

NEW TITLES IN THE RESEARCH LIBRARY, JANUARY 2007

CLASSROOM AND CURRICULUM

Welcoming students with visual impairment to your school : A guide to training public school personnel and families about the needs of students with vision loss
Heydt, Kathy; Lolli, Dennis; Miller, Tom; Pompano, Michael; Wright, Darick; writers
Riggio, Marianne; editor

This handbook aids Teachers of the Visually Impaired conducting inservice trainings for general education teachers whose classrooms include students with visual impairments. Accompanied by PowerPoint programs the four modules are: Overview, Social Skills, O&M, and Low Vision.

Teaching by design : Using your computer to create materials for students with learning differences

Voss, Kimberly S.

"...[S]tep-by-step instructions and design strategies ... to create over 40 customized educational materials for children and adults with cognitive, sensory, or physical disabilities."--Back cover
The author was inspired to create these materials for her daughter, who has multiple disabilities, including visual impairment.

Young children with disabilities in natural environments : Methods and procedures
Noonan, Mary; Jo McCormick, Linda

"With its comprehensive coverage of instruction and intervention practices in natural environments, this is the essential methods textbook for preservice educators and therapists."--Back cover. Focuses on children from birth to age 5.

LITERACY

Psychophysics of reading in normal and low vision

Legge, Gordon E.

The author "discusses the role of vision in reading, focusing on the reading performance of people with normal, healthy vision and people with impaired vision. Legge describes the influence of physical properties of text on reading performance and the implications for information processing in the visual pathways."--Back cover

CHILD DEVELOPMENT / ASSESSMENT / EARLY INTERVENTION

Cerebral visual impairment in pre-school age

Hyvärinen, Lea, et al.

This video follows the physiotherapy and vision training of a girl with hemiplegia and developmental delay from the age of six months to two years. The three sections focus on: vision in early therapy, accommodation, and playful vision testing

Functional scheme: Levels 0-48 months : Assessment, learning, reassessment, functions, skills
Nielsen, Lilli

Assessment tool for individuals of any age who function at the level of 0-48 months of age.

Charts for evaluating the level of development for hundreds of tasks, skills, and abilities. Usable

by parents, teachers, and professionals.

Vision assessment of infants & children with and without special needs

Appleby, Kathleen

Part 1 offers background information on the visual system and the assessment of infants and special needs children; Part 2 has step-by-step guidelines for assessing vision in infants and young children.

Sensational kids : Hope and help for children with sensory processing disorder (SPD)

Miller, Lucy Jane

For parents, caregivers, and teachers: "the signs and symptoms of SPD [Sensory Processing Disorder], and its four major subtypes; ways the disorder is diagnosed and treated; sensory strategies for living with it; and advocacy methods to bring families help and hope."--Jacket flap

COMMUNICATION

Enhancing everyday communication for children with disabilities

Sigafoos, Jeff Arthur-Kelly, Michael Butterfield, Nancy

"This concise, strategy-filled guidebook is the perfect introduction to improving the communication of children with moderate, severe, and multiple disabilities."--Back cover

PARENTING

Hands-on parenting : A resource guide for parents who are blind or partially sighted

Bacon, Debbie

Parenting advice for people who are blind or visually impaired; tips on confronting the ignorance of those who question their competence.

In touch with your baby's development

Russell-Brown, Jo

For parents who have just learned their infant is blind or visually impaired. Advice about learning styles; how to encourage early development.

TRANSITION / JOB HUNTING / COLLEGE

Going to college : Expanding opportunities for people with disabilities

Getzel, Elizabeth Evans; Wehman, Paul H.

Aimed at guidance and admission counselors, this book explains how to make college accessible to "young people with a wide range of disabilities." Advice on selecting a college, creating welcoming classrooms, easing transition.

Disabled & challenged : Reach for your dreams!

Cohen, Terry Scott; Cohen, Barry M.

Advice for teens and young people for creating a fulfilling life, written by a young man with muscular dystrophy.

Making self-employment work for people with disabilities

Griffin, Cary; Hammis, David

"...[T]his handbook offers the practical support needed to help individuals with significant disabilities start and maintain a small business."--Back cover

Model program operation manual for Business Enterprise Program supervisors

Moore, J. Elton; Tucker, Angula

There is no standardized operation manual for vending facilities under the Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program (BEP). This publication provides a model for rehabilitation agencies in improving and evaluating their Randolph-Sheppard programs.

Relationship of agency structure and client characteristics to rehabilitation services and outcomes for consumers who are blind

Cavanaugh, Brenda S.

A study to determine whether people who are blind are best served by rehabilitation agencies that specifically serve the blind, or by cross-disability agencies that serve people with all categories of disability.

Transition to work following graduation from college : Experiences of employees with visual impairments and their employers

McBroom, Lynn W.

"This report describes the experiences of successfully employed workers with visual impairments as they made the transition from college to work. Interviews were conducted with both employees and their employers to paint a fuller picture about experiences on the job."--p.1

Life beyond the classroom : Transition strategies for young people with disabilities

Wehman, Paul, Ph.D.

"...[B]rings together the most comprehensive information on facilitating transitions for young people with mild, moderate, or severe disabilities." Includes information about inclusion in school and the community, postsecondary education, high-stakes testing, customized employment, work incentives, Social Security benefits, etc.

Real work for real pay : Inclusive employment for people with disabilities

Wehman, Paul, et al.

The purpose of this book "is to be the comprehensive resource on inclusive employment. This book provides important values, behavioral tools for change, assistive technology for change, and policy directions."--p.xv

ACCESSIBILITY / ACCOMMODATION

The accessible museum : Model programs of accessibility for disabled and older people
Profiles of nineteen museums whose collections are accessible to persons with a range of disabilities.

The impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on the employment of individuals

who are blind or have severe visual impairments : Part I: Elements of the ADA accommodation request process

Frank, John Jay

An examination of the impact of the ADA on the availability of job opportunities for people with severe visual impairment.

LEGAL ISSUES / LIFE PLANNING

Legal planning for special needs in Massachusetts : A family guide to SSI, guardianship, and estate planning

Jackins, Barbara, D.

Written by an attorney, this handbook for parents of children with special needs offers definitions of terms and explanations of legal aspects of guardianship, estate planning, medical insurance, government benefits and court processes. Reproductions of many legal forms.

PSYCHOLOGY / COGNITIVE SCIENCE / RESEARCH

The avoidance of help-seeking : A study of the experiences of persons with severe visual impairment with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation request process for print access

Frank, John Jay

"...[T]his qualitative interview study investigated the experiences of people with severe visual impairment who requested alternate formats to print." Requests were made from colleges, insurance companies, banks, businesses, government agencies, and businesses.

The singularity is near : When humans transcend biology

Kurzweil, Ray

The author, who developed the Kurzweil reading applications, predicts the Singularity: "the union of human and machine, in which the knowledge and skills embedded in our brains will be combined with the vastly greater capacity, speed, and knowledge-sharing ability" of computers and machines.

VISION / CAUSES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Visual perception : PART I: Fundamentals of vision: Low and mid-level processes in perception

Martinez-Conde, S., et al.

Presents "state-of-the-art in visual perception research, with a special emphasis in the neural substrates of perception."

BIOGRAPHY

There's nothing in this book that I meant to say

Poundstone, Paula

The author uses short vignettes from lives of famous persons as inspiration for humorous stories drawn from her own life. Helen Keller is one of her heroes.

Young heroes : Louis Braille

Conkie, Heather

A teen who is blind learns about the life and accomplishments of Louis Braille; highly dramatic and affecting presentation of Braille's biography and his invention of braille. Audio-described.

FICTION

Blind traveler down a dark river

Bennett, Robert P.

Novel is set in the year 2021 in New York City. The protagonist uses a GPS unit to navigate the world. His device malfunctions just as he happens onto the scene of a murder. Authorities refuse to assist him, so he launches his own investigation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Study guide for the low vision therapist certification examination

Flax, Marshall

Study guide developed by the Certification Committee of AER, specifically for the low vision practitioner preparing for the certification exam administered by The Academy for the Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals.