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Blind/Visual Impairment Resources



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Assistive Technology Index: an online disability resource guide with an extensive section on assistive technology. Topics include:

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication;
- Assistive Tech for Children;
- Blindness and Low Vision Technology;
- Daily Living Aids (Low Tech Devices);
- AT for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing;
- Accessible Web Design;
- Funding Assistive Technology;
- Speech Input;
- Vendors and Vendor Lists;
- Switches; and
- Used Equipment.

Direct link to AT Guide: www.disabilityresources.org/AT.html.

Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities

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Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities," is designed to distribute and install free smoke alarms, as well as provide Fire Safety messages to Oklahomans with disabilities. Fire Protection

Publications and Oklahoma ABLE Tech, both at Oklahoma State University, have created a partnership to provide specific fire safety messages to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind/low vision, or mobility impaired. This program will also serve as an important example to other states so they have a model to establish their own smoke alarm distribution program for people with disabilities.

The American Council of the Blind

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The American Council of the Blind is the nation's leading membership organization of blind and visually impaired people. It was founded in 1961 and incorporated in the District of Columbia.

Members: The Council's membership numbers in the tens of thousands. The majority of its members belong to one or more of its 71 affiliated organizations. There are also members-at-large. Membership is not limited to blind or visually impaired individuals. There are many sighted members. Legal blindness is a requirement to serve on the ACB Board of Directors (with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer positions).

Affiliates: ACB has 51 state and regional affiliates and 20 national special interest and professional affiliates. The state/regional groups meet statewide once or twice yearly and many of these organizations also have local chapters. Many of these local chapters meet monthly. The national special interest affiliates meet annually during the ACB national convention and many of these groups have state/metropolitan chapters.

Purposes: The Council strives to improve the well-being of all blind and visually impaired people by: serving as a representative national organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with the public and private institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting all blind persons to develop their abilities and conducting a public education program to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.

Publications: The Braille Forum is a free monthly national magazine with a readership of approximately 26,000. It is produced in braille, large print, cassette, and IBM-compatible computer disc and contains articles on employment, legislation, sports and leisure activities, new products and services, human interest and other information of interest to blind and visually impaired people. The Council produces a monthly half-hour radio information program, ACB Reports, for

radio reading information services. It also distributes TV and radio public service announcements highlighting the capabilities of blind people.

Services: Countless numbers of blind and sighted people benefit from these and other ACB services:

- Toll-free information and referral on all aspects of blindness
- Scholarship assistance to blind/visually impaired post-secondary students
- Public education and awareness training
- Support to consumer advocates and legal assistance on matters relating to blindness
- Leadership and legislative training
- Consulting with industry regarding employment of blind and visually impaired individuals
- Governmental monitoring, consultation and advocacy including the "Washington Connection," a national legislative hotline
- Annual national convention

American Printing House for the Blind

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The [American Printing House for the Blind \(APH\)](#) is the oldest public or private nonprofit national organization in the United States for persons who are blind or visually impaired. In 1879, the U.S. Congress passed the Act to Promote the Education of the Blind which provides an annual appropriation to be used "each year in manufacturing and furnishing books and other materials specially adapted for instruction of the blind." Such materials are distributed free among all public institutions for students who are blind or visually impaired in the United States. Each institution receives a proportional share of materials based on the ratio of the number of its pupils and the total number of such pupils in the United States. This total is established by an annual census conducted by the APH.

All items or products listed in an APH catalog are available on quota funds unless otherwise indicated. APH catalogs include:

- APH Catalog of Instructional Aids, Tools, and Supplies: This Catalog lists the materials, tools, and supplies offered for sale by APH. Their product line includes everything from traditional items, such as slates and styluses, to high-tech items, such as talking computer software.
- APH Catalog of Accessible Books for People Who Are Visually Impaired: This is a combined catalog containing virtually all book titles offered for sale by APH. The titles offered largely consist of textbooks up to the 12th grade, although the catalog also contains academic tests, materials for parents and professionals, and recreational/supplementary reading titles. A variety of media are offered, including braille, large print, recorded, regular print, and electronic books.

To receive APH catalogs and to be placed on its mailing list for catalog supplements, contact APH directly by writing or calling.

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Guerilla Technologies is a leading designer and manufacturer of reading machines for the print impaired community. We have researched the latest, leading edge technologies and have adapted them to our users' specific needs. The result is the most reliable, top of the line reading system available today.

Guerilla Technologies believes that everyone has the right to access all documented information; whether it is printed on paper, downloaded from the Internet or electronic books on CD. Guerilla Technologies believes that the best technology should be accessible to everyone in the world. We continuously search for the best and latest technology to bring to the print disabled community.

Establish in 2002 with the goal of minimizing the gap between the release of new commercial technology and the availability of related assistive technology, Guerilla Technologies produces five products within two product families for persons with low vision or blindness. Guerilla Technologies' primary focus has been OCR (Optical Character Recognition) applied to home, work and travel environments.

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Information on IBM product accessibility features.

Microsoft Accessibility

www.microsoft.com/enable/

Microsoft Accessibility website provides information on Microsoft product accessibility features that are currently on your PC and software.

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The NFB's products and technology programs provide tools of independence for the blind and serve as models of consumer leadership in designing and implementing innovative services. Blind

consumer leaders from throughout the United States take the lead in setting priorities and in promoting the use of new devices which hold promise. Much of the work, such as evaluation of technology at the International Braille and Technology Center and other programs of the Jernigan Institute, is carried out in conjunction with engineers and developers who work as partners with the Federation. Direct link: www.nfb.org/nfb/Products_and_Technology.asp?SnID=106785907.

Bookshare

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

Accessible Books and Periodicals for Readers with Print Disabilities

- **Bookshare™ is free for all U.S. students with qualifying disabilities.** Student memberships are currently funded by an award from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).
- **Bookshare dramatically increases the accessibility of books.** Bookshare believes that people with disabilities deserve the same ease of access to books and periodicals that people without disabilities enjoy.
- **A searchable online library.** Bookshare offers more than 50,000 digital books, textbooks, teacher-recommended reading, periodicals and assistive technology tools.
- **Readers of all ages.** Bookshare offers affordable membership, unlimited library privileges and a community of Members, Volunteers, parents, publishers and authors.

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

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The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) is a national nonprofit that expands possibilities for people with vision loss.

AFB's priorities include broadening access to technology; elevating the quality of information and tools for the professionals who serve people with vision loss; and promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. AFB's work in these areas is supported by the strong presence the organization maintains in Washington, DC, ensuring the rights and interests of people with vision loss are represented in our nation's public policies.

In addition to its New York City headquarters and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC, AFB maintains offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Huntington, WV, and San Francisco. AFB is also proud to house

the Helen Keller Archives and honor the over forty years that Helen Keller worked tirelessly with AFB to expand possibilities for people with vision loss.

Instructional Resource Centers for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Association of Instructional Resource Centers for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a collaborative group of people who work in or with media centers. Members of the group have worked with the American Foundation for the Blind in the successful passage of parts of IDEA 2004 related to the needs of students who are blind or print-handicapped to have their adapted instructional materials available at the same time as their sighted peers.

Instructional Resource Centers for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IRCBVI) are nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies that have a primary mission to provide specialized services relating to training, education, or adaptive reading or information access needs of blind or other persons with disabilities in local school districts or special school settings. Additional services are often included. These Centers and their respective representatives are considered authorized entities by the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) for the production and delivery of textbooks and instructional materials to students who are blind or have low vision.

Through IDEA 2004, states and local education agencies will soon begin to systematically plan for implementing the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS) while opting in to work with the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Center (NIMAC). AFB and the CAST NIMAS Centers suggest states and local education agencies should develop a master plan to support timely delivery of appropriate media of textbooks and instructional materials. Below is the master list of IRCBVI state contacts. Including your state contact in the planning process will support a cohesive focus for implementing IDEA with NIMAS.

As states and local education agencies revise and build their state goals for production and delivery of textbooks and instructional materials, the AFB Textbooks and Instructional Materials Solutions Forum has developed a model checklist or guidelines document that states and local education agencies may use to support their planning process.

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RFB&D, a national nonprofit, volunteer organization, is the leading accessible audiobook library for students with disabilities such as visual impairment or dyslexia. With titles available in every

subject area and grade level, RFB&D's digitally recorded audio textbooks help students challenged by the printed page.

Today, we serve 237,298 members worldwide, circulating 533,938 titles in 2008. Even more remarkable, more than 70 percent of our membership — which includes students in kindergarten through graduate school, as well as working professionals — is recognized with learning disabilities.

Our recording technologies have changed with the times. SoundScriber discs were long ago replaced with the high-fidelity, four-track cassettes. In September 2002, RFB&D's AudioPlus® digitally recorded textbooks on CD were released. As of July 1, 2007, RFB&D has transitioned to an all-digital library collection in our CV Starr Learning Through Listening® Library. In August 2008, RFB&D introduced AudioAccessSM. With AudioAccess, it's now possible to download RFB&D audio textbooks directly to your computer.

RFB&D now has a volunteer force of more than 7,700 volunteers who added 6,914 titles to our library in 2008. RFB&D has also undertaken an innovative Educational Outreach initiative — bringing our services directly into the schools to train teachers and students how to most effectively use our recorded textbooks.

Grants & Assistive Programs

Members of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) & Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU)

Members of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) can join the Digital Federal Credit Union (DCU) to take advantage of access loans to assist someone with a disability. Borrow from \$1,500 to \$25,000 or more for up to 72 months with no down payment required. The borrower need not be the beneficiary of the purchase. Qualified purchases include, but are not limited to: assistive technology, durable medical equipment, housing modifications, and rehabilitative equipment. www.dcu.org

The Assistive Technology Fund (for Residents of the United States)

The Association of Blind Citizens has established the Assistive Technology Fund. The Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) will provide funds to cover 50% of the retail price of adaptive devices or software. The ABC board of directors believes that this program will allow blind and visually impaired individuals access to technology products that will have a significant impact on improving employment opportunities, increasing the level of independence and enhancing the recipients overall quality of life.

Applicant must be legally blind and a resident of the United States to qualify for this program. Applications must be submitted by June 30th, September 30th and December 31st for each grant period (three per year). Applicants will be notified if their request for a grant is approved. Applicants may submit one request per calendar year. All applications must be

submitted via e-mail. ABC will notify you within 45 days after the application deadline.

You may fill out the request form below by pasting it in to your word processor and emailing it to atf@assocofblindcitizens.org.

National Assistive Technology Technical Assistance Partnership (NATTAP)

The 56 state and territory programs are funded under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended. State Assistive Technology Act programs work to improve the provision of assistive technology to individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive statewide programs of technology-related assistance. Additionally, the programs support activities designed to maximize the ability of individuals with disabilities and their family members, guardians, and advocates to access and obtain assistive technology devices and services.

www.resna.org/taproject/at/stateprograms.html

National: International Association of Lions Clubs

Many Lions Clubs provides vocational assistance to persons who are legally blind. The international office refers requests for equipment or other assistance to the appropriate district offices.

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PEARLE VISION FOUNDATION

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(Serving individuals who demonstrate financial hardship and are in need of low vision aids or equipment.)

THE INTERNATIONAL BRAILLE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE BLIND

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Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc.

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The urgent mission of the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Inc. is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa (RP), macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

- More than 10 million Americans of every age and race suffer vision loss from these blinding diseases.
- The Foundation has funded thousands of research studies at hundreds of prominent institutions worldwide. Currently, the Foundation funds 151 grants at 80 institutions.
- The Foundation funds leading-edge research in promising areas such as genetics, gene therapy, retinal cell transplantation, and pharmaceutical and nutritional therapies.
- Since its inception on September 16, 1971, the Foundation has raised more than \$350 million.
- RP and Usher syndrome are inherited diseases commonly diagnosed during childhood or young adulthood. RP causes severe vision loss leading to legal and/or complete blindness. Children with Usher syndrome are born with varying degrees of deafness and later develop RP.
- Age-related macular degeneration has inherited risks and is characterized by a progressive loss of central vision. AMD is the leading cause of blindness in adults over age 55 in the U.S. and other developed countries.
- The Foundation has 50 volunteer-led groups across the U.S. These dedicated volunteers raise funds, increase public awareness, and provide support to their communities.
- Leading retinal research scientists praise the advances enabled by the Foundation.
- The Foundation provides information and outreach programs for patients, families and professionals.

Mayo Clinic Low Vision Service

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The goal of the Mayo Clinic Low Vision Service is to help you make the most of the vision you have.

Low vision means having impaired vision that cannot be corrected by glasses, surgery or medication. The most common cause of low vision is macular degeneration, an age-related disease that affects the central portion of your visual field. Other common causes include glaucoma, cataracts and diabetes.

Low vision affects every person differently and requires looking beyond conventional vision-improvement approaches to focus on the patient's particular problem.

Assessment

A visit to the Mayo Clinic Low Vision Service will include the following:

- Low vision assessment — A medical social worker will interview you to determine how low vision is affecting you and your family.
- Comprehensive vision examination — You may already have received an eye exam from an eye doctor, but during a visit to the low vision service, a doctor will give you an extended, refined vision exam. This exam helps pinpoint which lenses and/or low vision devices will help you achieve the clearest possible image.

- Follow-up and referral — You may be referred to an occupational therapist for training in the use of low vision aids, or the medical social worker can refer you to agencies or organizations in your area that help visually impaired people.

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Words+, Inc. is dedicated to "unlocking the person" by improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. From world-renowned astrophysicist Dr. Stephen Hawking, to preschool children, the success of our users is both an inspiration and a testimony to the effectiveness of our systems.

Since 1981 Words+, Inc. has been a leader in creating state-of-the-art products that truly "unlock the person" by providing the highest quality communication and computer access products available.

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Thorndike Press, is the home of **Wheeler Publishing** and Kennebec Large Print. We are also the home of Large Print titles published by Christian Large Print. Additional large print titles can be purchased by visiting Large Print Press. The company currently publishes more than 1,100 new large print titles each year. The vast majority of Thorndike Press books are Large Print editions of current bestsellers and genre fiction.

In addition to publishing our own large print books, Thorndike Press distributes Large Print titles from such world-renowned publishers as HarperCollins, Simon & Schuster, Time Warner, Harlequin and Silhouette.

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- Readers with any-strength prescription lenses
- Visually impaired readers
- ESL readers
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Our customers are public libraries, consumers, schools and bookstores. We place the highest value on making sure every customer is completely satisfied with the products they purchase from us.

VISION USA



Since 1991, more than 340,000 low-income working Americans have benefited from free eye exams through VISION USA™.

If you do not qualify for government aid or private health care assistance that covers the cost of routine eye or vision care, VISION USA™ can help. VISION USA™ provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and their families. VISION USA™ was established in 1991 by AOA doctors of optometry who donate their services.

Eligibility Requirements

VISION USA™ is open to children and adults. General eligibility requirements vary by state. To receive free services, you must:

1. Have a job or live in a household where there is one working member
2. Have no vision insurance (this may include Medicare/Medicaid)
3. Have income below an established level based on household size
4. Not have had an eye exam within two years

If you or your family is eligible to receive services, you will be matched with a volunteer doctor of optometry who will provide a comprehensive eye exam at no charge. Eyewear also may be provided at no cost or for a small fee/donation in some states. (Note: Doctors donate their services and may be limited in some areas.)

Receiving Care

Residents of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming should first review screening instructions @ <http://arizona.aoa.org/x5608.xml>. If you live in a state not listed here and want to apply, you may apply online @ <http://arizona.aoa.org/x5611.xml>.

You also may apply by downloading a Word document application and mailing it to Vision USA™:

Applications also are available by writing, calling or emailing:

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Access Technology Vendors

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Adaptivation manufactures and carries lite tech products for people with mild to severe and multiple disabilities.

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Ai Squared has been a leader in the assistive technology field for over 20 years. Our flagship product, ZoomText, is the world's best magnification and reading software for the vision impaired. We pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality software products and superior technical support.

Located in the heart of Vermont's green mountains, in the picturesque village of Manchester Center, we've grown from a one-man operation into a team dedicated to providing accessibility solutions for all low vision computer users.

Our products are available in 20 languages and are sold in 45 countries through our network of over 350 dealers across the globe. We've helped over 100,000 individuals with early vision loss, computer vision syndrome, and visual impairments such as macular degeneration and glaucoma.

The family of Ai Squared products includes ZoomText, ZoomText USB, the ZoomText Large-Print Keyboard, and ZoomText Express.

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<http://www.asdb.state.az.us/southern/tucson/asb/asb.html>

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

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<http://www.msdb.k12.mi.us/msb/msb.htm>

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