



Region 3 AT Center

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2007 has gone by so fast and wanted you all to know how thankful we are to have had the opportunity to work with such outstanding educators. We are looking forward to working with you during 2008 in providing training, consultations and technical assistance. Remember that we are here for you so just pick up the phone or email us at any time. We would love to hear from you. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Assistive Technology Summer Institute is an annual training project of the Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI). The 4th annual Summer Institute is scheduled for July 16-18, 2008, at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts in Natchitoches, LA. Registration for the institute is not available at this time. We will send out an email as soon as registration opens.

The Institute will be 2 1/2 days of intense training on a variety of topics to include: adapting literacy activities, assessment and policy, augmentative communication, computer access, functional activities for students with significant cognitive delays, integration of AT into the curriculum,

NIMAS, tools for students with visual impairments, and much more.

Some other activities that we are planning include: a photo and video contest, a keynote speaker and a fun filled networking activity for all the participants to get to know each other and a chance to win many prizes!!!!

Registration and contest information is coming soon!

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Bookshare.org received a five-year grant from the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to provide schools and students with qualifying print disabilities free access to the entire Bookshare.org collection of accessible electronic books and to the software necessary for reading or listening to these books. Bookshare.org has submitted the following procedure for registering for this free service:

1. Go to the Bookshare.org website at www.bookshare.org.
2. Follow the links for creating either a school/group account or an individual subscription.
3. Type the acronym "OSEP" in the field for the promotion code.
4. Enter contact information and proof of students' disabilities.
5. Ignore the payment section.
6. Enter the "OSEP" promotion code to alert the Project Coordinator to process your free membership.

Any questions about registration or services should be referred to the Bookshare.org Outreach Coordinator, Tiffany Medina at Tiffany.M@benetech.org or phone 650-644-3407.



Low Tech

REDISPACE PAPER



Does your student have a problem spacing between letter and words? The Mead Redispace transitional notebook paper can teach your proper spacing and adhering to the margins. From www.onionmountaintech.com for \$3.

Mid Tech

SEE N SOLVE VISUAL CALCULATOR



This brightly-colored calculator with its over-sized LCD screen is the perfect child-friendly tool for reinforcing basic math skills. The display window shows the entire problem, not just the last number entered.

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High Tech



ZoomText is a magnification and/or reader software that gives you the total computer access solution. It allows you to see and hear what you're doing in all of your applications. The ZoomText USB flashdrive was just released. Which allows users to carry it with them and use it on any computer. For more information go to:

www.aisquared.com/index.cfm

Join USSAAC in a Signature
Event in New Orleans



Come join us at the "AAC and All That Jazz" conference in beautiful New Orleans on February 21 - 23, 2008, at the Lindy Boggs International Conference Center. The goal of this conference is to rebuild capacity of professionals and agencies serving the needs of individuals with complex communication needs across the LA, MS and TX areas that were impacted by the hurricanes.

This 2-3 day conference would include a wide range of topics such as: AAC assessment, literacy, device funding, AAC and young children, adults with acquired disabilities, adults with congenital disabilities, transition, implementing AAC in the classroom/worksites/ICUs and much more.

Some speakers include: Meher Banajee, Sarah Blackstone, Donna Broussard & Quentina Timoll, Janie Cirlot-New & Tim Morse, Sharon Edwards & Kristie Stapler, Pam Elder, Richard Ellenson, Kelly Fonner, Lewis Golinker, Tracy Kovach, Pamela Mathy, Debby McBride, Pat Mirenda, Caroline Musselwhite, Pat Ourand, Harvey Pressman, Pegi Young, Joy Zabala and many more.



Cost

- ♦ Early bird registration \$275 (before January 15, 2008).
- ♦ \$325 (after January 15, 2008).
- ♦ Rates for people from LA, TX and MS \$75 (early); \$100 (after January 15, 2008).

For additional information and to register go to:

www.ussaac.org

FREE POWERPOINT E-BOOKS



Region 3 At Center: Has 5 original talking books that are switch accessible. Additional books will be added soon. www.lati3.com/E-books.htm

Technobility: Has a collection of 6 talking books for younger and older students. They also have instructions for creating your own books in PowerPoint. www.technoability.net/Holly.html

Talking Book Library: Has many talking books broken down into language arts, math, science, etc. www.talkingbooklibrary.net/Matrix.htm

SET-BC: Has a collection of teacher and student-made accessible books and extension activities. Alternatively, you may also request for a CD to save time from downloading all of the books. www.setbc.org/setbc/accessiblebooks/freebooksforyou.html#top

ADAPTIVE SOLUTIONS

Your Connection for Assistive Technology Solutions



Solutions for Assistive Technology Conference 2008 will be held April 30-May 2, 2008 in Baton Rouge, LA. This conference is the premier event for assistive technology in Louisiana. It provides great opportunities for those who are new to the field of AT as well as those who are more experienced. We continue to hear very positive feedback from previous attendees and believe that this year will be the best yet.

Conference Objectives

- ♦ Attendees will receive hands-on training on the use of Assistive Technology and software to be utilized with individuals with disabilities.
- ♦ Attendees will learn how to integrate Assistive Technology hardware and software in the classroom setting.
- ♦ Attendees will learn how to customize Assistive Technology and Augmentative Alternative Communication devices to be use with individuals with disabilities.
- ♦ Attendees will network with national distributors and other Assistive Technology providers from the State of Louisiana on the use of Assistive Technology devices and

Presentation and hands-on provided by:

Ablenet, Inc.	Adaptation
AMDI	Assistive Technology, Inc.
Attainment Co.	Audio Optic Systems
Dynavox Systems	Freedom Scientific
Intellitools, Inc.	Laureate Systems
Learning Magic	LATI Regional Centers
Lightspeed	News-2-You
Riverdeep	Slater Software
SoftTouch, Inc.	Spark-Space
Words+	ZYGO

AND MANY MORE!

For additional information and to register go to:
<http://www.adaptive-sol.com>



Tammy's Free E-Text Sites

Many Books - There are 18,786 e-Books available and they're all **free!** A large selection of books to be read on your PDA, cell phone, iPod, iPhone and more

Baen Free Library - A small library of downloadable science fiction novels, mostly the first in an ongoing series to get you hungry for more.

Book Rags - Small selection of free choices, and thousands more for premium members. Can be downloaded as PDF or Word documents.

Gutenberg - The first project for converting public domain works into a digital format; their selection now numbers over 5,000.

Mslit - Over 1,500 texts provided by Microsoft for their MS Reader.

PlanetPDF e-Books - A decent sized collection of classic novels all in PDF format.

Internet Public Library - A large directory of online texts hosted at other sites.

ReadEasily - An e-books site specifically with the elderly and somewhat visually impaired in mind that allows you to change colors, fonts, and size to make it more legible.

The Online Books Page - A gigantic directory of e-books from all over the web.

These sites have free text that can be used with commercial and free text readers (ReadPlease and Natural Reader).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8, 2008	Kurzweil, R3 AT Center
January 10, 2008	Access on a Budget, Region 3 AT Center
January 23, 2008	Adapting Literacy Activities, R3 AT Center
January 29-30, 2008	Super Conference, Lafayette
February 13, 2008	Access to Math, R3 AT Center
February 14, 2008	Clicker, R3 AT Center
February 19, 2008	Intellikeys and Overlay Maker, R3 AT Center
February 21-23, 2008	AAC and All That Jazz Conference, New Orleans
April 8, 2008	Making Reading Accessible to All, R3 AT Center
April 10, 2008	Low Tech Tools Make and Take, R3 AT Center
April 16, 2008	Computer Access, R3 AT Center
April 23, 2008	Easy as 1-2-3, R3 AT Center
April 30 - May 2, 2008	Solutions for AT Conference, R3 AT Center

For more information and to register for a training go to www.lati3.com

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