



The LATI News

LOUISIANA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

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7TH ANNUAL LATI SUMMER INSTITUTE

Hurry and Register!

This year's LATI Summer Institute is June 21st – 23rd, so be sure to save the dates. Here are some of the sessions you will see at LATI Summer Institute this year: *Wikis, Blogs and Podcasts for 21st Century Learners, Say It With An App, and Looking For The AT In mATH*. With over 35 sessions, there is something for everyone!

You don't want to miss this year's keynote speaker, Dr. Dave Edyburn, a well respected educator and researcher possessing an extraordinary range of knowledge and experience in special education and who specializes in assistive technologies for students with high incidence disabilities.

AT² (RTI + DI) = ACCESS
"A Formula for Success"

As always, the institute is free of charge. Network with and learn alongside teachers, parents, and administrators from all over Louisiana. Be sure to register in CourseWhere at <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3024>.

Join LATI for a fun-filled learning experience in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the Calcasieu Parish Technology Center. Click on the 2011 Summer Institute link on the Region V LATI site for directions and recommended hotels: <http://bb.lati.cpsb.org/>

Note: *Although the LATI Summer Institute does not charge registration fees; you will need to seek reimbursement from your district for travel expenses.*



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"YES I CAN"

Congratulations to Kyle Smith, Bossier Parish student, winner of the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children's "Yes I Can" Award in the category of "Self Advocacy"! Overcoming difficult challenges, Kyle has become an enthusiastic advocate both for self and others. As a student involved in piloting the CLIP (College Life Is Possible) program, Kyle stood out as an advocate for current and future students. He advocated for numerous changes in policies related to student dress, access to the community for lunches, and opportunities to take regular college classes with non-disabled peers. He met with the CLIP program manager to discuss what important features he

would like included in the program. Kyle has played a crucial role in the development of the CLIP program. Due to his advocacy, policies have changed and progress has been made related to classes for all people with significant disabilities on BPCC's campus. For the first time in BPCC's history, vocational related classes for everyone in the community with significant disabilities regardless of age, as well as CLIP students, are being offered Spring 2011.



AT STRAIGHT OFF THE SHELF

Time Tracker Visual Timer and Clock

By Learning Resources

<http://www.learningresources.com/product/id/100121/100122/100132/100136/104665.do?KickerID=100257&KICKER>



This tool provides auditory and color-coded visual support for students who require external time management strategies. With 180 degree viewing, it is appropriate for use in the classroom with groups of students. All of the settings are customizable for use during a variety of classroom or home tasks. Several online merchants offer online purchasing and shipping.

Walmart offers in-store pick-up after purchasing this item online.

Cost: \$39.99



UPCOMING PD OPPORTUNITIES

Emergent Communication and its Role in Emergent Literacy

This conference is offered on three different dates and at three different locations. The presenter will be Nancy Steele, National Consortium on Deaf blindness.

When: April 5-7, 2011

Where: Follow Link

More information: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?2930>

LBESPA Annual Continuing Education Workshop

When: April 16, 2011

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel Baton Rouge, La.

More information: <http://lbepa.org>

Straight Talk about Autism

When: May 2, 2011

Where: Lindy C Boggs International Conference Center New Orleans, La.

More information: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?2930>

2011 Solutions for Assistive Technology Conference

When: May 4-6, 2011

Where: Marriott Hotel Baton Rouge, La.

More information: www.adaptive-sol.com

DOE Differentiation Institute

When: May 31-June 2

Where: Lafayette

More Information: to be posted on [Coursewhere](http://www.coursewhere.com)

2011 LASARD Summer Institute (Autism)

When: June 7-9, 2011

Where: Hampton Inn New Orleans, La.

More information:

www.hdc.lsuhsu.edu/lasard/events.html

LATI 7th Annual Summer Institute

When: June 21-23, 2011

Where: Calcasieu Parish Technology Training Center Lake Charles, La.

More information: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/showcourse.asp?3024>.

ISTE 2011 International Society for Technology in Education

When: June 26th-29th, 2011

Where: Philadelphia, PA

More Information: <http://www.isteconference.org/2011/>

For Students Creative Scholars Camp

5th-9th grades

When: July 19-July 23, 2011

Where: The Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders, Nicholls State University

More information: www.nicholls.edu/dyslexia



FREE RESOURCE WEBSITES

Timez Attack (Free Download)

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

Encourage students to practice their math facts the easy way, with a game. Download a free version and have access to all multiplication facts 1-12. Just put the student in front of the computer and let the learning begin.

Full Version is just \$40.00



Help Kidz Learn

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

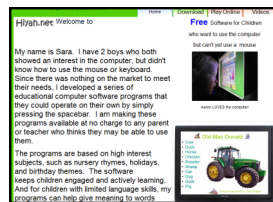
From Inclusive TLC, free online switch access games to played with at home or school. Just click the tabs at the top early, games, stories, and creative. Each category has a ten or more switch activities to choose from.



EBooks

<http://hiyah.net/>

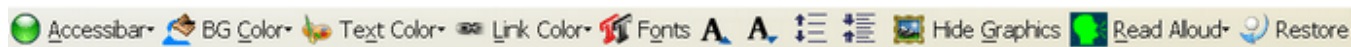
Free Software downloads for children who want to use the computer but can't use a mouse. Programs work by pushing the space bar on the keyboard. These resources can be downloaded or used via the web.



QUICK TIPS

Accessibar – For Firefox users, this is a great add-on for those students needing customized viewing of web pages. While in Firefox, go to **Tools, Add-ons**, then search for **Accessibar**.

Check out the features that come with this toolbar:



- Web page fonts and background colors can be changed from a selection of 70 colors on current session.
- Shortcut keys to increase and decrease Font size.
- Line spacing can be increased or decreased to five different spacing settings incrementally.
- All images (including Flash) displayed on a web page can be selected as being hidden or shown.
- All changes made to web page display can be restored to original page settings by pressing "Restore Page".
- Integrated Text To Speech reader. Reads out strings hovered over as well as focused elements.
- Reader settings can be configured allowing the selection of the voice, volume, speaking rate, pitch, and voice range.
- Toolbar functions have configurable Hotkeys (keyboard shortcuts).

Note: This is not yet compatible with FireFox 4.0.



Low Tech

COMMUNICATION CHARM BRACELETS

These waterproof, portable and low cost bracelets come in various categories. Social skills, inside activities, classroom rules, eat and drink charms just to name a few. The bracelets are made of stretchy silicone and charms are one half inch square.



www.augresources.com

\$24.95 per set

Mid Tech

SMOOTH TALKER

"Up to two minutes high quality recording time with the option of single message, sequential and random message playback. Add another switch (using a standard jack plug - or use a wireless **it-Switch**) for two message functionality as well as auditory scanning and a co-operative mode. "



www.inclusivetlc.com \$165

High Tech

SIMPLY WORKS

Simply Works from Inclusive Technology allows for student computer access with ease. For the first time you can have wireless capabilities with switches, joysticks, rollerballs, and toy control devices that plug in play. With a range of 32 feet these can work from anywhere in the classroom.



www.inclusivetlc.com

Starter Pack \$165.00

Cool Stuff



Google Scribe is an online word prediction tool that can help a user during word processing by "predicting" a word the user intends to type. Predictions are based on spelling, syntax, and information from what you have already typed in a document. This prompts students who struggle with writing to use proper spelling, grammar, and word choices, with fewer keystrokes. In addition to saving keystrokes, Google Scribe's suggestions indicate popular phrases to use.



There are several ways to use Google Scribe.

1. Using the Online Application

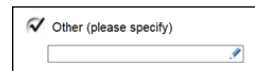
Log onto <http://scribe.googlelabs.com/> and choose your language from the Language menu in the toolbar above the text area.


Type away as usual. When you like Google Scribe's suggestion, use Enter or numeric shortcut to choose the suggestion. *Note that you can choose from one of the suggestions or ignore them and continue to type unhindered.*

By default, Google Scribe shows suggestions as you type. This can be changed to "On demand" by selecting "on Tab" option in the toolbar. You can also toggle between "Always" and "On demand" using a keyboard shortcut.

2. Google Scribe Bookmarklet

Google Scribe can be used anywhere, on any web page, using the Google Scribe Bookmarklet.



From the [Google Scribe](#) home page, drag the Google Scribe Bookmarklet (located below the text box) to Bookmarks toolbar (or Favorites toolbar depending on your browser). To use Google Scribe on a web page, click on the Google Scribe Bookmarklet. Google Scribe will then enable itself on the active text field on the webpage. Enabled text fields display the  icon at top end corner of the active field.

3. Google Scribe Chrome Extension

Google Chrome users can use the [Google Scribe extension for Google Chrome](#) to access Google Scribe on any web page. Using the Google Scribe extension is more convenient than using the Google Scribe Bookmarklet - you won't have to click on the Bookmarklet to load Google Scribe.

Google Scribe is available in English, Spanish, and Arabic languages.

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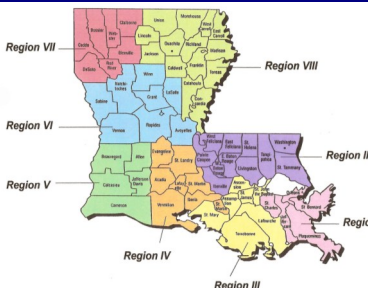
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[Click on the title to register.](#)



Free Services:
Professional Development
Consultations
Technical Assistance