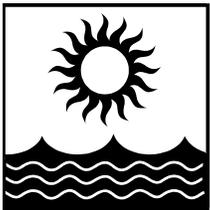


OTAP News

From the Coordinator

Gayl Bowser



Take Your Technology on Vacation at OTAP Seaside Summer Institute Intensive Technology Classes

August 14, 15 and 16, 2006

The staff in the OTAP office are busy making plans for this year's Summer Assistive Technology Institute. It will be held on the Oregon coast at the Seaside Convention Center. On August 14, 15 and 16, we'll be offering full day intensive classes on a variety of topics related to the ways that students with disabilities can use technology to become more active and independent participants in their own lives. The Assistive Technology Summer Institute and registration form is included with this mailing. In it you'll see nationally know presenters like Kelly Fonner, Roxanne Butterfield and Jason Burke as well as many highly skilled presenters from around the state of Oregon.

Each session is a full day class. Some offer hands-on experience with technology applications while others offer information and ideas to help educators integrate technology use throughout a child's day. Topics range from literacy to augmentative communication. It's a full and exciting program. Many people have already told us they are having trouble deciding which classes to take since there are so many good offerings each day! You can register for one day, two days or all three days of the summer institute.

Please contact Karen Daniels in the OTAP office at karen.daniels@douglasesd.k12.or.us for more information or duplicate brochures.

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*Making Assistive Technology Available to Students in Oregon.
Funded by the Oregon Department of Education.*

Time to start planning for Fall! *Customized, LocalClasses Available at Your Request*

The staff of the Oregon Technology Access Program are committed to offering classes about the uses of technology for students with disabilities that meet your local needs. It is our mission to empower local school and district staff to use technology effectively in their daily work and teaching. In order to do that, we work with each education agency and each individual group to customize our professional development offerings to meet local needs.

Here's a listing of the just some of the classes OTAP can offer. We are happy to work with you to arrange customized technology training opportunities on any assistive technology topic for your group. If you are planning for next year's professional development opportunities and would like to take advantage of one of these training opportunities, please feel free to contact Gayl Bowser or Shar Burgoyne in the OTAP office to discuss the possibilities.

- After the Assessment: Assistive Technology Implementation
- Assistive Technology Pointers for Parents
- Data-Based Assistive Technology Decisions
- Hands-on with Boardmaker® Software
- Hands-on with Clicker 4, PixWriter and Writing with Symbols
- Hands-on with IntelliTools Classroom Suite®
- Hands-on with Kurzweil 3000®
- Hands-on with SOLO®
- Hands-on with WYNN®
- Models of Assistive Technology Assessment

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*Assistive Technology Summer Institute
Summer Loan information*

Summer Loans from the OTAP Equipment Library

As in past summers, OTAP loan library equipment may be checked out for the entire summer. This service is particularly useful for students who may need a longer trial period of equipment, for parents who want to become more familiar with the equipment their children use at school and for kids who just want to have some fun over the summer. To borrow an item from the OTAP loan library for the summer, contact Kim Philpott at 541-440-4791 or kim.philpott@douglasesd.k12.or.us

OTAP Webpage

www.otap-oregon.org

- Search the contents of the OTAP loan library
- Order equipment for loan by email
- Check out what is happening on the OTAP events calendar
- Find specifics about OTAP training opportunities
- Download files with information and resources
- Download a grant application from the Coalition for Assistive Technology in Oregon (CATO)
- Ask questions of OTAP staff
- Connect to quality state and national internet resources

Vendor's ROCK!

Many any of the companies that produce excellent products for people with disabilities contribute preview copies to the OTAP Equipment Library. Their generosity allows us to offer you up-to-date equipment previews and borrow assistive technology devices so that you can learn more about them. We believe that the OTAP Equipment Library is one of the most valuable aspects of the program. The contributions of the following companies have been an important benefit to the lives of children with disabilities all over Oregon during the past year. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity of:

Kurzweil Education Systems for donation of:

Days of Courage book on CD
Walking for Freedom book on CD

Inspiration Software for a donation of:

Inspiration Version 8.0

Premier Assistive Technology for doantion of:

Universal Reader Software

Tool Factory for donation of:

Alphabet Track Software
Picture Building Software
Touch Games 1 Software

Writer Learning Systems for donation of

Writer Plus with Word Prediction

Don Johnston, Inc. for donation of:

Solo Software Package

Crick Software for donation of:

Find Out about: Ancient Egyptians
Find Out about: Dinosaurs
Find Out about: Animals of Cold Lands
Find Out about: Animals of Hot Lands
Find Out about: Life Cycles
Find Out about: Explorers
Clicker Grids
Clicker Animation
Close Pro
Pen Friend
Word Bar
Planet Wobble:

- Wobble Beach
- Wobble Park
- Wobble Pool
- The Movie
- The Wobble Treasure
- Amber's Busy Day
- Holly's Surprise

And Many More!

OTAP Assistive Technology Teams Project - 2006

This year, the Oregon Technology Access Program (OTAP) offered a new assistive technology project for district level teams. In the past two years, as more and more districts have begun to develop their own assistive technology services and teams, OTAP has had many requests to help those teams create services and systems that make sense for their local needs, demographics and resources. To help address this need, we developed intensive team training during the 2005-2006 school year for a limited number of teams. Applications from school districts all over Oregon were received and eight districts were accepted.

OTAP provided teams from participating districts with three two-day team training events in January, February and March of 2006. There was no cost to the districts for these events. In addition, a team mentor was assigned to all teams to work with them throughout the remainder of the school year. In return, school districts agreed to send at least three team members to all six days of professional development. An administrator from the district attended the first day of the project and met regularly with AT Teams project participants in February, March, April and May to support their work and planning efforts.

Teams training topics included *Developing a District Process for AT Services*, *AT Assessment*, *AT Implementation* and *Strategies for Improved Professional Development*.

Project Incight: *A Community Resource for Portland*

If you live in the Portland area and work with students with disabilities, you might want to check out Project Incight. Incight's mission is to educate and employ youth with disabilities. Incight provides skills trainings and activities for local high school students and scholarships, mentoring & internships for college students around the nation. Goals include:

- To educate and employ people with disabilities.
- Motivate disabled students to get past their limitations and realize their potential.
- Establish a higher percentage of education completion.
- Provide resources to help disabled students access education and training.
- Help students and their families gain the right mindset to successfully transition into life.
- Provide empowerment trainings for students to learn skills on leadership

Through self-empowerment Incight continuously provide the tools and skills for those with disabilities to advance their education, seek and obtain employment, and become active participants in their communities. Through all this, the main goal is to create contributing members of society who view life without any thought of limitations.

The next Incight event in the Portland areas is a movie day showing *US Paralympic Rugby Team*. It will be held on May 20th 1pm-4pm. Registration is required. Call 971-244-0305 to register.

Invitation to Join Assistive Technology Teams Project 2007

The 2007 teams project will begin in January of next year. If you are interest in participating in OTAP's AT Teams project for 2007, please contact Gayl Bowser by phone or email. She'll be happy to answer your questions, send you an application for project participation or just discuss your agency's needs and concerns about assistive technology services.



Coming Events

CLOSING THE GAP • October 19-21, 2006 • *Minneapolis, MN*. The Closing the Gap Conference is one of the nation's largest and oldest conferences on technology in special education and rehabilitation. A large number of the sessions focus on technology for children. Pre-conference sessions are held on Tuesday and Wednesday with shorter sessions on the final days of the conference. The vendor display arena is enormous! Check for the latest conference news at www.closingthegap.com. call 507-248-3294 or email: info@closingthegap.com.

MODELS OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

ASSESSMENT • Winter Term, 2007 • *On the Web* • Web-based class through Portland State University. For further information contact Terry Christenson at 541-440-4791 or email: terry.christenson@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

OTAP ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TEAMS PROJECT

January, February & March 2007. The OTAP AT teams project provides intensive training for up to eight teams from school districts and education service districts throughout Oregon. The purpose of the Teams Project is to help education agencies develop the resources they need to provide high quality, legal, ethical and cost efficient AT services for all students who need assistive technology. For further information, contact Gayl Bowser at gayl.bowser@douglasesd.k12.or.us or call her at 541-440-4791.

ATIA 8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE • January 24-27, 2007 • *Caribe Royale All-Suites Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, Florida*. ATIA 2007 serves as a leading forum for the Assistive Technology community to participate in presentations and discussions about new technology, practical applications, and services. Segments of the Assistive Technology industry (Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Blindness; Computer Access; Curriculum Adaptations; Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

Electronic Aids to Daily Living; Games and Recreation; Learning Disabilities/Study Aids/Literacy; Low Vision; and Mechanical Accessories and Mounting Devices) will be represented in various presentations, demonstrations and/or exhibits. In addition, a hands-on lab will provide an opportunity to experiment with and evaluate the latest assistive technology devices and software available.

TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFERENCE (CSUN)

• March 19-24, 2007 • *Los Angeles, CA*. The CSUN Conference is one of the largest in the country on the topic of technology for persons with disabilities. Strands include hardware, software, adaptive devices, access to technology, training and research. For further information call 818-677-2578 or check the website at www.csun.edu/cod.

AFTER THE ASSESSMENT: IMPLEMENTING

ASSISTIVE PROGRAMS • Spring Term, 2007 • *On the Web* • Web-based class through Portland State University. For further information contact Terry Christenson at 541-440-4791 or email: terry.christenson@douglasesd.k12.or.us.

THERAPY IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

• Tentatively April 16 and 17, 2007 • *Eugene, OR*. Monday's conference session will feature an all-day keynote speaker on a topic of interest to OT's and PTs who work in schools. Tuesday's breakout sessions will include a variety of topics offered by Oregon therapists including treatment strategies, medical interventions, Medicaid billing, and issues in school practice. For more information or a registration brochure check the RSOI website at www.rsoi.org after February 1, 2007 or call Terry Christenson at 541-440-4791.