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### Coming Events

**QIAT Summit**  
 June 22-23, 2010  
 Sunrise, Florida  
[www.qiat.org](http://www.qiat.org)

**Closing the Gap**  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 October 21-23, 2010  
 Preconference-October 19-20, 2010  
[www.closingthegap.com/conference/](http://www.closingthegap.com/conference/)

**ATIA Chicago**  
 October 27-30, 2010  
[www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3530](http://www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3530)

**ATIA Orlando**  
 January 26 - 29, 2011  
<http://www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3280>

## Summer AT Web Class for School Administrators

OTAP will offer an online course this summer, titled, **Assistive Technology and Accessible Instructional Materials: Strategies for Administrators**, accredited through Portland State University, and taught by Gayl Bowser. The class will explore ways that school administrators and AT leaders can help to develop and improve AIM and AT services. Students will create a personal plan for developing and improving AT and AIM services within the programs they coordinate. Class will run for the summer term from June 21 through August 27. **Registration must be completed by June 10.** To download enrollment forms from the OTAP website, click on the following link:

<http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/OTAPClassesontheweb.aspx>

## Professional Development for 2010-11

Plan now for an OTAP workshop for your staff next school year! All workshops are held at your site and may be custom designed to meet the needs of your group. New this year, OTAP is offering a selection of workshops on **Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM)**. In addition to these, OTAP offers a variety of trainings on Assistive Technology topics, both policies and procedures and "hands-on" computer trainings. Workshops taught by OTAP staff are free of charge. Contact us to schedule a training event or for more information about the following offerings:

<http://www.otap-oregon.org/Pages/ProfessionalDevelopmentOpportunities.aspx>

- *Accessible Instructional Materials: AIM-ing for Access, What Do Districts Need to Know?* A day-long workshop introducing the legal provisions of IDEA and eligibility, and giving an overview of AIM formats and resources, plus considerations for district processes and procedures for implementation AIM with your students.
- *Hands-On with Bookshare* How to register, download and open Bookshare files. This workshop may be customized to include information on how to access AIM files and devices from RFB&D (Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic) and TBABS (Talking Book and Braille Services).
- *Hands-On with AIM Conversion Tools: Software and Devices.* Custom-designed workshops to fit district needs and interests. Options may include training on use of Read:Outloud (Bookshare version or full version), Kurzweil, WYNN, Text to Audio programs, or other software, upon request.
- *Developing a District Process for Implementation of AIM.* Information and facilitated discussion for district or building level teams on processes and procedures for considering AIM for students, establishing eligibility, determining student need, selection and acquisition of AIM and implementation and evaluation of AIM with students.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!