

NIMAS at the Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST):

NIMAS refers to a collection of consistent and valid XML-based source files created by K-12 curriculum publishers. From these well-structured source files, accessible, student-ready alternate-format versions of textbooks and core materials (e.g., Braille, e-text, Digital Talking Books, etc.) can subsequently be created and distributed to qualified students with disabilities. NIMAS files are NOT student-ready versions. IDEA 2004, P.L. 108-446, establishes the NIMAS as a national standard and requires states and local districts to adopt the NIMAS for providing textbooks and instructional materials to students who are blind or print-disabled.

nimas.cast.org

Other Valuable Resources:

Accessible Textbooks in the Classroom:

nimas.cast.org/about/resources/accessible_textbooks.htm

National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC)

www.nimac.us

Free Matter for the Blind Postal Code Information:

<http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/703.htm>

DAISY Resources for conversion:

The DAISY Consortium was formed for the purpose of establishing the International Standard for the production, exchange and use of the next generation of Digital Talking Books (DTBs). The DAISY Consortium is made up of organizations throughout the world who serve persons who are blind or print disabled. The object of the DAISY Consortium is to improve access to all kinds of information for blind and print-disabled people.

www.daisy.org

www.yourdolphin.com

Digital Talking Books Resources:

A digital Talking Book is envisioned to be, in its fullest implementation, a group of digitally encoded files containing an audio portion recorded in human speech; the full text of the work in electronic form, marked with tags of a descriptive mark-up language; and a linking file that synchronizes text and audio portions. In a digital talking book, a reader has a random access to book sections via a table of contents. The digitization of books intended for persons with disabilities provides opportunities to increase the quality and availability of information to print disabled persons.

Book Port:

www.aph.org

Victor Reader Classic Plus:

www.floridareading.com/victorreader.shtml

Telex Scholar:

www.telex.com/talkingbook/

Vibe:

www.humanware.ca

Plextor's Plectalk:

www.plectalk.com

Ereader Outfitters:

www.ereaderoutfitters.com

Text to Speech Software:

Text to Speech (TTS) is a type of speech synthesis application that is used to create a spoken sound version of the text in a computer document. TTS can enable the reading of computer display information for the blind or print disabled person. It may simply be used to augment the reading of text message. Current TTS applications include voice-enabled email and spoken prompts in voice response systems. TTS is often used with voice recognition programs. There are numerous TTS products available.

Book Wizard Reader:

www.aph.org/products/bwr_info.html

Ease Reader:

www.yourdolphin.com

eClipse Reader:

www.daisy.org

FS Player:

www.fsplay.flashexperience.com

ghPlayer:

www.ghbraille.com/ghplayer.html

Victor Reader Soft:

www.victor.com

IDEAL Website Training Modules:

The Indiana Designs Equitable Access for Learning (IDEAL) a funded project of the Indiana Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learner. The main focus is to create training modules directly related to the fields of disabilities. These modules are built adhering to the simplest of HTML/Web standards to help ensure accessibility and fast downloading when possible.

www.idealindiana.com

Indiana Educational Resource Center:

The Indiana Educational Resource Center (IERC) is located at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Indianapolis. The IERC is an educational resource center for materials for the blind and visually impaired students being served in Indiana.

www.ierc.sitestillunderdevelopment

Textbook Resource File:

The following site will provide the Indiana State Textbook Adoption List and other relevant information pertain to textbook adoption

www.doe.state.in.us/olr/textbook/welcome.html

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Tech-Adapt is a company providing AMP services to SEAs and LEAs:

www.techadapt.com

Bookshare is a company providing AMP services to SEAs and LEAs:

www.bookshare.org

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic is providing AMP services to SEAs and LEAs:

www.rfbd.org

The site listed below will scan books for student with print disabilities to make trade and text books available.

www.textbookreader.org

Free Digital Content and Player Websites:

Adobe Corporation's free ebooks:

www.adobe.com/epaper/ebooks

Microsoft Corporation's free ebooks:

www.mslit.com

Project Gutenberg free ebooks:

www.gutenberg.org

Digital Book Index:

www.digitalbookindex.org

Electronic Text Center at the University of Virginia:

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

Ebook Lobby:

www.ebooklobby.com

Bartleby Publishing:

www.bartleby.com

Read Print

www.readprint.com

Center for Applied Special Technology:

www.cast.org

Overdrive:

www.overdrive.com

FilePlaza.com

www.fileplaza.com

RealPlayer:

www.realplayerweb.com