs Classroom** is an excellent site for educators working with functional curriculum concepts involving students with moderate to severe disabilities and includes easy to access resources. This site includes both online and offline activities which are obtained from the computer yet the actual activity is performed away from the computer

[http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/fourBlocks/word\\_wall\\_grade\\_level\\_lists.htm](http://www.k111.k12.il.us/lafayette/fourBlocks/word_wall_grade_level_lists.htm)

The elementary classrooms of the **Kankakee School District** implemented the multi-method, multilevel 4 Blocks Approach to Literacy during the 1998-1999 school year. This framework provided classroom teachers with a structure of instruction utilizing many of the best practices in reading and writing. It also provided a strategy which assured that children of varying levels of ability and a variety of learning styles would be provided with instruction which consistently meets their needs.

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

**Kidsfreeware** offers a huge collection of free software and Internet services for kids.

<http://letsplay.buffalo.edu/>

**Let's Play! Projects** provide education, service, and research on the effectiveness of accessible materials and supports to promote playfulness in young children with disabilities. This was designed for parents and professionals in Early Intervention programs, yet many are also appropriate for older children with special needs. Strategies and supporting materials are useful when considering play options for children with disabilities.

<http://www.visionconnection.org/Content/Technology>

**Making Text Legible for Students with Partial Sight** is a summary of common adaptations for individuals with low vision.

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/default.msp>

**Microsoft's Teaching and Learning** with Microsoft Office Resource Kit has time-saving tools to integrate technology into the curriculum and create engaging opportunities for students. The Office template installer contains calendars, lesson plans, parent bulletins, and class directories and many more professionally authored and formatted documents.

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/student/literacy/adaptedbooks/default.htm>

**New York City Public Schools Adapted Books and Materials** website includes adapted books and materials created with Boardmaker picture symbols, Writing with Symbols, and PowerPoint software. This requires Boardmaker or Writing with Symbols software.

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

**NetTrekker.com subscription resource** which offers over 180,000 of online resources for teaching and learning, aligned with state standards and organized by readability and grade level. Includes text-to-speech output.

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/lettersounds.htm>

**Owl and Mouse Educational Software** offers free software for learning letters of the alphabet, learning phonics and letter sounds, and learning to read; free online US maps, world maps, map of Europe, puzzle maps of the US, Europe, Africa, Asia, and a free online game to build a medieval castle and make a coat of arms

<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/resources/restop.htm>

**Priority Woods School** has an incredible resource section of their web site. From here you can download a wide variety of material including worksheets, curriculum documents, lesson plans and simple programs, including cause-and-effect activities, talking story books, and other educational activities.

<http://sweb.uky.edu/~jszaba0/QIAT.html>

**QIAT - Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology** is a nationwide grassroots group that includes hundreds of individuals who provide input into the ongoing process of identifying, disseminating, and implementing a set of widely-applicable Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology Services in School Settings.

<http://quizstar.4teachers.org/>

**QuizStar**, a web-based program, provides a template for an educator to create a custom quiz that students can take online. Use this when you have a lesson plan centered on internet websites, or if you want students to be able to do take-home assignments over the internet.

<http://www.wartoft.nu/software/sebran/>

**Sebran's ABC's** colorful pictures, pleasant music, and gentle games teach letters, numbers, simple math, and rudiments of reading.

<http://www.dolch-words.com/dolch.html>

[http://www.edhelper.com/dolch\\_sight\\_words.htm?gclid=CPT0-JmZ4pACFRpdagodVmMrXg](http://www.edhelper.com/dolch_sight_words.htm?gclid=CPT0-JmZ4pACFRpdagodVmMrXg)

[http://jumps.planetfungames.com/index.html?referrer\\_id=1039679](http://jumps.planetfungames.com/index.html?referrer_id=1039679)

<http://www.hiyah.net/software.html>

Various **Site Word Practice** Links

<http://www.softschools.com>

**SoftSchools.com** provides free math worksheets, math games and phonics worksheets and games. Worksheets and games are organized by grades and topics. These printable math and phonics worksheets are auto generated.

<http://www.specialednews.com/educators/lessonplans/lessons.html>

**Special Ed News** includes a comprehensive list of lesson plan websites for special and regular education.

<http://www.setbc.org>

**Special Education Technology British Columbia** website has numerous reproducible materials for IntelliTools software for students with emerging literacy and numeracy skills. Also, check out other curriculum downloads at

<http://www.setbc.org/res/files/default.html> for IntelliTools and Boardmaker. Also includes online accessible books.

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

**Starfall** offers free online voice output reading materials, and includes activities for letter identification, and phonics.

<http://school.discovery.com/teachers/>

**Teacher Channel** includes lessons Plans, teaching tools, clip art, various educational activities for students K-12.

<http://www.teachingfirst.net/wordwallact.htm>

**Teaching First** has compiled a list of sight words that First Graders frequently use in their writing. These words are introduced at the rate of 5 per week. Word wall words often don't fit into "traditional" spelling patterns. Many of them cannot be sounded out phonetically. In our class, we call them red words or words you simply have to learn. The words are reviewed weekly and used to add more vocabulary to the children's written work.

[http://www.teach-nology.com/web\\_tools/materials/](http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/)

**Teach-nology** provides generators to make classroom materials by filling out a simple form. The materials are made instantly and can be printed directly from your computer.

<http://www.tsbvi.edu/index.htm>

**Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired** website has an incredible wealth of information regarding technology integration for this population and students with multiple disabilities; also includes numerous instructional resources and curriculum strategy publications.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxthematicunits.html>

**Web Toolboxes for Educators: Thematic Units and Lesson Plans:** This link provides a comprehensive listing of the popular resources for teachers for thematic unit ideas and associated lesson plans, including low and high-technology strategies.

<http://www.widgit.com/resources/index.htm>

**Widgit** produce a wide range of symbol-supported learning materials and symbol stories. Including extensive topic-based packs 'ready to go' for special and mainstream education, developed by the Symbols Inclusion Project.

[http://www.ecasd.k12.wi.us/departments/special\\_ed/teacher\\_resources/assitive technology/boardmaker/](http://www.ecasd.k12.wi.us/departments/special_ed/teacher_resources/assitive_technology/boardmaker/)

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pep/teachercreate.html>

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/curriculum/pep/teach.htm>

**Various school systems** have numerous downloadable tutorial sheets, pre-made materials, and Boardmaker and IntelliTools pre-made lessons.

<http://www.windows.ucar.edu>

**Windows to the Universe** is an exciting website developed by the University of Michigan with funding from NASA. The site is a user-friendly learning system covering the Earth and Space sciences, is tiered for various educational levels, and offered in English and Spanish. It includes documents and multi-media to explore these sciences, and the historical and cultural ties between science, exploration, and the human experience.

## Graphics

Pictures are used to support students with communication devices, to use with picture schedules and to enhance presentations. Here are a few ways to tap into graphics on the Internet:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.mspx>

**Photo Story 3** is a free download from Microsoft used to create slideshows using your digital photos. With a single click, you can touch-up, crop, or rotate pictures. Add special effects, soundtracks, and your own voice narration to your photo stories. Slide shows can be personalized with titles and captions. Small file sizes make it easy to send your photo stories in an e-mail.

<http://www.lburkhart.com/pics.html>

**Finding Pictures Online:** This is a collection of web sites for finding pictures for communication displays and educational materials

[office.microsoft.com](http://office.microsoft.com)

**Microsoft Clipart** provides all kinds of Microsoft graphics, photos, animations and sounds that will be downloaded right into your clipart library. Good source that is often forgotten.

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

**Google** offers infinite clipart and digital photos. Select the "Image" tab and type in your image search request. To copy just hold down the mouse on the graphic and there will be a little pull down menu that has Copy to Clipboard as an option. Select that and return to your document and select Paste. You can also select to download the image to a disk or your desktop and then insert picture from the pull down menu.

**Google's Video Library** Go to Google, go to "more" and you will see Video: Search TV programs and videos. Great for adding a little visual to presentations! This may be a good source for students who can't go out and take their own. (Beware of copyright rules!)

<http://www.pics4learning.com/>

**Pics4Learning** provides "copyright friendly images for education" including American Sign Language. The Pics4Learning collection consists of thousands of images that have been donated by students, teachers, and amateur photographers.

[trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm](http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm)

**Trainland** includes pictures that you can use for communication systems. May be used with Boardmaker or on its own by using a cut and paste method. Includes real pictures of many items, such as food, fast food places, stores, etc.

[school.discovery.com/clipart](http://school.discovery.com/clipart)

**Discovery School** makes it easy to add graphics to your next project, whether its for home or school. Choose from hundreds of original clip art pieces, including animations.

[www.edupics.com/coloring.html](http://www.edupics.com/coloring.html)

**EduPics** has free coloring pictures for primary school. On this site you can find educational coloring pictures to color and print.

[www.setbc.org/pictureset/Default.aspx](http://www.setbc.org/pictureset/Default.aspx)

**PictureSET** is a collection of downloadable visual supports that can be used by students for both receptive and expressive communication in the classroom, at home, and in the community. This searchable database allows you to find a wide range of useful visual supports for different curriculum areas, activities, and events:

<http://www.freedigitalphotos.net/>

**Free Digital Photos** includes hundreds of free digital photos.

<http://www.symbols.net/>

**Symbols.net** offers resources on any kind of symbols you can imagine, organized by category and including significant original content.

### Mouse Skills

[www.beenleigss.qld.edu.au/requested\\_sites/mousepractice](http://www.beenleigss.qld.edu.au/requested_sites/mousepractice) This site has some great interactive activities for learning to use a mouse.

[www.customsolutions.us/mouse/Internet\\_Resources.htm](http://www.customsolutions.us/mouse/Internet_Resources.htm)

[www.intelore.com/reflex](http://www.intelore.com/reflex) provides a game that is available to download.

[www.burlco.lib.nj.us/Classes/Intforkids/cns1.html](http://www.burlco.lib.nj.us/Classes/Intforkids/cns1.html) provides introduction to pointing and clicking.

[www.shambles.net/pages/school/mouse](http://www.shambles.net/pages/school/mouse) has various links for providing skills in using a mouse. Also- links for specifically designed for left handers!

### Keyboarding Sites

About One Hand Typing: <http://www.aboutonehandtyping.com>

Herzog: [www.herzogkeyboarding.com](http://www.herzogkeyboarding.com)

Keyboard Coach: [www.thelearningstudio.com/keyboarding1.html](http://www.thelearningstudio.com/keyboarding1.html)

KeyTime: [www.keytime.com](http://www.keytime.com)

Custom Solutions: [www.customsolutions.com](http://www.customsolutions.com)

Computer Lab Kids: [www.computerlab.kids.new.net/keyboarding.htm](http://www.computerlab.kids.new.net/keyboarding.htm)

Free Touch Typing: [www.sense-lang.org/typing](http://www.sense-lang.org/typing)

Sense – Lang: <http://www.sense-lang.org/typing/>

CustomTyping: <http://www.customtyping.com> an online typing tutor which can be customized for various student needs

Click-N-Type: <http://www.lakefolks.org/cnt> is a free on-screen keyboard which can be used with a mouse, trackball or other pointing device

Touch Typing Tutor provides: <http://www.touch-typing-tutor.com/> free typing test software and typing games

Dance Mat Typing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing> online free typing games

### ScreenReaders

<http://clickspeak.clcworld.net/about.html>

CLiCKSpeak is designed for sighted users who want text-to-speech functionality.

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

ReadPlease provides free text-to-speech functionality.

[www.browsealoud.com](http://www.browsealoud.com)

Browsealoud reads web pages aloud for people who find it difficult to read online. Reading large amounts of text on screen can be difficult for those with literacy and visual impairments.

## Math Resources

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

**AAA Math**, explanations and online drill of arithmetic concepts. Sorted by topic or grade level. Although this site covers Kindergarten topics, the user interface is likely to be difficult for very young children.

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

**A+ Math** is mostly support for the four basic operations - you'll find a flash card creator, online games to practice and a homework helper that tells kids if they have the right answer.

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/index.html>

**Cool Math 4 Kids** the neon colors and ads make this site a little more time consuming to navigate, but the games are interactive and free. Online "lessons" include explanations with nice colors and graphics. Many of the games have names that don't necessarily tell you what they are about, so you have to explore before unleashing your students on the site.

<http://galaxy.gmu.edu/~drsUPER/>

**Dr. Super**, a website from the George Mason University's Dr. Super's Virtual Math Manipulatives Project site, includes various examples of activities being created for various manipulatives including: Triango, Dr. Super's triangles, GeoJunior.

<http://www.funbrain.com/teachers/index.html>

**Fun Brain's Teacher's Page** this link will take you directly to the teacher page of this site of interactive games. From here, you can find a game that is best for your students. All games require Flash.

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/math.html>

**Harcourt Math** this site has online activities that correlate with your Harcourt Math Book. You need the name of the author to log in on this free site. There is a search button at the top of the screen.

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/index.cfm?flash=yes&Filecontents=/kids/teachers/index.cfm>

**H.I.P. Pocket Change Web site**, by the U.S. Mint, is designed to be a fun, educational tool, for students and teachers, to generate interest in coins, the Mint, and U.S. history; re-useable, cross-curricular classroom resources for lesson plans, activities, games.

<http://mathstories.com/>

**House of Math Word Problems for Children** includes over 5000 math work problems for elementary and middle schoolchildren.

<http://illuminations.nctm.org>

**Illuminations I-math Investigations**: This website, funded by the National Council of Teacher's of Mathematics, includes an on-line resource for interactive multimedia math activities, based on the Principles and Standards for School Mathematics. Illuminations offers online interactive and exploratory math activities searchable by grade level and key word.

<http://math.rice.edu/~lanius/Lessons/>

**Math Lessons that are Fun** includes activities ranging from drawing online bar graphs to simple equations, spans ages K-12.

<http://www.incompetech.com/beta/plainGraphPaper/>

**Incompetech.com** has a free online graph paper maker. You put in the dimensions and it generates a PDF you can print. Useful for kids who need larger squares. Many types and styles are available.

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

**The Math Lab** is an all-inclusive website for teaching all areas of math. Online lessons, games, practice exercises and built-in incentives are included. This site is engaging and FUN

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

**Math Playground** is designed for K - middle school, has fun logic and math games

<http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html>

<http://matti.usu.edu/nlvm/nav/index.html>

**National Library of Virtual Manipulatives** has math manipulatives online, is quick and easy to use, has activities that promote problem solving skills and is free. This website is funded by the National Science Foundation grant and offers a huge collection of virtual manipulatives and interactive concept tutorials. [Pre-K to grade 12]

<http://www.scholastic.com/kids/homework/flashcards.htm>

**Scholastic's Flashcard Maker** helps you create your own flashcards to use online or print out. Great for practicing basic facts. Links to articles with tips for using flashcards.

<http://boston.k12.ma.us/teach/technology/select/>

**Select Math** this website from Boston Public Schools aligns math websites to their curriculum standards. You can search for a math concept and then find links to sites that reinforce learning it.

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

**Rainforest Math** has online interactive math activities for grades K-6.

<http://www.cobbk12.org/sites/literacy/math/math2.htm>

**Math Skills Practice Activities** designed for grades 3 - 5, everything from place value to money to geometry to fractions to problem-solving and more.

<http://webmath.com/>

**WebMath** offers over 100 instant-answer, self-help, math solvers, ready to provide you with *instant* help on your math problem.

**Fabulous Freebies (hyperlinks attached)- Also see p.44-45**

- ["Today's School" Subscription](#)
- [A&E Idea Book](#)
- [AAC Keys](#)
- [ABA Free Resources](#)
- [ABA Math Software](#)
- [ABA of Chicago Downloads](#)
- [Able Link Internet Community](#)
- [Ablenet Activity Wizard](#)
- [Activity Cards](#)
- [Alphabet, Shapes and Colors Keyboard Banger Game](#)
- [Anne Center Downloads](#)
- [Assist It AT Downloads](#)
- [Audio Games](#)
- [Axistive](#)
- [Big Book Maker Download](#)
- [Black Sheep Press Freebies](#)
- [Board Game Print Outs](#)
- [Books Selection Helper for Students](#)
- [CAAC Downloads](#)
- [Caltrox Downloads \(free ones marked\)](#)
- [CAST Bookbuilder](#)
- [Cbeebies Switch Games](#)
- [Child Proof Software](#)
- [Childsplay Software](#)
- [Classroom Timer](#)
- [Click and Type On Screen Keyboard](#)
- [Clown Time Cause and Effect Game](#)
- [Cool Timer](#)
- [Creative Painter \(software\)](#)
- [Cue Card Electronic Flashcards](#)
- [CurriculumSET Ready Made Resources](#)
- [Customized Calendar](#)
- [Dasher](#)
- [Davis Free Monthly Planner](#)
- [Deafblind Free Software](#)
- [Dilite Free Communication Cards](#)
- [DIY Headmouse \(using web cam\)](#)
- [Do To Learn](#)
- [Dolch Sight Boards](#)
- [Dyslexia Font](#)
- [Early Childhood Photograph Inventory](#)
- [Earth Cam for Kids](#)
- [Educational Freeware](#)
- [EdWord and EdWeb](#)
- [Emac Speak](#)
- [Fab Four Free Switch Games](#)
- [File Folder Games](#)
- [Fire Vox Talking Web Browser](#)

- Free Assistive Technology You Already Own
- Free Children's Music
- Free Kid's Music
- Free Literacy Picture Symbols
- Free Play Music
- Gcompris Software
- Graph Paper
- Graphic Organizers
- Hark the Sound Game
- Help Read
- High Visibility Animated Cursors
- Hiyah Free Software
- IAN Science Symbol Library
- Info Ispeak Free Print Outs
- Intellikeys Media Player
- iZoom Software
- Jig Zone
- Joy2Mouse3
- JoyToKey
- Juniors Web Speech Therapy Activities
- Kid Rocket Web Browser
- Kids Fonts
- Kids Online Magnetic Poetry
- Kneebouncers
- Language Teaching Image Library
- LAT Kids Free SpEd Software
- Launcher Program for Switch Use
- Literacy Center Online Activities
- Meldreth Manor
- Morse All
- Mouse Smoothing for Tremor
- MultiMail Free Accessible Email Program
- Notesholder Lite
- Oat Soft
- One Switch Crazy 8s and More
- One Switch Games
- Online Alarm Clock
- Owl and Mouse (software)
- Papunet Switch Games (site in Finnish, but intuitive enough to be understandable to all)
- Phoneme Machine Software
- Pick 'n' Stick Symbols (site in French, but symbols are wordless)
- Power Bullet Presenter
- Primary Resources Worksheets and Activities
- Priory Woods (software)
- Pure Mac Accessibility
- Reading Lady (worksheets)
- Remember! One Switch Memory Game
- SAW5 Special Access to Windows
- Scelera Pictograms (symbol set)
- School Express (worksheets)
- Screen Timer
- SFN Switcher (software)

- SEN Teacher (worksheets and software)
- Simply Web 2000
- Single Switch Media Players
- Slater Software Free Stuff (very cool)
- SLT Freebies
- Starfall Reading
- Super Duper Handy Handouts
- Talking Words Free Stuff
- Teacher Time Saver Free Forms
- Teacher Tool Forms
- Teachers Pet
- Teaching Heart Mini Offices
- Teaching Learners with Multiple Needs Files
- The Amazing Flash Card Machine
- The Power of MS Office Online CD ROM
- Through the Maze Symbols
- Tiresias Low Vision Font
- Tux Paint (software)
- Wacky Web Tales
- Women are Scientists with Disabilities Video
- Wordzee Online Worksheet Maker

## II) Legal and Policy Resources

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

**ADA HOME PAGE**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice Americans with Disabilities Act provides information, standards, and technical assistance pertaining to this law.

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm>

**ADA Hot Links and Document Center** from the Job Accommodation Network

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre>

**Consortium for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)**, as part of the National Center on Dispute Resolution, encourages the use of mediation and other collaborative strategies to resolve disagreements about special education.

<http://www.fape.org>

**Family & Advocates Partnership for Education** is a partnership that aims to improve the educational outcomes for children with disabilities. It links families, advocates, and self-advocates to information about the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

[http://205.241.44.100/law\\_res/doc](http://205.241.44.100/law_res/doc)

**IDEA Practices** is a technical assistance site to support the efforts of administrators and service providers in implementing IDEA '97.

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/links/adalinks.htm>

The **Job Accommodation Network** is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the U.S. Department of Labor. JAN is one of several ODEP projects. JAN's mission is to facilitate the employment and retention of workers with disabilities

<http://www.eskimo.com/~jlubin/disabled/legal.htm>

Makoa's list of **Legal and Advocacy resources** also included links to Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers and Special Needs Trusts

<http://www.makoa.org/legal.htm>

<http://www.makoa.org/gov.htm>

**"Makoa"** is a Hawaiian word that means "courageous". These pages were created and are maintained solely by Jim Lubin, who is a C2 quadriplegic, completely paralyzed from the neck down and dependent on a ventilator to breathe, using a keyboard/mouse emulator with a sip and puff switch to type Morse codes. This site within Makoa called "Disability Related Legal and Advocacy Resources" and "Government/Legislative Resources" include an extensive list of links concerning disability, legal issues, and advocacy.

<http://www.nichcy.org/stateshe/ct.htm#technology>

**National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)** maintain a listing of statewide organizations for children with special needs; this list is constantly updated.

<http://www.state.ct.us/opapd/index.html>

**Connecticut Office of Protection and Advocacy [P & A] for Persons with Disabilities**

operates a number of distinct federally mandated advocacy programs for people with disabilities. These include:

- P&A for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PADD)
- Client Assistance Program (CAP)
- P&A for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI)
- P&A for Assistive Technology (PAAT)
- P&A for Individuals Rights (PAIR)

**Disability Resource Directory** has been expanded to 32 pages of useful phone numbers, program descriptions and websites of federal, state, and local agencies and organizations. Also includes, resources, publications, and federal law information.

<http://www.resna.org/taproject>

**RESNA Technical Assistance Project Policy Information Pipeline** is funded to provide assistance to the AT Act Grantees to assist them reduce barriers and increase access to assistive technology (AT) devices and services for consumers with disabilities of all ages. This project also provides technical assistance in the areas related to universal design, state procurement actions, and funding of AT.

<http://www.specialedconnection.com>

**Special Ed Connection**, is an electronic library of education law resources.

<http://www.directionservice.org/cadre/>

**Consortium For Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE)** is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs and provides technical assistance and serving as an information clearinghouse on dispute resolution in special education.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com>

**WrightsLaw**, a site for parents, advocates, educators, and attorneys, which aims to provide accurate, up-to-date information about advocacy for children with disabilities.

<http://www.infouse.com/atdata/links.html>

**Assistive Technology Data Collection Project** includes a data bank of many government and national agencies involved with AT policies.

### III) Disability Information

<http://www.aamr.org>

**American Association of Mental Retardation** is the home page for AAMR, the national organization for professionals in the field of mental retardation.

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

**American Foundation for the Blind** provides information on the foundations. Includes information resources, fact sheets, newsletter, and numerous other resources

<http://www.autism.org/contents.html>

**Autism.org** has a collection of articles on many aspects of Autism

<http://www.autism-resources.com>

**Autism Resources** offers information and links regarding developmental disabilities autism and Asperger's Syndrome

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

**Autism Society of America** services the needs of individuals with autism and their families through advocacy, education, public awareness and research.

<http://trainland.tripod.com/>

**Beyond Autism** is a comprehensive source of information "beyond" the label of autism including teaching methodologies, education and "special" education resources, IEP information, augmentative and communication assistance with assistive technology information, disability legal information, and sensory integration issues

<http://nyise.org/blind.htm>

**Blindness Resource Center** includes information on a variety of topics related to blindness and low vision

<http://www.biausa.org>

**Brain Injury Association of America** is the national organization concerned with brain injury.

<http://codi.buffalo.edu/>

**Cornucopia of Disability Information (CODI)** is a resource for consumers and professionals by providing disability information in a wide variety of areas. It consists of both an Internet Directory of Disability Information and a repository of electronic disability documents, dating back to the early 1990s. Many of the documents on CODI are publicly available nowhere else on the Internet.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

The **Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)** is the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. CEC advocates for appropriate governmental policies, sets professional standards, provides continual professional development, advocates for newly and historically underserved individuals with exceptionalities, and helps professionals obtain conditions and resources necessary for effective professional practice.

<http://deafness.about.com>

**Deafness Hard of Hearing** offers a comprehensive resource site about deafness and hearing impairments.

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

**Dyscalculia.Org** provides information specific to math learning disabilities, including identification, modifications and teaching strategies.

<http://www.interdys.org>

**International Dyslexia Association** provides information about legislation, tools and products of concern to persons with learning disabilities and their families

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo>

**Laurent Clerk National Deaf Education Center**---Excellent resource of current, objective information, including technology, on topics dealing with deafness and hearing loss.

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

**LD Online** provides basic information on learning disabilities, links to related online sites, and the bulletin board enables communication with other individuals interested in learning disabilities. Includes an online newsletter and searchable database

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

**LD Resources** Richard Wanderman's, a nationally known speaker on learning disabilities, website on learning disabilities. Provides basic information on learning disabilities from many perspectives, links to related online sites, and links to commonly used tools and software

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

**Learning Disabilities Association of America** is a national, non-profit organization. Our purpose is to advance the education and general welfare of children and adults of normal or potentially normal intelligence who manifest disabilities of a perceptual, conceptual, or coordinative nature.

<http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb/>

**MedWeb: Disabilities** provides medical information related to specific disabilities.

<http://www.mdausa.org>

**Muscular Dystrophy Association** offers information on the numerous types of muscular dystrophy, motor neuron diseases, and myopathies. It includes information on community programs, publications, research.

<http://www.ndss.org>

**National Down Syndrome Society** offers information, resources, publications and links from the home page of this organization for this disability.

[Learning Disabilities Research and Training Center](#)

**National information resource guide** created by the University of Georgia and the Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center. Focus is on Adolescents and Adults with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

[www.rarediseases.org/](http://www.rarediseases.org/)

**NORD - National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc.**

Search NORD's Databases NORD maintains three searchable databases and an alphabetical index of disease names. • Index of Rare diseases and organizational database for various diseases

<http://seriweb.com/hearing.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/behavior.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/vision.htm>

<http://seriweb.com/autism.htm>

**Special Education Resource Information on the Internet's [SERI]** collection of links for individuals with hearing loss, behavioral problems

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

**ISER** is a nationwide directory of professionals, organizations, and schools that serve the learning disabilities and special education communities. Offers numerous resources, including AT resources.

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

**The National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities**

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

**United Cerebral Palsy Association** includes a vast amount of information, resources, policies and links related to this population on a variety of issues: education, housing and accessibility, sports and leisure, employment, parenting and family issues, transportation, assistive technology, health and wellness, and travel issues.

[http://dir.yahoo.com/education/special\\_education/](http://dir.yahoo.com/education/special_education/)

**Yahoo! Education/Special Education**

## IV) Assistive Technology Sites

### IVa) General Information

[http://www.k8accesscenter.org/training\\_resources/default.asp](http://www.k8accesscenter.org/training_resources/default.asp)

**Access Center**, a federally funded center, provides technical assistance to schools to help students with disabilities learn from the general education curriculum. The site offers numerous resources for educators; i.e. universal design practical classroom resources and materials on content-based topics.

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

**Alliance for Technology Access (ATA)** is a network of community-based resource centers, developers, vendors and associates dedicated to providing information and support services to children and adults with disabilities. This organization's overall objective is to increase their use of standard, assistive, and information technology to enrich the lives of persons with special needs.

<http://www.utoronto.ca/atrc/resources.html>

**Assistive Technology Resource Centre**, at the University of Toronto, includes on-line resources, technical glossary, an extensive collection of research papers, AT tutorials to aid in installation and use of common adaptive software programs. Their sister site, SNOW (Special Needs Opportunity Windows), at <http://snow.utoronto.ca/> is an excellent resource for online information specifically geared toward special education.

<http://www.boston.k12.ma.us/teach/technology/emmanuel.asp>

**Boston Public Schools** offers a valuable site for AT curriculum integration mapping e.g. Student Access Map for Math; along with an outstanding resource for books called "Recipe for Adapting Books."

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

**Center for Accessible Technology (CAST)** develops assistive technology and serves as a consultant to various hardware and software manufacturers, notably in the focus area of electronic media. Instruction and training services are provided to teachers and other professionals at workshops and presentations nationwide. Site also includes resources for e-books and CAST developed software, and has a collection of website links on assistive technology.

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

**Consensus Bulletin**, sponsored by the University of Connecticut, offers links to various articles and resources from recent AT conferences, AT reviews, and AT links.

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

**Closing the Gap's** role is to provide information on microcomputer materials and practices that can enrich the lives of persons with special needs.

<http://www.iste.org>

**International Society of Technology in Education** offers a vast number of resources for providing education through computer-based technology. They publish "Learning and Leading with Technology," a large list of books and courseware on educational technology, distance education courses for graduate credit.

<http://www.edc.org/FSC/NCIP/>

**NCIP Home**, the National Center to Improve Practice (NCIP) is a wonderful site with online workshops and a guided tour of an early childhood classroom set up with assistive technology - complete with video clips. The site also includes facilitated discussion forums on students with disabilities, a collection of resources about technology and special education and an extensive list of links to other sites on the Internet.

<http://www.neatmarketplace.org/index.html>

**New England Marketplace** provides access to information, to products and equipment, and to the manufacturers and vendors of equipment. The New England Assistive Technology (NEAT) Marketplace was formed because limited access to equipment and devices that can minimize the effects of disabilities is, in itself, a disability.

NEAT was established to provide information and access to equipment and devices that can change the lives of people of all ages, with all types of disabilities, both temporary and permanent. We operate under the auspices of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind/Oak Hill, a 109 year old non-profit organization located in Hartford, CT.

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

**RESNA** is an interdisciplinary association for the advancement of rehabilitation and assistive technologies (AT). ...

Description: RESNA is an interdisciplinary association of people with a common interest in technology and disability.

<http://www.techconnections.org>

**Technology Connections**, comprehensive assistive technology information resource offers publications, resource links, searchable database, online training, case examples, legislation and policy, user forum, technical assistance to an information specialist

<http://www.uwic.ac.uk/ltsu/accessible.pdf>

**The Accessible Curricula: Good Practice for All**: This comprehensive book is available for free download in pdf format.

<http://atto.buffalo.edu/>

**The Assistive Technology Training Online Project (ATTO)** provides information on AT applications that help students with disabilities learn in elementary classrooms: AT basics for students with disabilities; tutorials for using specific hardware and software, decision making process; resources to national AT organizations, projects, list serves.

<http://www.cast.org/teachingeverystudent/toolkits/>

**Universal Design Toolkits**: These toolkits help educators to understand and apply universal design principles. The toolkits support varied learning styles, needs, and preferences for teachers and students. Interactive activities, tutorials and tools are provided online; similar versions can be downloaded or printed. Specific curriculum resources, tools, and materials may be copied and used in classrooms.

<http://www.wati.org>

**Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative** is nationally recognized for its team-based format for assistive technology assessment. These forms allow teams to systematically evaluate a specific student's assistive technology needs.

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

**CT Tech Act Project (CTTAP):** Their mission is to increase independence and improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through increased access to Assistive Technology for work, school and community living. The CT Tech Act Project operates out of the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services. Our goal is to help individuals with disabilities of all ages and all disabilities, as well as family members, employers, educators and other professionals have access to Assistive Technology devices and services. Includes AT Exchange Program  
[www.getATstuff.com](http://www.getATstuff.com)

## IVb) Accessibility Options

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

**AbilityHub** provides information for people with a disability who find operating a computer difficult, maybe even impossible. This web site will direct you to adaptive equipment and alternative methods available for accessing computers.

<http://www.utoronto.ca/atrc/>

**Adaptive Technology Resource Center/University of Toronto** includes an extensive listing of online resources about a range of assistive technology topics.

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

**Alliance for Technology Access** includes information on ATA, a network of community-based resource centers, links to other organizations and resources, and an online newsletter

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

**Closing the Gap** includes information on application of computer technology in special education and rehabilitation. Includes information about the Closing the Gap Conferences and an online resource directory and newspaper

<http://rbx.de/big-cursors/>

<http://www.anicursor.com>

Both websites offer freeware for **Enlarged and Animated Cursors**

<http://helpread.net/>

**HELP Read** provides a supported reading environment for Windows that highlights and speaks aloud text resources

<http://www.infogrip.com/search.asp>

**Infogrip, Inc.** offers a searchable database of a huge selection of alternative access methods including keyboard, switch, mouse, mounting, vision, ergonomic, and adaptor options.

<http://cosmos.ot.buffalo.edu>

**Let's Play! Project** State University of NY at Buffalo Assistive Technology Project. In Let's Play! the keys are to advance play through creating environments that provide easy access to toys, and to use assistive technology to give the children this critical access. Site includes ideas for adapting play and an assistive technology section.

<http://www.microsoft.com/enable/>

**Microsoft Accessibility and Disabilities Web Site** provides information on computer and software accessibility. Microsoft's website explains accessibility, it highlights numerous programs designed to aid access for persons with disabilities, and it spotlights current advances in technology.

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

**NARIC** is a library and information center on disability and rehabilitation. More than 50,000 National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)-funded, other federal agencies, and private disability-related publications are held and abstracted by NARIC in their REHABDATA database, searchable online.

[www.naturalreaders.com](http://www.naturalreaders.com)

**NaturalReader** is a Text to Speech software with natural sounding voices. This easy to use software can convert any written text such as MS Word, Webpage, PDF files, and Emails into spoken words. **NaturalReader** can also convert any written text into audio files such as MP3 or WAV for your CD player or iPod. This is a software program that converts text into voice and offers a free download trial version.

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

The **Open source Assistive Technology Software (OATS)** website is a searchable index of assistive technology enabled open source software.

<http://www.readplease.com>

**Please Read** offers free downloadable text-to-speech software.

[www.shareware.com](http://www.shareware.com)

**Shareware** includes a vast array of shareware and free programs from dozens of downloadable software directories.

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

**TextAloud** uses voice synthesis to convert text into spoken audio. Also check out the TextAloud for the Visually Impaired or TextAloud Low Vision Software. Use TextAloud to convert text to mp3 for use on portable devices like iPods. You can listen to audio books, email, web sites, and documents. AT&T Natural Voices are also available at this site.

<http://www.trace.wisc.edu>

**Trace Center** conducts research aimed at improving technology that can benefit individuals with disabilities by making it more accessible in four main areas: communication; control; computer access. **Trace Research and Development Center** includes information about shareware and freeware applications and utilities.

<http://www.at-center.com/windows.html>

**Virtual Assistive Technology Center's Alternative access options** which are free to download including: Macros/abbreviation expansion, mouse utilities, on-screen keyboards, screen reading software [text-to-speech]

[http://www.magnifiers.org/links/Download\\_Software/](http://www.magnifiers.org/links/Download_Software/)

**Visual Support Magnification** offers freeware and shareware for students with low vision.

### IVc) Search Sites

<http://www.abilityhub.com>

**Ability Hub.com** describes assistive technology and alternative computer access methods; also includes generic information about assistive technology types.

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

**ABLEDATA**, sponsored by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education, is a searchable database for assistive technology

<http://www.adaptworld.com>

**Adaptive Device Locator System** helps users obtain assistive technology information including: guidance through the search process designed to meet specific functional needs, provides descriptions of technology, lists product sources. Provides links to vendor sites and will generate email or printed letters automatically to companies requesting specific product information.

[http://www.closingthegap.com/home/about\\_rd.lasso](http://www.closingthegap.com/home/about_rd.lasso)

**Closing the Gap Resource Directory** is an extensive product guide developed to assist parents and professionals in the selection of computer-related products and services for children and with special needs. The Resource Directory's primary focus is on computer-related products for individuals with special needs, as well as organizations that serve this population.

<http://www.rit.edu/~easi/resource.htm>

**EASI: Access to Information for Persons with Disabilities Organization: Equal Access to Software and Information** offers online workshops on assistive technology; site includes links to resources and products and provides basic definitions of assistive technology terms.

[http://edumatch.com/index\\_flash.cfm](http://edumatch.com/index_flash.cfm)

**Edumatch** has a search tool that helps educators choose software to match your state's curriculum, your teaching style and all the features you prefer.

[http://www.edumatch.com/index\\_flash.cfm?CFID=110252&CFTOKEN=24549262](http://www.edumatch.com/index_flash.cfm?CFID=110252&CFTOKEN=24549262)

**Edumatch.com's Opinion Central** is a database of opinions given by educators regarding various software.

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

**LD Online** provides basic information on learning disabilities, links to related online sites, and the bulletin board enables communication with other individuals interested in learning disabilities. Includes an online newsletter and searchable database

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

**LD Resources** maintained by Richard Wanderman's, a nationally known speaker on learning disabilities, provides basic information on learning disabilities from many perspectives, links to related online sites, and links to commonly used tools and software.

<http://www.gatfl.org/ldguide/default.htm>

**Learning Disabilities and Assistive Technologies** is a resource web site for locating assistive technology and suggests common modifications and strategies for students with learning disabilities.

<http://www.makoa.org/computers.htm>

**Makoa** include a plethora of disability resources and links for computer hardware, peripherals, software, and assistive devices for individuals with special challenges.

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

**Open source Assistive Technology Software (OATS)** is a searchable index of assistive technology enabled open source software.

<http://www.rehabtool.com/search.html>

**RehabTool.com** offers a free assistive technology which will assist you assist you in selecting or purchasing assistive devices and other adaptive equipment.

<http://www.techconnections.org>

**Technology Connections**, comprehensive assistive technology information resource offers publications, resource links, searchable database, online training, case examples, legislation and policy, user forum, technical assistance to an information specialist

<http://trace.wisc.edu/resources/>

**The Trace Center** has developed a number of informational resources. These resources cover a number of topics, and are categorized by the type of information they provide: Information Resources, Selected Resources by Disability Type and by Product Type

<http://www.evalutech.sreb.org>

**EvaluTech** is a searchable database that contains >7000 reviews of instructional materials for classroom use K-12. Trained reviewers use extensive criteria to evaluate materials. Products evaluated include computer software, audio/visual materials, CD-ROM-based reference databases, websites, and print materials. Evaluation criteria include some correlation to state student academic standards.

[http://www.infogrip.com/subcategory\\_view.asp?option=software](http://www.infogrip.com/subcategory_view.asp?option=software)

**Infogrip** offers a searchable database to assist with choosing adaptive educational software.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxat.html>

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxvendors.html>

**Web Toolboxes for Educators: Software & Assistive Technology** links to popular vendors for instructional and assistive technology software

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

**Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI)** includes information and resources for assessment/decision-making solutions, best practice guidelines, and curriculum integration ideas.

## V) Especially for:

### Va) Teachers

[www.atozteacherstuff.com](http://www.atozteacherstuff.com)

**A to Z Teacher Stuff** website is teacher-created and designed to help teachers find online resources including lesson plans, thematic units, teacher tips, discussion forums for teachers, and downloadable teaching materials.

[www.animatedatlas.com](http://www.animatedatlas.com)

**Animated Atlas** portrays history and geography via animated maps and geographic features.

<http://www.boston.k12.ma.us/teach/>

**Boston Public Schools** website includes user-friendly universal access tools for teachers to support diverse learners including: subject-specific Student Access Maps (SAM) for helping IEP teams identify student areas of need and provide technology support strategies and tools; and information on how to cognitively rescale and adapt books.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/>

**Council for Exceptional Children** includes information on the Council for Exceptional Children. Provides an extensive list of resources, links to ERIC and other organizations. Contains articles related to a range of special education topic

[http://www.education-world.com/special\\_ed/](http://www.education-world.com/special_ed/)

**Education World** has created a comprehensive collection of resources for teachers regarding technology integration resources, lesson plans, IEP process, special education teacher message board, and articles on a vast amount of special education

<http://www.emints.org/ethemes/index.shtml>

The **eMINTS National Center** offers an extensive database of eThemes which are content-rich, age-appropriate resources organized around specific themes. These resources are created for educators to use in their classrooms.

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

**ESubjects** is committed to bridging the gap between special and non-special education classrooms. Materials include technology-rich, comprehensive, standards-based curricula for high school core subjects.

<http://www.k111.k12.il.us/>

**Kankakee School District # 111** – excellence in education. Offers reading, math, special programs according to grade level from kindergarten through third grade.

<http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/lessons.html>

<http://www.halcyon.com/marcs/sped.html>

**Mark Sheehan's Plan Page** offers lesson plans, lesson plan links and subject resources and links for lessons for students with special needs.

[www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

Explore **National Geographic Online**. A world leader in geography, cartography and exploration.

[www.pbs.org/teachersource](http://www.pbs.org/teachersource)

Find 3,000+ free lesson plans and activities at **PBS Teachers Source**.

[www.teacherline.pbs.org](http://www.teacherline.pbs.org)

**PBS TeacherLine** provides online professional development through facilitated courses, a supportive learning community, and exemplary professional resources.

<http://www.proteacher.com/prosearch/search2.cgi?c=nil&s=special+education&n=1>

The special education teacher's section of **www.proteacher.com** includes numerous links, support, lesson plans, sharing of ideas, resources

[http://www.questia.com/Index.jsp?CRID=special\\_education&OFFID=se1](http://www.questia.com/Index.jsp?CRID=special_education&OFFID=se1)

**Questia**, the world's largest online library, has dozens of online books and journal articles on special education

<http://education.smarttech.com/ste/en-US/Ed+Resource/Lesson+activities/Notebook+activities/>

**Smart Technologies Lessons** can be used with or without a SmartBoard. Tons of interactive lessons, which are organized by grade and subject area.

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

**Sitesforteachers.com** is a list of the teacher resource and educational sites on the net; contains only links to sites that contain teacher's resource and educational material and the sites are ranked by popularity. Site statistics (hits in/hits out) are updated hourly. Once a week we reset the hits to zero, allowing new sites and sites that have made the SFT logo more prominent a chance to rank higher during the next week; suggest to search by subject are; applies to regular and special education

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

**SpecialEd News**, a special education newsletter, includes articles and resources for educating students with disabilities

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

**Tin snips** is a special education resource that strives to share a variety of specialized teaching tools, techniques, worksheets, and activities with teachers of students who have autistic spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities. The activities may be appropriate for Pre-K and Kindergarten children.

<http://webenglishteacher.com/>

**Web English** has a large list of resources for lessons, classrooms, activities, videos, etexts, puzzles and WebQuests.

<http://www.ed.sc.edu/caw/toolboxthematicunits.html>

**Web Toolboxes for Educators: Thematic Units and Lesson Plans:** organizes the most popular resources for teachers looking for thematic unit ideas and plans, including low and high-technology strategies.

**For summaries of books for cognitive rescaling and text-to-voice output:**

- [www.cliffnotes.com](http://www.cliffnotes.com)
- [www.enotes.com](http://www.enotes.com)
- [www.freebooknotes.com](http://www.freebooknotes.com)
- [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)

## Vb) Students

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

**BBC** website includes games and coloring tasks.

<http://bonus.com/>

**Bonus.com** offers many games, stories, and educational activities for students.

<http://brainegames.com/>

**Brain-e-games** has a lot of games to help students develop confidence, understanding and skills in math, reading & geography

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

**BrainPop** includes a collection of digital movies about a wide range of topics in science, health, math, English and technology. It is an excellent web-resource for students with low-reading skills.

<http://www.adders.org/freeware/doolepad.htm>

**Doodle**, a simple drawing and coloring program which includes stamps (small pre-drawn pictures to color) of Winnie The Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Owl, Rabbit, Gopher, Ro and Kanga to add to your pictures.

<http://www.disabilityresources.org/KIDS.html>

**DRM WebWatcher: Just for Kids** describes some neat sites for, by and about kids with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

<Http://www.cs.uu.nl>

**Especially for Kids** – Drawing, coloring and creating programs.

<http://www.funbrain.com>

**Fun Brain** is an Educational site for K-8 teachers and kids. Find online educational games for kids of all ages, including math, grammar, science, spelling, and history.

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

**Primary Games** includes numerous online games for for preschool and elementary students that features educational **games**, printable coloring pages, holiday activities, and free musical postcards.

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

**FunBrain** and **Starfall** are a favorite site for online educational activities for kids of all ages, including math, science and language arts activities. There are activities that a student can play alone or with a partner, and the level of difficulty is from Pre-K to high school.

<http://www.refdesk.com/homework.html>

**Homework Helper** is a website for locating information regarding a topic for a report, reading books, and solving math problems.

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/brain/world/clip.html>

**Kids Domain** is a family friendly, kid safe site with hundreds of reviews, free software, crafts, games, contests, holiday fun, and printable activities.

<http://www.kidsclick.org>

**KidsClick!** is a huge collection of websites for children, organized by subject.

<http://www.lil-fingers.com/>

**Lil' Fingers Website** includes various activities for younger children: storybooks, games, coloring activities, and links to other similar sites.

<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/kidsonly/colour/colour.htm>

**Priory Woods** is a special school for children aged 4 to 19 years with severe and profound and multiple learning difficulties

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/down/pc/rubadub.htm>

**Rub a Dub teaches** kids to mouse with this fun art application. Beginning mousers sometimes have trouble with the "click and drag". This fun little coloring book is designed with the tiniest tykes in mind. Kids can color pictures by dragging the mouse over them. The rubbing reveals colorful surprises underneath the black and white features.

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

**Starfall** provides interactive books with sounds.

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

**iTypeMusic**, is a brilliant new free software program that gives anybody who can type, the ability to play music by simply following letters appearing on the computer monitor and typing them! It transposes musical notes into letters.

<http://www.usmint.gov/kids/index.cfm?flash=yes>

**US Mint H.I.P. Change website:** includes a variety of games and cartoons for students to generate interest in coins and money concepts.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books>

**Magic Keys** has an award winning site for online children's talking storybooks, games, cartoons, coloring books, phonics, and teacher resources.

[www.fisher-price.com/us/playtime](http://www.fisher-price.com/us/playtime)

**Online Learning Games from Fisher-Price** – For Infants, Toddlers, and pre-school children

<http://pbskids.org/games/>

**PBS** has wonderful online games, coloring, and songs for children.

<http://www.puzzlepixies.com>

**Puzzles Pixies** has online interactive puzzles.

<http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet>

**Sesame Workshop** website has numerous online interactive including free printable coloring pages and stories to read.

<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp>

**Story Place** has tons of activities, including some nice tasks on colors, shapes, and animals.

## Drawing, Coloring and Creating Programs

There are many sites on the Internet that offer ways to explore your creative side. Here are just a few:

<http://www.tuxpaint.org/>  
[www.cs.uu.nl/~markov/kids/draw.html](http://www.cs.uu.nl/~markov/kids/draw.html)  
[www.adders.org/freeware/doodlepad.html](http://www.adders.org/freeware/doodlepad.html)  
[www.kidsdomain.com/down/pc/rubadub.html](http://www.kidsdomain.com/down/pc/rubadub.html)  
[www.keasoftware.com](http://www.keasoftware.com)

## E-Mail

Using e-mail is a great way to get students to writing but you may want to explore some sites that provide assistive technology support:

[www.springdoo.com](http://www.springdoo.com)

**Springdoo** is a free service that lets you talk your emails. Anyone can now easily send talking emails in their own voice, without typing. You can use your computer and a microphone, or any telephone. This allows users who have difficulty with writing / typing / spelling to create voice emails and email to anyone they want.

[www.yackpack.com](http://www.yackpack.com)

**YackPack** is simple, web-based voice messaging for groups. For younger or cognitively challenged people this would be absolutely ideal - it's a closed and controlled system... click on the \*PHOTO\* of the person you want to email, click on the BIG button to record, then click on the BIG button to send. It really is an amazing system and just ideal for people who are able to talk but who have difficulty with functional typing or writing.

[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)

**Skype** is a program for making free calls over the internet to anyone else who also has Skype.

[www.ablelink.org](http://www.ablelink.org) Ability OnLine "is a friendly and safe computer friendship network where children and youth with disabilities or chronic illnesses connect to each other as well as to their friends, family members, caregivers and supporters."

[www.google.com/talk](http://www.google.com/talk) Google Talk enables you to call or send instant messages to your friends for free—anytime, anywhere in the world.

**Gmail** is a new kind of webmail, built on the idea that you should never have to delete mail and you should always be able to find the message you want. Go to Google and go to Gmail. It's just one click to chat with the people you already email, as well as anyone on the Google Talk network. Google gmail and yahoo messenger all allow for full telephone conversations over the web - a benefit for people with physical disabilities.

## Vc) Families

<http://specialchildren.about.com>

**About.com guides** is a unique network is run by a professional “guide” who carefully screens information to build a comprehensive environment around specific topics, relevant links, How -To's, Forums, and answers to questions regarding children with special needs.

<http://www.fetaweb.com/help/ct.htm>

**Connecticut Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities** provides local resources for families of children with special needs including support services, advocacy, and special education laws.

<http://www.usd.edu/cd/publications/dictionary.cfm>

The **Dictionary for Parents of Children with Disabilities** contains terminology regarding testing/evaluation, early intervention, special education, medical services, therapeutic services, family supports, vocational training, independent living and guardianship. This was originally developed by South Dakota Special Education Programs.

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

**Exceptional Parent** online magazine provides information, support, ideas, encouragement and outreach for parents and families of children with disabilities, and the professionals who work with them.

<http://www.fctd.info/>

**Family Center on Technology and Disability** serves programs that work with families of students with disabilities; offers a range of information and services on the subject of assistive technology (AT); information useful for a parent or educator.

<http://www.pluk.org/AT1.html>

**Family Guide to Assistive Technology** provides general information regarding defining and types of assistive technology and policies

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.htmlx>

**Family Village** is parent oriented internet community that integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support. Includes informational resources on specific diagnoses, communication connections, adaptive products and technology, adaptive recreational activities, education, worship, health issues, disability-related media and literature.

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

**Infoline** is an integrated system of help via the telephone - a single source for information about community services, referrals to human services, and crisis intervention. It is accessed toll-free from anywhere in Connecticut by simply dialing 2-1-1. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Multilingual caseworkers and TDD access is available.

<http://www.our-kids.org/>

**Our Kids**, a support group for parents and others who are working with children with physical and/or mental disabilities and delays.

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

**Parents Helping Parents** is a family resource center serving parents of children with special needs; provides a forum for parents to get information.

<http://www.einpgh.org/ein/mtleb/webdir.html>

**Resources for Parents of Children with Special Needs** provides a comprehensive listing regarding resources for education, family support, legal issues, medical/therapies information, disability organizations, and disability information.

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

**Sibling Support Project** is a national program dedicated to the siblings of people with special needs. The Project's primary goal is to increase the availability of peer support and sibling education via the use of Sibshop groups, workshops for parents/providers, and maintaining a database of Sibs.

<http://www.taalliance.org/centers/index.htm>

**Parent Training and Information Center:** Each state is home to at least one parent center. Parent centers serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities: physical, cognitive, emotional, and learning. They help families obtain appropriate education and services for their children with disabilities; work to improve education results for all children; train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics; resolve problems between families and schools or other agencies; and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs.

**Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC)** [www.cpacinc.org](http://www.cpacinc.org)

## Vd) Occupational and Physical Therapists

[www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org)

The **American Occupational Therapy Association** is a national professional society that advances the quality, availability, use and support of occupational therapy.

[www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org)

**American Physical Therapy Association's** goal is to foster advancement in physical therapy practice, education, and research.

<http://www.atnet.org>

**AT Journal** provides an electronic newsletter and online resources for individuals with physical challenges. The newsletter includes updates on recent legislation and advocacy projects.

<http://www.northeastrehab.com/Guides/goodtoback.htm>

**Be Good To Your Back: An Illustrated Guide** is a useful guide for training educational staff regarding proper lifting and body mechanics

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

**Center for Accessible Technology's** collection of website resources on rehabilitation professional issues

<http://www.turk-ortopedi.net/emcpdm/sciprogram.htm>

**Cerebral Palsy and Developmental International 2002 Congress** is a scientific Program from physicians from around the world; includes power point presentations about this diagnosis and associated treatment strategies

<http://www.okrehab.org/searchfiles/home-accessibility-resources.htm>

A list of various **Home Accessibility Resources** is provided, including ADA requirements, house and apartment plans.

<http://www.makoa.org/mobility.htm>

<http://www.makoa.org/cmpyinfo.htm>

**Makoa** has lots of disability resources and links for equipment, and assistive devices recommended by occupational, physical, and speech therapists for individuals with special challenges.

<http://cancerweb.ncl.ac.uk/omd/>

**On line medical dictionary**

<http://www.medrehabnetwork.com/index.cfm>

**RehabCentral.com** provides the resources you need to find rehabilitation products and assistive devices. Our industry-wide **catalogs** and **community** of rehab users and experts will help you get it right! .

<http://seriweb.com/med.htm>

**Special Education Resource Information on the Internet's [SERI]** collection of medicine and health resources.

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

**WheelchairNet** is a continuously developing resource for a broad community of people who are interested in wheelchairs: consumers, clinicians, manufacturers, researchers, funders. It contains resources for lifestyle, wheelchair technology and research developments, discussions, products, industry product standards, funding, services, etc.

<http://desktoppub.about.com/od/fonts/p/schoolfree.htm>

**DesktopPublishing.com** offers free handwriting fonts for teachers mimic lettering used to teach print and cursive handwriting skills.

<http://www.edutopia.org/keyboarding>.

This is a link from **Edutopia**, a wonderful resource offers free resources for off line typing drills as well as online typing tutors and typing tests.

<http://incompetech.com/beta/plainGraphPaper/>

The **Incompetech** website has free downloadable grid paper, which can also be customized in grid size, line thickness, and grid line color. This website includes grids and handwriting paper which can be used for fine-motor practice and math problems.

[www.getatstuff.com](http://www.getatstuff.com)

**Get AT Stuff** is part of the Assistive Technology Exchange in New England, offers New England residents the opportunity to buy, sell or donate a variety of used products ranging from communication devices and wheelchairs to ramps and mobility devices. The site is the result of collaboration between Assistive Technology programs in the six New England states. Types of AT items include those for vision and hearing, communication, learning, mobility, seating, positioning, ADL, environmental control, transportation, computer hardware and peripherals, and recreation.

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

The **Handwriting Worksheets** website includes free templates to make custom handwriting worksheets for print and cursive handwriting.

## **Ve) Speech-Language Pathologists**

<http://aacintervention.com/>

**AAC Intervention** is a commercial site which contains information about AAC products, resources on beginning to use AAC, tips, tricks, practice exercises, affordable communication make-and-take ideas, articles written by reknown SLPs who specialize in AAC

<http://www.aactechconnect.com/da.cfm>

**AAC Tech Connect** offers a 10-day free trial resource providing comparison information on close to 100 AAC devices currently on the market from major manufacturers.

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

**American Speech and Hearing Association** is the professional organization for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

<http://www.apraxia-kids.org/>

**Apraxia-Kids**, a comprehensive site for information on developmental verbal dyspraxia, children's speech and language topics; including evaluation, therapy and other childhood communication topics.

<http://www.aac-lerc.com>

**Augmentative and Alternative Communication Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center**, funded by the NIDRR, aims to improve Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) technologies that further the development of communication, language, natural speech, discourse skills, and literacy of persons with significant communication disorders; site includes comprehensive listing of AAC links. Site also includes excellent reference and examples to obtain insurance funding for communication devices.

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

**Augmentative Communication News (ACN) and Alternatively Speaking (AS)** provide the information on AAC topics, and discussion for AAC stakeholders and news from the AAC community.

<http://aac.unl.edu/>

University of Nebraska @ Lincoln site with information related to **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**. The site includes AAC Device programming tutorials, definitions of AAC terms, frequently used vocabulary lists for different age groups and other resources and other information related to augmentative communication.

<http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/>

**Augmentative Communication On-Line Users Group [ACOLUG]** is a LISTSERV created to exchange ideas, information and experiences on augmentative communication by people from all over the world.

<http://www.lburkhart.com/links.htm>

**Linda Burkhart AT Web Links** selected a vast number of links on Autism Spectrum including articles and sites with practical strategies.

<http://trainland.tripod.com/communication.htm> and  
<http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>

**Beyond Autism Pecs Pictures/Icons Pages and resources** for communication, Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication.

<http://www.angelfire.com/nj/speechlanguage/index.html>

**Carol's Speech and Language Disorders Homepage** includes a collection of resources, therapy session ideas, professional resources, special education links, publishers, and an idea exchange forum.

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

**Communication Aid Manufacturers Association** provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology; site also includes comprehensive listing of all AAC manufacturers

<http://www.communicationdisorders.net/>

**Communication Disorders.net** is useful for speech-language-pathologists, students in communication disorders, and individuals looking for information regarding speech and language disorders.

<http://www.creative-comm.com/>

**Creative Communicating** is a small company dedicated to creating practical and affordable materials for children with disabilities and educational resources for parents and service providers.

<http://sharing.mayer-johnson.com/>

**Mayer-Johnson Co. Setups to Share** provides Boardmaker Boards Speaking Dynamically Boards to download. See also <http://www.mayer-johnson.com/downloads/index.html> to download additional symbol sets and pre-made grids for many AAC devices

<http://www.nancyh.net/>

**Nancy Henderson's Speech-Language webpage** offers student activities, parental information, and favorite speech-language links

<http://www.quia.com/pages/havemorefun.html>

**Quia Web** is one of the world's most popular educational technology Web sites. The above pages were written by speech-language pathologists who have created customized educational software for online word/language activities for articulation, sequencing, grammar, and vocabulary

- <http://www.quia.com/pages/havefun.html>
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/sequencingfun.html>
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/speechersclass.html>
- [http://www.quia.com/dir/speechandlanguagetherapy/index\\_by\\_title.html](http://www.quia.com/dir/speechandlanguagetherapy/index_by_title.html)
- <http://www.quia.com/pages/worldowords.html>

[www.designtolearn.com/pages/ts.html](http://www.designtolearn.com/pages/ts.html)

**Design To Learn** Tangible Symbol Systems were designed for people who are unable to understand the meaning of the abstract symbols used in formal language systems.

<http://aacspnd470.wikispaces.com/Communication+Overlays>

<http://alltogether.wordpress.com/2007/09/17/goossens-crain-elder-communication-overlay-color-reminder>

**Simmons College Assistive Technology Graduate Program** includes Goossens, Crain, and Elder Communication Overlay Color scheme from the Engineering the Preschool and Training Environments books, and Overlay Brainstorm Template Board.

<http://www.vantatenhove.com/materials.php3>

**Vantatenhove's** website offers free materials for AAC setup and configuration and language and vocabulary development.

### **AAC Resources (hyperlinks attached)**

- 1 Voice
- AAC at RERC
- AAC at UNL (Messaging and Vocab)
- AAC Intervention
- AAC Therapy Materials
- AAC Tutorials
- Aimee Company
- Angel Speak Company
- Ashley's Mom, Inc. Company
- Aug Resources
- AugComm
- Communication 4 All
- Compic Company
- Connsense Bulletin
- Creative Communicating Company
- Enouncer Dynamic Display Emulator
- Gateway to Language and Learning
- ISAAC
- Ispeak Company
- Kid Access Company
- Let's Chat AAC News
- Lingraphica Company
- Makaton Company
- Mayer-Johnson Company
- Orin Company
- P Voice
- Picto World Company
- Picture Planner
- Portacom Company
- Sentence Shaper Company
- Speaking of Speech

- Speech Teach
- Speech TX
- Speechville
- Taking (Symbol) Dice Company
- Talking Mats
- Technology and Language Center
- Traxsys Company
- USSAAC
- Voice for Living
- YAACK

**Activity Sharing: Boardmaker, Clicker & IntelliTools (hyperlinks attached)**

- Baltimore City School Boardmaker Adapted Books (B)
- Behavior Boards (B)
- Boardmaker Group (Google Groups)
- Boardmaker II Group (Google Groups)
- Boardmaker Yahoo Group (B)
- Burnaby Boardmaker Resources (B)
- Call Centre Boardmaker Files (B)
- Children with Special Needs Downloads (B, PDF)
- Cindy's Activities (B, WWS)
- Clickerpedia
- Communication Overlays (B)
- Creative Communicating Freebies (I+)
- Dade School Resources (B)
- Dilite Activity Boards (original)
- Dynavox Board Downloads (UK Site)
- Dynavox Page Exchange (D 2c and 3100)
- East Gippsland Boardmaker Support Group (B)
- Eau Claire School Boardmaker Files (B)
- Engineering the Classroom Boards
- Fairfax County Boardmaker Activities (B)
- Gateway Communication Board
- How to make a back up copy of Boardmaker
- Intellitools Activities Exchanges (I)
- Jewish Picture Sets
- Kidspiration Collection (K)
- Learning Grids (Clicker/Clicker Paint)
- Mayer-Johnson Activity of the Month (B, SDP)
- Mayer-Johnson Sharing (B, SDP)
- My Dynamic Therapy (b, i, dynavox)
- NYC AAC Resouces (B,WWS, I)
- OATC Activity Exchange (b,i,c,k)
- PictureSET (B)
- Print and Teach Free Stuff
- Project Participate Curriculum Creations (b, wws, i)
- Queensland Boardmaker Resources (B,C,D,I)
- Reducing the Risk (b)
- Region 2 Library

- [Speaking of Speech Materials Exchange \(B\)](#)
- [Spectronics Activities Exchange](#)
- [Speech Games \(B\)](#)
- [Sunrise Boards \(B, PDF\)](#)
- [Switch Use Resources \(PPT\)](#)
- [Teacher Created Resources \(B,S,I\)](#)
- [Text Communication Board](#)
- [Tinsnips Boards \(B, PDF\)](#)

### **Alternate Format Books & Stories (hyperlinks attached)**

- [Accessible Book Collection](#)
- [Aesop Fables](#)
- [Askability Jokes and Stories](#)
- [Audible](#)
- [Audiobooks for Free](#)
- [Big Books](#)
- [Bookflix](#)
- [BookPals](#)
- [Browser Books](#)
- [CAST Bookbuilder](#)
- [Create Talking Books with Clicker](#)
- [Creating Talking Books in Power Point](#)
- [E-books for Young Readers](#)
- [ESSPC Children's E-Books](#)
- [Fablevision](#)
- [Free Classics](#)
- [Genie Books in Powerpoint](#)
- [ICDL](#)
- [Kiddie Records](#)
- [L'il Fingers Storybooks](#)
- [Librivox Children](#)
- [Light Up Your Brain](#)
- [Lit 2 Go](#)
- [Literal Systems Youth](#)
- [Loud Lit](#)
- [NYC School Adapted Books](#)
- [Robert Munsch](#)
- [Sebastian Swan Online Books](#)
- [SET Symbol and PPT Books](#)
- [Short Story Radio](#)
- [Silly Books](#)
- [Slater Software Stories](#)
- [Stories Online](#)
- [Storynory](#)
- [Symbol World Stories](#)
- [The Amazing Adventure Series](#)
- [The Rosetta Project](#)
- [Tumblebooks](#)
- [Unity Adapted Book Downloads](#)

## Vf) Mental Health

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

**American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry** provides information on child and adolescent psychiatry including fact sheets for parents and caregivers.

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

**American Psychological Association** promotes research and represents the professional interests of psychologists in the United States; website includes resources for professional publications, continuing education, and links.

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

**Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy** is a professional, interdisciplinary organization which is concerned with the application of behavioral and cognitive sciences; includes professional information and links to other resources.

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/behave/homepage.html>

**Behavior Home Page** provides a format for professionals to gain access to information, to share effective practices, and to receive ongoing consultation and technical assistance concerning behavior challenges displayed by children in school settings.

<http://cecp.air.org/oldfba/problembehavior/indivinterv.htm>

**Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice** is an excellent resource for dealing with students with emotional and behavioral problems

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

**Dr. Beckham's Tech Psychology** website discusses the use of assistive technology in psychological services.

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

**Infoline** is an integrated system of help via the telephone - a single source for information about community services, referrals to human services, and crisis intervention. It is accessed toll-free from anywhere in Connecticut by simply dialing 2-1-1. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Multilingual caseworkers and TDD access is available.

<http://seab.envmed.rochester.edu/jaba/>

**Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis** is a psychology journal that publishes research about applications of the experimental analysis of behavior; website includes abstracts of articles

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

**National Association of School Psychologists**

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

**National Association of Social Workers**

<http://www.specialednews.com/educators/psychlinks.html>

<http://www.specialednews.com/behavior/behavior.html>

**Special Education News** has news, web links, reading lists for psychologists and behaviorists.

<http://seriweb.com/psych.htm>

**Special Education Resource Information on the Internet's [SERI]** collection of medicine and health resources, vision deficits, and autism.

<http://tiger.coe.missouri.edu/~vrcbd/>

**Virtual Resource Center in Behavioral Disorders** provides information on Teacher Problem Solving Skills multimedia case studies and related resources.

<http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/wwwrsw/>

**World Wide Web Resources for Social Workers**, a website resource from the NYU's School of Social Work.

## Vg) Nurses

<http://www.disabilityresources.org>

**Disability Resources Monthly Guide to Disability Resources** is a comprehensive guide to resources on the web, organized by topic and state, updated regularly.

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

**E-medicine** provides an excellent clinical knowledge baseline of all areas of medicine, drug information, thousands of clinical articles, medical dictionary, patient education, personal subscription to the site

<http://www.eric.ed.gov>

**ERIC** is an acronym for the **Educational Resources Information Center**. ERIC online system provides the public with a centralized free site for searching the ERIC bibliographic database of more than 1.1 million citations going back to 1966. The ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education (ERIC EC) is a federally funded clearinghouse. ERIC gathers and disseminates the professional literature, information, and resources on the education and development of individuals of all ages who have disabilities and/or who are gifted.

<http://cancerweb.ncl.ac.uk/omd/>

**On line medical dictionary**