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# PATINS Pages 50th Edition!

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## Distance Learning Resources due to COVID-19



With Indiana schools moving to distance learning through April to prevent the spread of COVID-19, **accessibility** to curriculum content is as important as ever for all students, with or without disabilities.

In response, the PATINS Project created the [Distance Learning Support due to COVID-19](#) webpage which has regularly updated resources. These documents are based on best practices and discussions with attendees during our [Daily Virtual Office Hours](#)

(open for no cost to all Indiana educators at 10 AM and 2 PM EST).

Here are a few recent additions:

- [Developing Accessible Digital Content](#)
- [Guiding Policy Questions for Your Distance Learning Team](#)
- [ICAM - Supports & Resources for Distance Learning During COVID-19](#)
- [Resources for Students using AAC while eLearning](#)
- [UDL & Special Considerations for eLearning](#)
- **Video Conferencing Tool Support** including a [comparison guide](#) for Hangouts, Skype, and Zoom, as well as [instructions for students using Zoom](#)

Distance Learning Support due to COVID-19

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## **ICAM / IERC Services during School Closure**

### **IERC Closure**

The [IERC](#), located on the campus of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, will be closed starting Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the next few weeks due to the coronavirus outbreak. Staff will continue to work remotely from home during this time from 8:00 AM until 4:00 pm EST.

### **ICAM Orders and Loans**

Incoming orders and student registrations for the [ICAM](#) will continue to be processed. Order fulfillment/shipments will be suspended until we are back on-site at the IERC and schools are back in session.

We would appreciate your efforts to secure IERC borrowed materials in a safe place during the shutdown. Please clean items prior to returning them to the IERC. Our staff will be disinfecting all returned items as well prior to being returned to our inventory collection.

### **Annual Inventory Recall Process**

Information regarding the Annual Inventory Recall Process was sent out to all Teachers for students with Blindness/Low Vision via email. We understand that to fully complete this process you will need to be at your school offices, however, if you are able to update any items on the ICAM that you know will be renewed, reassigned, consumed or lost, that will help the process.

### **Braille Orders**

If you are able, please submit orders for braille instructional materials for the upcoming school year (2020-2021) so we can begin to research those orders for purchase or to place them into transcription.

Contact ICAM and IERC Staff

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## **Shipping Update from the AT Lending Library**

The Assistive Technology Lending Library has now **suspended all physical loan request shipments until May 1, 2020**. At this time, please refrain from returning any loans. Please clean and keep your loans in a secure location until school resumes. [iOS apps](#) are still available for loan request and will be sent to devices virtually (iPads

will not be loaned at this time). Contact Assistive Technology Lending Library Managers, [Carrie Owens](#) or [Sheri Schoenbeck](#) regarding questions/concerns.

Borrow iOS apps from the AT Lending Library

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## Join #PatinsIcam Chat on Tuesday Nights

[#PatinsIcam Twitter Chat](#) occurs every Tuesday night at 8:30 PM EST throughout the school year.



Participants discuss **popular topics in education** related to Universal Design for Learning (UDL), assistive technology (AT), and accessible educational materials (AEM). Now, through April, all topics will have a focus on **distance learning** implementation. Indiana educators receive 1 Professional Growth Point upon completion.

New to #PatinsIcam Twitter chats? Check out our [Twitter Chat page](#) for a few pointers.

Follow @PATINSProject on Twitter

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## No-Cost Training to Add to Your Calendar

**All times listed are Eastern Standard Time (EST)**

PGPs and ASHA hours are available for all in-person and online training opportunities!

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**Thursday, April 2**

**3:00 PM - [DRM: What is it and how do I become one?](#)**

Webinar with Martha Hammond

**3:30 PM - [Open Your Windows & Let in the Accessibility](#)**

Webinar with Jena Fahlbush

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**Friday, April 10**

**1:00 PM - [Open Your Windows & Let in the Accessibility](#)**

Webinar with Jena Fahlbush

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**Monday, April 13**

**3:30 PM - [Engaging Elementary Learners with Electronic Books](#)**

Webinar with Bev Sharritt

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**Tuesday, April 14**

**1:00 PM - [Open Your Windows & Let in the Accessibility](#)**

Webinar with Jena Fahlbush

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**Thursday, April 16**

**11:00 AM - [Captions for All: The Writing's on the Wall](#)**

Webinar with Jena Fahlbush and Katie Taylor

**3:00 PM - [ICAM Ordering - Answers and Problem Solving](#)**

Webinar with Sandy Stabenfeldt

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**Tuesday, April 21**

**12:00 PM - [Helping Students with Emotional Disabilities Access the Educational Curriculum](#)**

Webinar with Lisa Benfield

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**Thursday, April 23**

**3:00 PM - [ICAM Digital Files: Delivery and what to do once you receive them!](#)**

Webinar with Jeff Bond

**3:30 PM - [Open Your Windows & Let in the Accessibility](#)**

Webinar with Jena Fahlbush

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**Wednesday, April 29**

**3:30 PM - [3 x 3 Orbit Braille Display Training](#)**

Webinar with Bev Sharritt

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See a training you would like to attend, but the date doesn't fit your schedule, or it's already full? Maybe you have a training topic that you would like to request. [Request training times & topics that work for you!](#)

For additional information on the trainings listed below, please visit our [training calendar](#).

Request Training



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