



**PATHS TO
LITERACY**

for students who are blind or visually impaired

Paths to Literacy Newsletter

The latest ideas and resources!

Stay at Home Activities for Children with Visual Impairments



During the COVID-19/coronavirus pandemic, it's important to have fun activities to keep children engaged. We offer a variety of our favorite ideas to try with kids who are blind, visually impaired, deafblind, including those with multiple disabilities. We invite you to share your favorite activities too!

[More on Stay-at-Home Activities](#)

LATEST POSTS



Virtual Expanded Core Education Learning (ExCEL) Academy for Students with Visual Impairments

Join us for a series of free virtual web presentations for students with visual impairments! Check out the [schedule for our second week](#) of engaging lessons for students with a variety of abilities. These sessions are all being recorded and they will be posted online. Please note that it takes several days for the videos to be closed captioned before they are posted.

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Using Google Classroom on a Brailenote Touch

Find out how to access assignments on Google Classroom using a Brailenote Touch.

[More on Google Classroom](#)

FREE TOOLS & SOFTWARE



Free Access to AccessiByte Apps

In order to help support teachers and students during this complex time, AccessiByte is offering free access to their full range of apps.

[More on AccessiByte Apps](#)



Free Access to ObjectiveEd Digital Curriculum!

To help students with visual impairments during this crisis, ObjectiveEd is providing free access to their digital curriculum to schools and teachers to use with their students through the end of the current 2019/2020 school year.

[More on Objective Ed](#)



Described and Captioned Media Program

Registration is now open for a facilitated class running March 30 - April 19, 2020, and is pre-approved for 15 hours of ACVREP credit. "Using Accessible Media in the Classroom with Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired" is free. If you have questions please contact Cindy Camp, ccamp@dcmp.org.

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Audible

As long as schools are closed, kids everywhere can instantly stream stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.

[More on Audible](#)



Freedom Scientific

Freedom Scientific is now offering JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion free of charge for personal computers at home, until June 30, 2020. This offer is available to every household in the US and Canada.

International opportunities available, please contact the distributor in your country.

[Learn More](#)

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT



National Homework Hotline for Blind/Visually Impaired Students (NHH-BVI)

In response to the wave of K-12 school closures across the United States due to COVID-19, a few concerned teachers of the blind and advocates got together to organize a free, homework help hotline for students who are blind or visually impaired.

[More on Hotline](#)



Working Together to Support Students with Visual Impairments and Family Members who Have Visual Impairment So Children Can Access Curriculum

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