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What's Happening in Assistive Technology

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CESA 7 Continues Assistive Technology Services

You've probably heard that WATI no longer has grant funding. But that doesn't mean that you no longer have assistive technology services! CESA 7 will continue to offer the following services to those districts who are members:

- Unlimited email and phone consultation
- Access to the CESA 7 Assistive Technology Lending Library
- Quarterly email newsletter with Assistive Technology updates
- Two Assistive Technology training sessions per year at CESA 7 at a reduced cost

Direct services at your location are available for a fee. Please contact us for pricing info.

AT Lending Library Update

The WATI Lending Library at CESA #2 is currently closed pending approval of the Assistive Technology Lending Center (ATLC) Grant. CESA #2 has not received approval of the ATLC Grant yet. The ATLC Grant will provide for loan of the previous WATI collection's "high-end" AAC equipment (devices costing \$6000.00 or more) in addition to future purchases of "high-end" AAC devices. The other resources/equipment previously loaned from the WATI collection that are not "high-end" will not be shipped for loan from CESA #2.

CESA 7 continues to maintain an extensive AT Lending Library. It is available to view online at <http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/content/assistivetech/index.asp>

Special Buys from LAB Resources

LAB Resources is offering a special purchase on the following software programs:

ClaroRead Plus—Windows **\$ 229.00** (normally \$295.00)

ClaroRead Plus Mac —**\$ 229.00** (normally \$295.00)

ClaroRead Plus—Site License 1—250 Users **\$1,995.00**

ClaroRead Premium—USB (does not work with scanner) **\$ 289.00** (normally \$395.00)

*****See the Featured Products section to learn more about ClaroRead*****

Dragon NaturallySpeaking Preferred licenses for **\$66** each (normally \$199)

For more information, visit their website at www.labresources-assistivetech.com/



Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Using AAC in the Classroom

September 18th from 8:30am-11:30 am at CESA 7

Don't miss this great opportunity to see and learn about the newest AAC devices from Dynavox Mayer-Johnson (including the Tango and Xpress) and meet our new area representative, RJ Chesterton.



- See and try the latest AAC Devices by Dynavox Mayer-Johnson
- Learn about basic programming
- Learn about choosing vocabulary
- Learn how to integrate AAC into the curriculum

Register online at:

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=13727&I=619016&H=1>

Electronic Text in the Classroom

November 13, 2009 (*note date change*) from 9:00am-3:00pm at CESA 7

Presented by Patti Drescher and Nick Hanford (of Adaptive Technology Resources)

- Learn about various sources for obtaining electronic text (including NIMAS materials)
- Understand the different formats of electronic text
- See and try various devices that can read electronic text
- Learn how to integrate electronic text into the classroom

Register online at:

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=13727&I=622174&H=1>



Assistive Technology Across the Lifespan Conference – December 3-4, 2009

The 3rd annual Assistive Technology Across the Lifespan Conference is an exciting, two-day event with workshops, hands-on technology opportunities, as well as concurrent sessions. The conference will provide comprehensive information and resources through innovative presentations and an interactive exhibit hall. ATALC is the largest Assistive Technology Conference in Wisconsin with 40 plus sessions in the areas of independent living, employment, education, autism, communication, vision and hearing and product specific sessions from our exhibitors. All categories of assistive technology will be represented, all age groups from birth through adult and senior services, as well as all levels of expertise from beginner to advanced.

Conference pricing for the 2 day event:

\$230- Early Bird - Registration received before Oct. 9, 2009

\$275 - Registration received after October 10, 2009.

The conference will be held at the Glacier Canyon Lodge in Wisconsin Dells.

Register online at www.atacrossthelifespan.org



Featured Products

The Pulse Smartpen from LiveScribe



The Smartpen from Livescribe is an innovative tool, designed with students in mind. When used with special Livescribe notebooks, the pen is able to record handwritten notes digitally. These notes can be downloaded to your computer and converted to fully searchable text.

Additionally, the Smartpen records audio via its integrated microphone -- allowing you to go back and hear what your professor was saying, just in case you missed a crucial point in your notes. The Smartpen's software syncs handwritten notes with audio, allowing you to directly access the audio that was being recorded as you were writing a specific note.

The 1GB version is \$129.95 and the 2GB version is \$199.95. The required paper is extra.

Visit www.livescribe.com for more information

ClaroRead Plus - \$295

ClaroRead is a highly effective multisensory software solution for supporting individuals who struggle with reading and writing. Designed with maximum simplicity, adaptability and flexibility, users of any age and level of ability will have a world of information unlocked through ClaroRead.

ClaroRead is closely integrated with Microsoft Word and Internet Explorer, so practically any text can be spoken aloud by this powerful software. ClaroRead helps in delivering high quality, accurate documents through use of the proofreading tool. With ClaroRead Plus, you can also scan any paper document or convert a PDF and have it spoken back with complete clarity.

Users benefit from the addition of visual tools that color, highlight and focus on difficult to read text as it is spoken by the computer. Words can also be spoken back as they are typed, ensuring the accuracy of written papers, tests, and study notes

ClaroRead Plus is an easy-to-use floating toolbar that sits on top of Microsoft Word (as well as other Windows applications). This toolbar provides high quality text to speech capabilities, plus a talking spell checker, homophone feedback, and word prediction. It includes three high quality voices. A unique feature allows ClaroRead Plus to echo back words and phrases dictated using Dragon NaturallySpeaking. ClaroRead Plus also includes the OmniPage scanning engine and works with a scanner to convert handouts, documents and books into Word documents. The Windows version allows you to convert documents into audio or video files to play on a wide range of popular mobile devices. Visit www.claroread.com for more information.

