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Mark Your Calendar

30 June -7 July 2007

American Council of the Blind (ACB) National Convention. Minneapolis, MN. Contact: American Council of the Blind, 1155 15th Street Northwest, Suite 1004, Washington, DC 20005; phone: 800-424-8666 or 202-467-5081; e-mail: <info@acb.org>; website: <www.acb.org/convention>

1-6 July 2007

National Federation of the Blind (NFB) National Convention. Atlanta, GA. Contact: National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230; phone: 410-659-9314; e-mail: <nfb@nfb.org>; website: <www.nfb.org>

2-6 July 2007

2007 Lions Clubs International Annual Convention. Chicago, IL. Contact: Lions Clubs International Headquarters, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523; phone: 630-571-5466; website: <www.lionsclubs.org>



13-15 July 2007

Families Connecting with Families. Omaha, Nebraska. Second national conference for families with children who are blind or have low vision of all ages. Sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind, the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, and The Seeing Eye, Inc. Contact Mary Ann Siller (AFB) at siller@afab.net for more information or check www.afb.org www.napvi.org or www.seeingeye.org. Go to AFB's web page www.afb.org to download a promotional flyer or for more information, contact NAPVI at 800-562-6265.

30 July – 30 August 2007

National Federation of the Blind Youth Slam: A 2007 STEM Leadership Academy. Baltimore, MD. Contact: National Federation of the Blind, 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230; phone: 410-659-9314; e-mail: youthslam@nfb.org; web site: www.blindscience.org/ncbys/Youth_Slam.asp

2-3 August, 2007

IntelliBraille. Project Vision Workshop. Indianapolis, IN. Presenter: Bruce J. McClanahan. Registration deadline: July 2, 2007. For more information, contact: Sharon Bryan, Project Vision office, 800-622-3035, email: SharonBryan@indstate.edu.

18-20 October 2007

25th Annual Closing the Gap Conference: Computer Technology in Special Education and Rehabilitation. Minneapolis, MN. Contact: Closing the Gap, 526 Main Street, P.O. Box 68, Henderson, MN 56044; phone: 507-248-3204; email: info@closingthegap.com; website: www.closingthegap.com

29 November-2 December 2007

Eighth Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy Conference. St. Pete Beach, FL. Contact: Kay Ratzlaff, Coordinator of Instructional Resources, Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired; phone: 813-837-7829; email: kratzlaff@fimcvi.org; website: www.gettingintouchwithliteracy.org or www.fimcvi.org/index_files.cfm?category=31



IERC Updates

SUPPLEMENTAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION CHANGE

Please remember, when submitting Supplemental Registration Forms to the IERC for new students, include the STN number on your form. The IERC is now requiring this information for its computer system.

BOOK ORDERS DUE

Don't forget to submit large print and Braille book orders now for the 2007-2008 school year. Be sure your orders are signed by the appropriate authorized official or designee. If you need additional forms or have any questions, please call the Center at (317) 232-0587 or 800-833-2198.

RETURN OF MATERIALS

Textbook and equipment being returned to the Center can be sent "FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND". If you need additional mailing labels or Inventory Return Forms, please give us a call.

Do not mail regular print materials and textbooks "Free Matter for the Blind." Postal Code requires the appropriate postage.

ANNUAL INVENTORY SUMMARY REPORTS

Thanks to all of you who have completed and returned your inventory summary forms to us. This has helped us reuse materials more efficiently and effectively for the next school year. Please notify us immediately if there are any changes to your form (ex: will be retaining a book instead of returning it). If you have not yet returned your forms to us, we would appreciate your time in doing so as soon as possible.

NEW PROFESSIONAL BOOKS AT THE IERC

The IERC has recently added the following books to the Professional Collection. If you are interested in checking them out, send a book order to the IERC. When ordering, please keep in mind that all professional materials are on a 60 day loan. For a complete listing of professional publications at the IERC, please contact the Center:

Monographs:

Autism in the School-Aged Child: Expanding Behavioral Strategies and Promoting Success. Autism Family Press, c2004

Children with Visual Impairments: A Parent's Guide. Second Edition. Edited by M. Cay Holbrook, Ph.D. Woodbine Press, c2006

A Parent's Guide to Special Education for Children with Visual Impairments. AFB Press, c2007

Proceedings of the Summit on Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment: Educational, Family, and Medical Perspectives. April 30, 2005. AFB Press, c2006

Welcoming Students with Visual Impairments to Your School: A guide for training public school personnel and families about the needs of students with vision loss. Perkins School for the Blind, c2006.

Why Didn't I Learn This in College? Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century. Just Ask Publications, c2002

DVDs:

Tactile Learning Strategies: Interacting with Children Who Have Visual Impairments and Multiple Disabilities. AFB Press, DVD.

BOOK DELIVERY REMINDER

Please remember to have someone designated to be responsible for the receipt of ordered materials during the summer months. We have already begun shipping materials and will continue to do so during the summer. If you have special mailing instructions, please let us know as soon as possible.

SUMMER HOURS

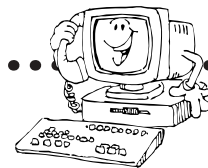
The IERC will be open Monday-Friday during the summer months, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to call the Center during this time if you have any questions or need information.



The IERC staff would like to wish all of you a fun-filled summer!

We would also like to thank you for your cooperation and support. This was a good year for us and we are looking forward to another great year in 2007-2008.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!



IERC Directory

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Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

"EYE-DEAS"
by Diane Childers
School-Age Consultant
Outreach and Related Services
Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired



Hello Friends:

I can't believe this school year is coming to a close already! I seem to say this every year! The time goes by faster and faster.

Please note the following activities and dates and mark your calendar:

- *STEP Program (Student Training and Employment Program)* will have two sessions this summer. The first session is June 3 – 29, the second session is July 8 – August 3, 2007. This is a collaborative program between Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI), Bosma Indiana for the Blind, and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. STEP program is a unique program that gives students who are blind or visually impaired an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of finding and keeping a job. The STEP program offers a schedule of classroom learning/real world job experience in the community and fun recreational activities. Priorities will be given to students in their junior or senior years of high school 16-21 years old. Each student is paid \$5.15 per hour. Contact Leslie Altmann (317) 253-1481, ext, 506 or Jon Shively (317) 253-1481, ext, 191 at ISBVI for further information.
- *The Assessment of Young Children (AYC)* involves formal and informal assessment of children ages 3-5 years with visual impairment. Areas of development including communication, fine and gross motor, self-help, cognition, orientation and mobility, and visual functioning are assessed. The multi-disciplinary assessments take place over a 3-day period and are provided at no cost to families or local school corporations. Case conferences are planned in cooperation with LEAs.
- *ISBVI Summer School* for students going into grades 3-12. The program will address Braille and Nemeth skills, assistive technology, orientation and mobility, social skills, cooking and other independent living skills, career education and recreations and leisure skills. Contact ISBVI Education Department for applications at (317) 253-1481, ext. 141. A waiting list has been established.

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- *Family Weekend* (July 20-22) for students aged 13-15 who are blind or visually impaired and their families. This will be a fun, informative weekend free of charge for families. Families will be housed at the Marten House in Indianapolis and events will be held at ISBVI. All meals for the weekend are included. Sponsored by Innervision 20/20 (a foundation for blind students) in collaboration with ISBVI. Contact Toni Hughes, Director of Outreach and Related Services at (317) 253-1481, ext. 221 or Diane Childers (317) 253-1481, ext. 175 for applications for interested students.

Please note the following information: FREE metal Braille clothing markers are available from the following sources:

Telephone Pioneers of America
499 Grove Ave.
Edison, NJ 08820
or
Orange County Braille Institute
527 N. Dale Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92801

Thanks to Karen Shelley, Vision Teacher in Harrison County, for the following “Eye-Deas”:

- **BACKYARDIGANS:** Sing and Spin Pablo. Sing, dance, and play games with Pablo. 18 months and up. \$29.99 (Meijer)
- **I DOG:** Plays back through built-in speaker or your headphones. Entertains you with electronic lights, movements, and sounds. \$24.99 (Meijer)
- **AT FIRST SIGHT:** Braille fashion jewelry, Leslie Anne Ligon, 1918 Maid Marion Place, Denton, TX 76209 <firstsight@ligondesign.com> or <www.braillestone.com>
- Karen compiled a VI friendly school supplies list by obtaining a school supply list for local schools and substituting specific items for VI students. She gives the list to parents at the end of the year so they can look for bargain prices of the items.

Alice Glynn, VI teacher in New Castle suggests the following fun field trips in your own school:

- Janitor’s room
- Boiler room
- The cafeteria where food is prepared (checking out the large pans and cans of food)

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- What does the principal's office look like?
 - The school bus barn
 - A store room in the school
 - What does the locker room look like after a game or a practice?
 - Go outside and watch the grass being mowed
 - Checking out what it looks like behind the stage
 - The room where the band instruments are kept
 - A school bus
 - The school parking lot
 - Watch the trash being picked up
 - Walk under the bleachers (or up/down) in or outside
 - Walk the length of the football field, track or baseball diamond
 - Walk around the school building. Check out if there are stairs, dish connected to the building, is there a weather vane on the building...or what is unique about your school.
 - Lay on the grass (you might want a plastic tablecloth to lay on) and check out the grass. I love to do this with magnifiers.

Enjoy summer break – See you next year!



State Library Updates

by Carole Rose
Indiana State Library
Special Services Division



2007 Summer Reading Program

Get a Clue At Your Library is the theme for the 2007 statewide children's summer reading program sponsored by the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library. Students in grades K-7, who are eligible for the Talking Book program, are invited to participate. Libraries are full of mysteries, and during the period from June 4-August 3, participants are encouraged to select titles from both our theme-related reading list and their favorite areas of interest.

Everyone will earn a reading certificate, a food coupon, stickers, and a bookmark. Braille readers will receive a Braille bookmark. Participants are eligible to earn book bags, Get a Clue badges, erasers, a variety of games and puzzles, and more. Outstanding readers will win shirts and totes. Outstanding Braille and large print readers will also win special awards. There will be two grand prize drawings: one for grades K-3 and grades 4-7.

On Saturday, August 4th, the library will host a party for our summer readers. The agenda for the event is still in the planning stages, but we can promise games and other activities, food, and lots of

giveaways. We also hope to have a mini-exhibit, giving parents and children the chance to look at items especially for children with vision loss. Information about the party will be distributed within a few weeks.

In response to requests from a number of former summer readers, the library is sponsoring a 2007 reading program for teens. We have contacted students who had been active summer readers during the past two years and have already registered several participants. This is a very informal program and students are not required to fill out a summer reading application. Prizes appropriate for teens will be awarded.

We appreciate the level of teacher support we continued to receive for our summer program. Please encourage students of all ages to participate.





PROJECT VISION

by Karen Goehl
Project Director

Upcoming Inservice Training Activities. Two new inservice training activities are being planned by Project Vision for Summer 2007.

VIISA (Vision Impaired Inservice in America) is being offered as a two part training. Part One is scheduled for July 30 – August 1, 2007 and will be held at Indiana State University (ISU), Terre Haute. Part Two will be conducted November 9 – 11, 2007 at ISU. The VIISA training course focuses on working with infants and toddlers with blindness and low vision in both the home and center-based preschools. Project Vision currently is recruiting a small and select group of individuals who are interested in receiving the two part training in the VIISA model. After training, the participants must be willing and available to help build Indiana's capacity to provide training to early intervention, early childhood, and vision personnel serving children birth to five with blindness and visual impairment and their families. An application package has been sent to Indiana teachers of students who are blind or have low vision. If you are interested or did not receive a packet, please contact Sharon Bryan at: <sharonbryan@indstate.edu> for more information.

IntelliBraille training is scheduled for August 2-3, 2007 at the Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids in Indianapolis, IN. Bruce McClanahan, an Assistive Technology Specialist at the Washington State School for the Blind will be the presenter at this interactive, hands-on workshop. Bruce has worked with IntelliTools over the last eleven years to develop features specific to the needs of students who are blind or have low vision. Registration materials have been mailed. Please register early as space is limited.

VI Distance Education Training Program. The 2007 cohort of seven teachers is completing their first course, *The Eye, Its Function and Health* in May 2007. Both Sharon Knoth and Lynda Keim served as adjunct faculty for the course. The 2006 cohort of eight students are currently enrolled in *Communication Skills for Individuals with Visual Impairments*. The students will complete their class in June. This is the class where cohort members learn Braille. Bill Powell from the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Sharon Knoth are the adjunct faculty for the course. Classes do not begin again until August 2007.

Project Vision continues to be interested in recruiting new people who would like to be licensed in the area of blindness and low vision. If you know someone who is interested and would like more information about the licensure program, please direct them to the following website for details about the program: <<http://web.indstate.edu/soe/blumberg/disted.html>>.

Orientation & Mobility Specialist Training Program. The twelve Indiana teachers who are enrolled in the Pennsylvania College of Optometry Orientation & Mobility program continue to work on either their required Supervised Fieldwork or Internship hours. The potential “O&Mers” met together on March 22, 2007 to update each other about the successes and challenges of completing their program. Most of the teachers are planning a very busy summer so that they can accumulate hours for either their Supervised Fieldwork or Internship courses.

Project Vision Website. Please continue to go to the Project Vision website <<http://web.indstate.edu/soe/blumberg/Vision.html>> for updated information about inservice training activities and the VI licensure program.

VI Discussion List Serve Requests. If you are a VI teacher and want to be added to the VI Discussion List Serve, you can send an email to: <SharonBryan@indstate.edu> and she will add your name to the Discussion List. Should your email address change, please contact Sharon so she can make the necessary changes.



For Your Information

The Perkins School for the Blind recently published *Welcoming Students with Visual Impairment to Your School: A guide for training public school personnel and families about the needs of students with vision loss*. The multi-media modules, available in a three ring notebook, was funded by a grant from the Gibney Family Foundation. They have been developed to provide vision professionals with a user-friendly resource for sharing information about students with visual impairment. The grant enables Perkins School for the Blind to offer the first 500 copies free, plus \$14.49 for shipping and handling costs. Subsequent copies will be available for \$70 plus shipping and handling. For more information, visit the Perkins School for the Blind publication website at: www.perkinspublications.org.

The website <http://www.e-advisor.us/symbolmatch.html> has the *Symbol Matching Game*, a computer game that can be used to familiarize children with the symbols used in acuity testing. The symbol sets used in the game are LEA symbols and HOTV letters.

Attention Sensory Learning Kit (SLK) users...An announcement from APH in the APH News April 2007 edition regarding the APH Power Select in the Sensory Learning Kits (SLK) kits.

“Why Your APH Power Select May Not Work...Have you experienced inconsistencies with the Power Select found in the Sensory Learning Kit (SLK)? If so, we are here to help.

The Power Select is the only power control unit on the market today that features ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). We offer this feature to allow the unit to be used safely in kitchen and bathroom settings. If, however, you plug the device in to an outlet with a ground fault (a leakage of AC current to the safety ground in home wiring), the Power Select will automatically trip (interrupt power to) the device. To read a full set of instructions on how to correctly reset tripped GFCIs on the Power Select, please go to:

www.aph.org/products/ps_reset.html.

In some of the units, the GFCIs are sensitive to a “spike” generated by turning devices (lamps, massagers, etc.) on and off. APH has designed a repair to eliminate this problem in future production runs.

The process to reset the GFCIs is the same as outlined at the above link. Your Power Select may operate 5, 10, 20, or even 100 times in a row without tripping from a power spike. If the tripping of the GFCIs becomes an annoyance, please return the unit to APH for the modification.”

The Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP) at <www.dcmp.org> provides services designed to support and improve the academic achievement of students who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind. These services include: a free library of free-loan described and captioned educational media; a clearing-house of information related to educational media access; and a gateway to Internet resources related to accessibility; a center for training and evaluation of any service provider desiring to appear on the DCMP's approved lists of video description and captioning service providers. There are no user registration or service fees. The DCMP is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the National Association of the Deaf.

The Indiana State Library, Special Services Division has descriptive videos available for loan. A descriptive video is a movie that includes audio description of visual images such as actions, gestures, scene changes, and costumes. The narration does not interfere with the film's dialogue. To watch these movies and hear the descriptions, you only need a video cassette player and a television. Contact the Indiana State Library, Special Services Division for a list of titles and information to loan at (317) 232-3684 or 800-622-4970.

A website that provides free tactile books that teach basic concepts for young children can be found at:
<www.teacheraidsforblindchildren.org/index.html>

AWARE has launched its website at <www.visionaware.org>. Users will find questions and answers on vision and services, coping with vision changes, personal self care, using the telephone, financial management, home management, reading and writing, Braille, computers, indoor and outdoor travel, recreation and leisure, questions children ask and more.

A Braille translator for use by children on the pbs-website can be found at <<http://pbskids.org/arthur/print/braille/index.html>>.

A hands-on computing workshop for students who are visually impaired, in grades 7-12, will take place at the Rochester Institute of Technology campus on July 16-19, 2007. The workshop called ImagineIT, will be hands-on, with teamwork, and will explore various areas of computing including: robotics, computer hardware and networking, and programming. There is no registration fee and funds are available to help with travel and lodging in the Rochester, NY area. More information, including the application materials, can be found at: <<http://www.se.rit.edu/~imagine-it>> or by contacting Dr. Stephanie Ludi at: <imagine-it@se.rit.edu> or by phone at (585)475-7407.

RoboBraille service is a free service that provides automatic Braille conversion that accepts plain text, rich text, html or Word documents by email. Within a few minutes the user will receive a document as an MP3 audio file or an electronic Braille. For more information, visit: <<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/6542441.stm>>.

Hadley School for the Blind recently announced a course that helps parents of children with multiple disabilities deal with the many parenting challenges that arise when parenting a child with a visual impairment, as well as other disabilities. The course is entitled “Parenting Children with Multiple Disabilities” and presents skills and techniques for furthering development in children with multiple disabilities. The seven lesson course is tuition-free. For more information, contact the Hadley School for the Blind, Student Services, at: 800-526-9909 or email: <student_services@hadley.edu>.

The *GuildScholar Program* is a scholarship program open to all legally blind visually impaired high school students who will be entering college in September of 2008. Application for the program must be made at the end of the junior year of high school, must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, have an excellent academic record and have demonstrated school and community leadership. Scholarships of up to \$15,000 will be competitively awarded to qualified students. The deadline for the 2009 scholarships is July 1st, 2007. The GuildScholar application is online at <www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp>. For more information, contact Gordon Rovins at: <rovinsg@jgb.org>.

APH is updating the illustrations in the Light Box Materials. To participate in a product specific survey, go to: <www.aph.org/edresearch/lbm_survey.html>.

A series of short and completely accessible videos, co-produced by CareerConnect and the Braille Institute and targeted to teens with vision loss, is available online at: <www.afb.org>. The first in video in the series, *On Your Mark, Get Set...Go to Work*, address the importance of first jobs and finding employment as a young adult. Interview and footage of job sites where young adults are working include schools, offices, a call center, a lifeguard station, a restaurant, and a pet grooming center. Future videos will address issues including employers’ perceptions of hiring workers with visual impairments, how families can support young people’s career goals, and how to successfully use technology in the workplace.

The 2006 AER workshop on Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) by Dr. Gordon Dutton, a pediatric ophthalmologist from Glasgow, Scotland, is now available as an online course. CEU’s are available. The workshop entitled, “CVI-Damage to the Brain – A Common Cause of Visual Impairment in Children,” is an online course broken into nine sections. The course provides students with an overview of the visual system and how it works, disorders of vision due to brain damage, and approaches to helping students with vision problems due to brain damage. The intended audience is any care provider working with a child diagnosed with or suspected of having CVI. For more information, go to: <www.emeraldevents.net/diopp/?rcode1=AER>

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is seeking families to field test the third and final book in the *Lots of Dots* raised-line and large print coloring book series. [Lots of Dots: Coloring the Garden](#) presents fruits, vegetables, and herbs. This product is designed for beginning readers. It is recommended that children have completed at least one other book in the *Lots of Dots* series. For more information, contact Tristan Pierce at: <tpierce@aph.org>.

The APH Accessible Tests Department is offering a half-day post-conference workshop in connection with the 2007 Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Conference on Large Scale Assessment. The post-conference workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 20, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. It is targeted for members of assessment teams, such as test publishers, state and local assessment personnel, and school psychologists, and anyone involved in the provision of tests in accessible media. The workshop will provide information on tests development and adaptation in order to ensure access to test items by students who are blind or visually impaired. Cost: \$25 workshop fee. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Nancy Bayens at: (800) 223-1839, ext. 470 or <nbayens@aph.org>.

The National Federation of the Blind is offering a resource for information on careers, educational opportunities, recreation, technology, and other topics. NFB-LINK, pairs individuals seeking information about blindness with successful blind people. To access this service, visit www.nfbblink.org. For additional information about this program, contact Rosy Carranza at: <rcarranza@nfb.org> or (410) 659-9314, ext. 2283.

ATTENTION Teachers of Students who are Blind or Visually Impaired:
Win \$500!!!! Earn \$50 More!!!! The Educational Testing Service and National Center on Educational Outcomes at the University of Minnesota are conducting research on ways to make reading tests more accessible to students with visual impairments. To learn more, we are asking teachers who work with students who are blind or visually impaired to complete a 20-minute online survey to tell us about the tools you use to teach reading and language arts. One survey participant will win \$500. In addition, those who are interested in taking part in a follow-up (in-depth) interview will earn \$50 as a thank you for their time. Please use the MS Word version at <<http://s.education.umn.edu/ICI/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=9123m35L8533G>> Complete the survey by Friday, May 25. If you have questions about the survey or the study, please contact: Joe Timmons, National Center on Educational Outcomes, University of Minnesota, 6 Pattee Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455, Phone: 612-624-5659.



Publications

MATHCOUNTS and the National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute announced that a Braille-ready version of the 300 creative problems in the 2006-2007 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook is available. MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement. Visit www.mathcounts.org or www.nfb.org/nfb/Jernigan_Institute.asp for more information.

The American Foundation for the Blind and the National Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI) have joined together to develop a new publication to assist parents, family members, and caregivers in navigating the special education system focusing on students with visual impairments. [A Parent's Guide to Special Education with Visual Impairments](#), edited by Susan LaVenture, Executive Director, MAPVI, covers special services for visually impaired children, including those with multiple disabilities, from infancy through high school graduation. For more information, visit AFB's bookstore at: www.afb.org.

National Braille Press recently released two books of magic tricks. [My First Bag of Tricks](#) comes with a set of props and [12 Amazing Tricks](#) uses props found around the home. Both publications have been specially adapted for blind children by Anna Dresner, a blind author. The books are available for sale at the National Braille Press's website: www.braille.com for \$15 and \$5.

The National Braille Press will be providing the last book in the Harry Potter Series in Braille at the same time the print edition hits the bookstores. On July 21, 2007, the 7th and last Harry Potter book will be released. Those who order before July 21st, will receive a pre-press discount of \$18.89. After that, the price will be \$34.99, the same as the print edition. For more information, contact NBP at 800-548-7323; email: orders@nbp.org; website: www.nbp.org or www.braille.com.



New Products

HumanWare has introduced *BrailleConnect 12*, the smallest Braille display that is currently available in the assistive technology marketplace. It weighs 7 ounces and is 3 x 5 inches, has 12 Braille cells, 12 routing buttons, and keys for Braille input and navigation. *BrailleConnect 32* and *BrailleConnect 40* are also available. For more information about features, contact: HumanWare, 173 Mason Circle, Concord, CA 94520; phone 800-722-3393 or 925-680-7100; email: <us.info@humanware.com>; website: <www.humanware.com>. Cost: \$1995 for *BrailleConnect 12*; \$3995 for *BrailleConnect 32*; and \$4995 for *BrailleConnect 40*.

Freedom Scientific has added a 21-inch screen model to its line of TOPAZ CCTVs. This new model has a flat panel, LCD monitor and offers 3x-76x magnification. The company also announced that it will soon be possible to play DAISY books from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic on its PAC Mate, and allow users to read digital audio books on the same device they use to take notes in class. For more information, contact: Freedom Scientific, phone: 800-444-4443; website: <www.freedomscientific.com>.

HumanWare has announced the launch of the *Nemeth Tutorial*, from Dr. Gaylen Kapperman and Jodi Sticken of Northern Illinois University, for the BrailleNote mPower family of notetakers for the blind. The tutorial is presented in 18 chapters with lessons covering everything from the basics of writing numbers up to statistics. Each lesson is broken down into four parts: an explanation of the lesson and reading, writing and proof-reading exercises. The *Nemeth Tutorial* is available as an option for the BrailleNote mPower BT and QT only, running the latest version of KeySoft. For additional information, contact: Dominic Gagliano, VP, Blindness Sales, HumanWare USA, (925) 680-7100; email: <dominic.gagliano@HumanWare.com>.

GW Micro and Human Information Management Service (HIMS) have introduced the *Voice Sense*, a PDA with speech output and a Braille keyboard. The *Voice Sense* features a word processor appointment calendar, phone book, media player, FM radio and scientific calculator. The price is \$1,895. The companies have also announced the *Sync Braille*, a small, light-weight Braille display. It is available in 20- and 32-cell models. For more information, contact: GW Micro: phone: (260) 489-3671; website: <www.gwmicro.com>.

The *Junior* is a new, handheld CCTV from Clarity Solutions. It has a 4-inch screen, weighs 11 ounces, magnifies from 3x-9x, and sells for \$695. For more information, contact: Clarity Solutions, phone: (800) 575-1456; website: <www.clarityUSA.com>.

NVDA (*Nonvisual Desktop Access*) is a free, open source screen reader for Windows. Using NVDA, you can: browse the web with Internet Explorer or Firefox; read and write documents in WordPad or Microsoft Word; send and receive e-mail with Outlook Express; read spreadsheets in Excel; and more. To download NVDA, visit: <www.nvaccess.org/nvda>.

APH Products

APH has announced the following new products, available on Federal Quota:

APH Sound Balls, are available in two different versions: Boing Boing tone ball (yellow), Cat.# 1-07510-00, Cost: \$95.00 or the Techno Beat tone ball (red), Cat.# 1-07516-00, Cost: \$95.00. They are made of durable foam and measure 7.5 inches. The electronic ball features dual speakers, dual volume, and two tone sounds to accommodate children who wear hearing aids.

Verbal View of Web Documents tutorial provides computer users who are blind or visually impaired with the tools to work effectively with documents stored on the World Wide Web. The Verbal View tutorial emphasizes the keyboard commands and describes graphic components. It covers in detail retrieving and using documents with common browsers such as Internet Explorer® and Firefox.® Cat.# D-10512-00. Cost: \$50.00.

SQUID: Tactile Activities Magazine, Issue 3, is now available. SQUID provides fun activities for children to help them build and acquire skills that will enable them to become a more proficient tactile reader. It is intended for children ages 5 and older and includes puzzles, games, and brainteasers to foster: texture discrimination; systematic searching skills; shape identification; tracking various line paths; pattern building and recognition; and an understanding of symbols. Cat.# 1-08862-03. Cost: \$56.00.

The *Variable Beam Flashlight Kit* has been revised to include two flashlights and two sets of eight translucent and seen transparent color lenses as well as a new Color Beam Book. The Flashlight kit is designed to help students develop visual awareness and visual tracking skills. Cat.# 1-08390-02. Cost: \$59.00.

Braille+ Mobile Manager, is a powerful, flexible, and easy-to-use mobile manager from LevelStar® designed specifically for users who are blind or visually impaired by APH. Features include a Braille keyboard, 30GB hard drive, Wi-Fi® and Bluetooth® capability built-in, Word processor that is Microsoft Word® compatible, MP3 player, Book player that supports DAISY books and Bookshare®, voice recorder, and an address book, clock, stopwatch and calendar. Cat.# 1-007450-00, Cost: \$1,395.00.

Lots of Dots: Counting 123 is a raised-line coloring books presenting the numbers 0-30 and then integers of 10 and up to 90. Each number has two pages: the first page features two or three large Braille cells. The number is shown with its Braille equivalent, along with reduced-size cells, showing which dots need to be colored to complete the number. The second page shows the number and tactile graphic depictions of easy-to-find objects that begin with the same letter as the number. The objects are depicted in a tactile graphic format. A plastic stencil of three large Braille cells is attached to the inside front cover. This can be folded over the blank pages, allowing the child to practice the Braille cell configuration for the number by tracing or by using the accompanying foam Braille chips. This book uses uncontracted Braille. Cat.# 1-10000-00. Cost: \$26.00.

The *Woodcock-Johnson® III (WJIII): Tests of Achievement 2001: Large Print Edition*, in full-color, is now available. The WJ III is commonly used to identify learning disabilities and for gathering details on individual strengths and weaknesses in preparation for educational planning. Features include: minimum sans serif font size of 20 points; formatting for maximum readability by persons with low vision; space-saving 8 ½ x 11 inch page size, in two volumes; spiral bound to lie flat on the table or be used with a book stand; pre-printed tabs for easy location of tests; full-color graphics on high contrast paper; and non-glare acetate sheets in yellow and pink. Cat.# 4-66000-00. Cost: \$99.00.

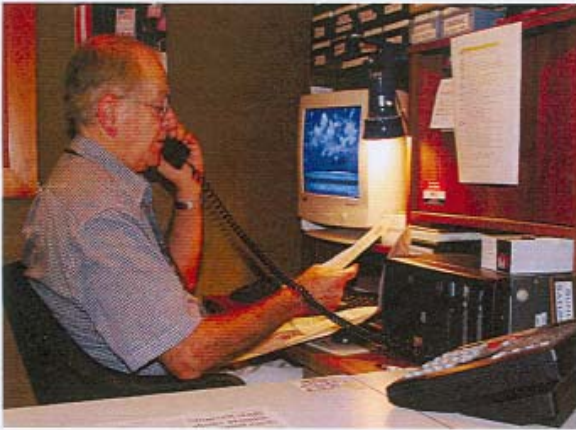
Book Wizard™ Producer software is a new version of Book Wizard that has a set of tools to allow the user to quickly and easily record, edit, and master a DAISY/NISO 2002 Digital Talking Book. Producer is compatible with source input of either a narrator who reads directly into the program or an imported audio file created from another source. It will create any of six kinds of DAISY books; create an audio book from text; create an entire book from multiple sound files with a single command; verify and validate the book it creates; and edit Digital Talking Books. CD-ROM. Cat.# D-03531-00. Cost: \$49.00.

GlaReducers are 8 ½ x 11 inch translucent vinyl sheets in pink and yellow to enhance contrast and reduce glare on an entire pages. The sheets can be three-hole punched and inserted in a binder. Cat.# 1-03062-00. Cost: \$10.00 (pack of 4).

For more information on these or other APH products, contact: the American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Avenue, PO Box 6085, Louisville, KY 40206-0085; (800) 223-1839; email: <info@aph.org>; website: <www.aph.org>.



Indiana Reading and Information Services



The Nina Mason Pulliam Statewide Dial-up Service

What is the Nina Mason Pulliam Statewide Dial-up Service?

The dial-up is a reading service for Hoosiers who, for any reason, have trouble reading normal size print. The service is available 24 hours a day from any touchtone phone.

What can I hear when I call?

Callers to the service get news and information from regional and statewide sources, including many local newspapers. They can also leave requests for information.

How does it work?

Listeners are assigned codes to be entered as passwords when they dial in. Simple menu prompts direct callers to the material that is of interest to them.

How do I sign up for the IRIS Dial-up Service?

The process is simple. Just call **1-877-854-0077** to request an easy to read one page application. IRIS is a **free service** presented by WFYI Public Broadcasting.

The IRIS Web Stream

I am an IRIS dial-up listener, am I eligible for the IRIS Web stream?

Yes. After you complete your application, the IRIS office will mail your dial-up number and login information.

What will I need to listen to the IRIS broadcast via the Internet?

You will need an Internet connection, Windows Media Player, a sound card and speakers. If you do not have Windows Media Player, you can download the program for a PC or Mac from the IRIS Web stream site.

What will I hear when I log on to the IRIS Web stream?

You will hear the IRIS radio broadcast. A program schedule is available on the IRIS Web stream homepage.



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