Switch Literacy Resources for Children with Vision Impairments Including Multiple Impairments

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Following is a list of resources discussed during our presentation as well as additional resources related to iOS devices and PCs for accessible literacy options.

iPad:
Apps--
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- Adapted Play Book-E—I—E—I--O
- Adapted Play Book-Peanut Butter
- Adapted Play Book-Hurry! Hurry!

Myownbooks2go:
App is complimentary to the My Own Books to Go website, but can be used independently. It is can be used for students who have disabilities as it has accessible features built into the App for scanning selections and book pages. It also allows you to play the titles

The following series of articles provide instruction and information about the new iOS 7 operating system and how to use the new Switch Control accessibility option available as part of iOS 7.

How do I use a switch with an iPad? iOS 7 Overview
By Jand Farrall
Website: http://www.janefarrall.com/blog/2013/09/29/how-do-i-use-a-switch-with-an-ipad-ios-7-overview/

iOS 7 Switch Control
The Missing User Guide
Website: http://www.ablenetinc.com/Portals/0/KnowledgeBase/Manuals/iOS7-UserGuide.pdf

Switch Accessibility: How to Make your iPad Switch Accessible
By Julie melton Smith
Bridgingapps
Website: http://bridgingapps.org/

Switch Accessible Apps and iPad Compatible Switch Accessories
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https://www.pinterest.com/lasenders/switch-accessible-apps-and-ipad-compatible-switch-/
This Pinterest has a wide variety of resources switch accessible items for the iPad, including switches, apps and accessories.

PC Resources:

Accessible Book Collection
http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org
Although this resource requires a subscription fee ($49.95 per subscription with lower rates available for school districts), it has a wide variety of book available. Clicker and Board Maker books are easily switch accessible. In addition, books can be converted to epub files and viewed on an iPad. This site also allows you to demo books prior to purchasing a subscription.

My Own Books 2 Go:
http://www.myownbooks2go.com
Myownbooks2go is an accessible website with over 200+easy to read books and content based books that can be read aloud with digitized speech and/or video at the website or shared via email or to mobile devices. You can download books from the library or create your own. Membership fees being at an individual rate of $125.00 with group rates for classroom available as well.

Starfall:
www.starfall.com
A phonics literacy approach for preprint learners up through early readers. Programs can be navigated through switch systems using the "tab" or "enter" keys. Drag and drop portions of the website are not accessible using switch interfaces.

Tar Heel:
http://tarheelreader.org/
A collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books that can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces. Membership allows you to write your own books using pictures from a collection or from pictures you upload.

Additional Resources:

RJ Cooper and Associates, Inc., R. J. Cooper
http://www.rjcooper.com/
A terrific resource filled information about Apps, iPad accessories, software and hardware for persons with special needs. There are options to download some of the software to trial before you have to purchase it.

Treasure Island by Inclusive Technology Ltd.
Switch Accessible Apps Website:
http://www.inclusive.co.uk

Switch skills scanning to help make choices using one or two switches, iPad App information and ChooseIt! Maker 3 (which allows you to create, edit and play personalized learning materials that can be downloaded to an iPad.

Using Switches: an Introduction to Assitive Switch Technology
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This short article is a brief review of some most common types of switches used by students with various disabilities.

Priory Woods Activities
http://studentswithdifference.wikispaces.com/Priory+Woods+Videos+Revamped
This site provides a wide range of programs to assist students in developing the skills needed to use assistive input devices such as switches.

Hiyah.net
http://hiyah.net/software.html
This resource contains downloadable free software which includes literacy concepts as well as math concepts. You will need an interface to use a switch.

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