LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

Assistive Technology: Reading

1. **Amazon Kindle (Keyboard 3G):** Kindle Keyboard's high-contrast E Ink display delivers clear, crisp text and images. Kindle Keyboard's screen reads like real paper, with no glare. Read as easily in bright sunlight as in your living room. At only 247 grams and 8.5 mm thin, Kindle Keyboard is lighter than a paperback and thinner than a magazine. Carry up to 3,500 books--keep your library with you wherever you go.

   *How does it work?* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGR4iKlzJcM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGR4iKlzJcM)

2. **ClassMate Reader by Humanware:** The ClassMate Reader is a unique, portable and lightweight system about the size of a portable gaming system with a large LCD screen. Students can listen to the audio version of their textbooks and study materials, while following the highlighted text on screen. This portable system is ideal for students in any learning setting, including the classroom, resource room, library, extended learning programs and at home. The system promotes phonetic recognition and fluency and will significantly boost the support of teachers who work with students with learning disabilities. It has several features that support reading such as text-to-speech, highlighting, dictionary, text and vocal notes and audio book navigation.

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3. **Clicker 5 Writing Software by Crick Software:** Clicker 5 is a talking word processor that has the ability to combine graphics, text and speech in custom reading and writing environments that can effectively support students’ reading comprehension and written output.

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4. **Franklin AnyBook Reader**: With ease, you can now record yourself reading a book. With this simple touch, record, playback process you can record any page of any book you already own. AnyBook reader stores up to 15 hours of recordings. Complete with a set of over 200 reusable stickers, you can record any voice or play fun sounds from our pre-recorded stickers!

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5. **InfoScan 3 Lite Pen by Wizcom**: InfoScan, WizCom's Electronic Note Taker, is used just like a yellow highlighter. InfoScan enables you to scan and transfer printed text directly into a PC. You can also scan, store and transfer up to 500 pages of printed data to a PC, laptop, PDA or any Windows application via Infra-red or USB connection at your leisure. This completely mobile device offers users a quick and easy way to take notes from almost any printed document.

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6. **LeapFrog Phonemic Awareness Set**: Provides explicit, systematic phonemic awareness instruction that is research-based and effective. This series allows students to independently practice essential pre-reading skills, and motivates students through activities with captivating stories read aloud. Includes interactive practice questions at the end of each book. These interactive books enable pre-readers to learn and practice key phonemic awareness skills and receive individualized audio support and feedback, preparing them to be successful readers. Each book includes phonemic awareness activities embedded in an engaging story that students will love. Includes: 1 copy of each of Tag Phonemic Awareness Series Teacher's Manual, Summertime Surprise, Rhyme Time Party, Hide and Seek Sounds, Pizza Pie Pizzazz, The Messy Mystery, and A Sunny Funny Day in May.

7. **LeapMat by LeapFrog**: The LeapMat learning surfaces teaches letter name recognition, letter sound association, and spelling of three letter words. Great for small to large groups, is portable, and is fun for teachers and students! Includes teacher's manual, letter cards, picture cards, bingo cards and manipulatives. Provides 28 total lessons and activities!

8. **Merriam-Webster Pagemark Dictionary by Franklin**: Reading can become a balancing act when you juggle a dictionary, book-light, book and a
bookmark to save your place. Now you can mark and light your page and easily look up words with this ultra-thin complete PageMark Dictionary having 80,000 words. This is a perfect solution for students, professionals and casual readers.


9. **Read and Write Gold CD Rom for Mac by textHELP:** Read&Write for Mac is an easy-to-use toolbar containing support tools to make reading, writing and research easier for you when using a Mac computer. Read&Write for Mac allows teachers and employers to provide the differentiated instruction that is necessary for those with dyslexia, literacy difficulties and English Language Learners.

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10. **Reading Pen II by Wizcom:** The Reading Pen 2 is an assistive reading device that is designed for people of a second language or who have reading difficulties, learning disabilities or dyslexia. Users can scan text, hear it spoken aloud and obtain definitions and correct pronunciation within seconds. Contains both the Basic Edition and Advanced Edition in one pen allowing you to switch from one to the other as you choose.

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11. **Reading Pen Advanced by Wizcom:** The Readingpen Advanced Edition Pen Scanner is designed specifically to help college level and adult readers improve their reading skills. It provides instant definitions and translations, allowing readers to maintain their reading flow, even when encountering unfamiliar words. Using the Readingpen improves your reading skills by increases fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, and its intuitive user-friendly interface makes it easy for anyone to use.

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12. **Reading Mentor (works with reading rods) by Learning Resources:** Learning to read is a snap with this interactive, hands-on, electronic mentor!
Perfect for a variety of levels--from pre-readers who are simply learning letters and sounds to early spellers to children who are reading and writing sentences and need some added help with pronunciation. After sliding Reading Rods® into the Reading Mentor™, children hear the letters, words or sentences they've built. They'll also read them on screen. Arrow keys let kids easily toggle to the word or letter they need to practice. They can repeat the process as many times as they need, which helps train their ears and improve segmental pronunciation. Easy to operate, the captivating, electronic nature of the Reading Mentor is irresistible to children with a wide range of pre-reading and spelling abilities.

How does it work? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOSTsM3Lf0s

13. Simple Sentence Structure CD Rom by Laureate: Many children with language impairments have persistent problems with word order processing and production. This pioneering language intervention program helps them learn the importance of Subject-Verb-Object word order in sentences. Using Optimized Intervention® technology, Simple Sentence Structure begins with an assessment test to determine where to begin training. Then the program automatically guides the student through the appropriate curriculum. During training, the student is presented with two pictures and asked to identify one of them (e.g. "Find...'The boy is splashing the girl." ) The program monitors each student response and then adjusts the training level accordingly. At the end of each lesson, a summary of the student's performance is presented, allowing you to quickly review your student's progress and ensure accountability.

How does it work? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXzNiTgN5ms

14. Talk Blocks with Vocabulary Cards by Learning Resources: Recordable block reaches beyond simple listening and speaking practice to also include visual reinforcement. Insert card/photo, and press down to record and replay up to 30 seconds of sound. Flip the switch to lock. Convey activity instructions, assess, or reinforce skills (phonics, sight words, mental math, vocabulary and more). With a removable clear top, you can create pictures, symbols or letters to match your recording. The large size is ideal for children with visual or motor skill impairments.

How does it work? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNZZLTwtDpA
Another idea: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQViI9ZUwGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQViI9ZUwGw)

15. **Text and Learn by LeapFrog**: Three learning modes give children practice with letter names and sounds, QWERTY keyboard navigation and more. Children can exchange text messages with their puppy pal Scout, and parents can connect to the online LeapFrog Learning Path for customized learning ideas and insights from LeapFrog.


16. **Whisper Phone Hands-Free-Headset Solo**: Read Aloud. Hear Yourself. Learn Faster! Whisper Phone Solo is an acoustical headset that enables students to focus on individual sounds as they process language aloud. Durable, lightweight headset for hands-free operation requires no batteries and carries a lifetime guarantee. Intended for individual use, but can easily be shared.

- Increases phonemic awareness
- Enhances classroom activities
- Helps with homework and building confidence
- Improves reading fluency
- Supports special needs and speech therapy

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