



Resources in Reading and More from the Minnesota Resource Library!

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Charting the Cs Conference 2024

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- 21st year in education
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- Taught various Deaf Education programs: residential, deaf centered, and rural itinerant
- Taught 3 years of HS ASL and English Language Learners
- Fifth year working for the libraries
- School library, curriculum library, and Minnesota Resource Library

About Minnesota Resource Libraries

MN Resource Libraries is a statewide library providing information and resources to help educators and families meet the educational needs of Minnesota children and youth who have a hearing and/or vision loss

We offer:

- Assistive Technologies
- Curriculums
- Assessments
- Resources about disabilities and various instructional approaches

About Minnesota Resource Libraries

We also offer:

- Literature
- Shared Reading Project
- DVDs – Instructional and Entertainment
- Games

Who Can Use the MNRL? - Patron Types:

Professional:

- Licensed professionals in the field.
- Has access to all resources in the MNRL.

Community:

- Has limited access to resources. Cannot receive AT Equipment, Curriculum, or Assessments.

Faculty:

- Licensed staff working at Minnesota State Academies

Assistive Technology Checkouts:

On Demand:

- Can be kept for as long as the student is enrolled in the district you serve.

AT Loan Equipment:

- Checkout is good for 68 days. This allows districts to explore different AT technology before purchase.

On-Demand Procedures:

- We contact all patrons with On-Demand items annually to verify if renewal is needed.
- Some patrons have moved or retired; On-Demand items must be transferred to your replacement.
- If student has graduated or no longer in your district, On-Demand items will need to be returned.
- Please contact us.

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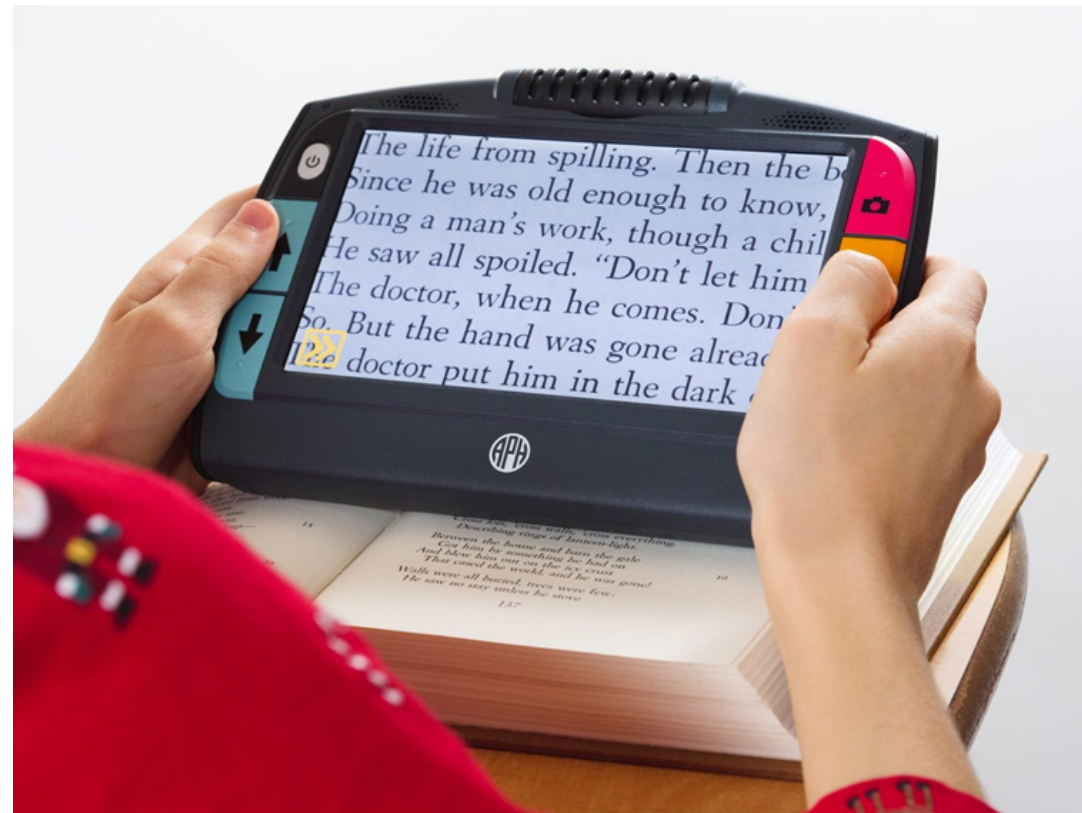
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Joy Player



Juno Handheld Magnifier



Jupiter Portable Magnifier



LED Mini Lite Box



LED Light Box



Mantis Q40



Perkins Braille & Light-Touch Braille



Handheld Video Mag HD



Resource Materials Checkouts:

Assessments:

- 68-day loans

Curriculums:

- 68-day loans

Books, Games, DVDs:

- 30-day loans

Assessments:

Assessments which districts do not have may be borrowed to determine strengths and need for students with a hearing and/or vision loss.

These loans are good for 68 days.



Assessment Spotlights:

- The ASL Receptive Skills Test (ASL RST)
- The for Auditory Comprehension of Language (TACL:4)
- KeyMath 3 (Includes large print and braille formats)
- Woodcock-Johnson IV (Includes large print and braille formats)
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA-3)
- Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA-3)
- Test of Early Reading Ability (TERA-4)
- Differential Abilities Scales (DAS-II)

Curriculums:

Specially designed curriculums are available on loan to Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Blind/Visually Impaired.

These loans are good for 68 days.



Curriculum Spotlights:

- High Interest/Low Level Reading Programs
- Pre-Employment Transition Solution (Pre-ETS)
- CID Spice for Life 2: Auditory Learning Curriculum
- Visualizing & Verbalizing: For Language Comprehension and Thinking
- Barraga: Visual Efficiency Program
- Signing Naturally
- SKI-HI
- Sonday System: Multisensory Solutions for Reading

Books:

- Books for professionals and families to learn more about DHH and/or BVI approaches and best practices

These loans are good for 30 days.



Books for Children Who are DHH or DeafBlind:

- List created by Taylor Lovin and Emily Manson
- The MNRL is collaborating and is using the list to add to collection
- One place to see all books
- Our goal is to have all books on the list

[Books for Children Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind](#)

DVDs:

- ASL Films (All 10 Films)
- Signing Times and other DVDs for children and families to learn ASL
- Mainstream movies featuring Deaf characters and ASL
- Documentaries
- Shared Reading Projects
- ASL DVDs for interpreters and others to advance their skills

These loans are good for 30 days

Games:

These loans are good for 30 days.



Finding and Making Requests:

- The MNRL catalog can be browsed, and requests can be made online.
- We encourage all patrons to use the library system online.
- Patrons can email us to determine what is available and requests can be made.

Returning and Renewing Checkouts:

- When returning items, please place device in the original box that was provided to you.
- Please wrap boxes with packaging paper.
- Use Free Matter if applicable.
- Insure AT Equipment
- Contact us if you wish to renew. If item has a waitlist, you will need to return it.

Loan Mailing Challenges:

BVI – Free Matter

“Matter may be entered free of postage if mailed by or for the use of blind or other persons who cannot read or use conventionally printed materials due to a physical handicap.” - USPS

- In the past, patrons were responsible with mailing loan returns back to us at their expense.
- As of 2023-2024 school year, we are including Return Postages to all patrons.
- AT Equipment loans still require patrons to pay package insurance for the value of the device.

Your Input is Encouraged:

- What additions do you want to see in the library?
- How can we better serve you?
- Suggestions and feedback are always welcomed!



Thank you!

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