**Resources for Distance Learning**

There is a new resource being provided by Internet Archive, the National Emergency Library. They have opened up their collection of millions of titles so that students working from home will have access to content in digital formats. They are suspending waitlists through June 30, 2020, so that students in schools and universities can freely access the materials.

More information can be found here:

[https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Farchive.org%2Fdetails%2Fnationalemergencylibrary&data=02%7C01%7CKristin.oien%40state.mn.us%7C61216f15971f4ffd5e3108d7d0c71388%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c2159828c%7C0%7C0%7C637207425750133205&sdata=AdajAPMhncuBa0Ky3dENgVueDjNR%2FZBrHv8mnLy39No%3D&reserved=0)

Bookshare – an accessible online library for people with print disabilities

<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>

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For those outside of North America, Freedom Scientific and our international distributors are working together to provide home solutions for our customers during the COVID-19 crisis. Please contact your [local distributor](http://www.mmsend2.com/link.cfm?r=vHO-rWsQ34pGODjWrjwPLA~~&pe=VTVoUHr4gQTNjgTgpV28WzzzD9uGzA9-RpUuDnSQVmjuprPk8xWcIsTFPiOGx4cRsqEmWgfZj4kBc5u9_KE_wQ~~&t=i1XV_uI6QnBBfbbEm4c-uw~~) if you need assistance connecting to school or work from home.

Learn more: [https://portal.freedomscientific.com/SponsoredSoftware](http://www.mmsend2.com/link.cfm?r=vHO-rWsQ34pGODjWrjwPLA~~&pe=aEn2shMqMI1AArxDvtTA07S9USRF5-GkAtbPQypiV0JTcVeJcRxRlzL7wtI2F3wtSCbtGQ2QfG2te8og4ZabRg~~&t=i1XV_uI6QnBBfbbEm4c-uw~~)

We also wish to remind you about TypeAbility, designed by YesAccessible! TypeAbility is a fun, interactive typing and computer tutor program designed for users of JAWS, ZoomText and Fusion. TypeAbility teaches the keyboard skills necessary for typing and using a JAWS or ZoomText on the computer. This is especially helpful for parents who want to get their children jump-started at home.

YesAccessible is also offering special pricing for [TypeAbility](http://www.mmsend2.com/link.cfm?r=vHO-rWsQ34pGODjWrjwPLA~~&pe=-SrEe-hz0RAhXTSgOQWNl3tc38qZJ4HpM_jkCTBLlFdiN06KGe-VOA5hM7yF3zzuXHR590P2QQWUhUm81N1xLg~~&t=i1XV_uI6QnBBfbbEm4c-uw~~) during this time.

Parents that need help with training can also find a wealth of [resources](http://www.mmsend2.com/link.cfm?r=vHO-rWsQ34pGODjWrjwPLA~~&pe=vYdI1M_nVIn_SJF-RSaN0K0_iyOgSbJNmctfurLgzFhGbWVeHVTPGCqPXLc59fJ3hpCTQAsAMJsmeW0fI_cUMg~~&t=i1XV_uI6QnBBfbbEm4c-uw~~) by following the resources link, including videos on Freedom Scientific products at: [https://www.youtube.com/freedomscientifictraining](http://www.mmsend2.com/link.cfm?r=vHO-rWsQ34pGODjWrjwPLA~~&pe=-Lbkxc_w2QvU3p2stkWNKYwOlcgB8hz3SKYw3Le7wphBrKeT-tGNJeRxfIzlb7EeJqY0J-8_AGIOjrfG8xjKlw~~&t=i1XV_uI6QnBBfbbEm4c-uw~~).

**Paths to Literacy** – Stay at Home Activities for Children with Visual Impairments

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/stay-home-activities-children-visual-impairments?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Stay-at-Home%20Activities%20for%20Children%20with%20Visual%20Impairments&utm_content=Stay-at-Home%20Activities%20for%20Children%20with%20Visual%20Impairments+CID_46a1fb8ddc5bd95000fc3ebb9e913efc&utm_source=Paths%20to%20Literacy%20Newsletter&utm_term=Young%20girl%20holding%20scissors%20and%20cutting>

They also have many other wonderful ideas and posts…check them out!!

**invision.**training learning community - all courses on the **invision.**training site are available at no cost in this time of global pandemic until May 1, 2020.

The **invision.**training community, in its support for all those whose work requires them to know about blindness, visual impairment, and other sensory impairments, extends our sincere prayers for an end to this crisis.  We will all get to the other side of this event.

[www.invisionservicesinc.com](http://www.invisionservicesinc.com/)

         Coronavirus resources for the blind and visually impaired community: <https://blindyblog.com/about-me/coronavirus/>

**Orientation and Mobility**

         Techniques for Remote Instruction: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wNjResbqVWKuQqew0OcuuXd2I4o5ZC4WZc27zE7Ywww/edit>

         Eyes-Free Fitness: <https://www.blindalive.com/>

         Hadley’s Get Up and Walk (or Jog)! April 7, 2020 at 8:00PM EDT. We'll share ideas and advice on starting a walking or jogging route. Hadley Practice Leader and Certified Orientation and Mobility Instructor Charmaine Martin will join us to offer tips on how to get started and stick to a routine, and safety techniques to consider. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/226961337?status=success>  Conference Dial in by Phone:+1 929 205 6099   Meeting ID: 226 961 337

         Remote and Virtual O&M Services: <http://www.livebinders.com/b/2536433>

**Teachers & Classroom**

         Blindfold Games: [www.blindfoldgames.org](http://www.blindfoldgames.org)

       “We are providing free access to our digital curriculum to schools and teachers to use with their students with vision impairments through the end of the current 2019/2020 school year. ObjectiveEd’s distance learning help students practice many of the Expanded Core Curriculum, with skill-building games for Orientation and Mobility, Assistive Technology and Braille Literacy.” [www.objectiveEd.com/distance](http://www.objectiveEd.com/distance)

         Resources for DHH Teachers and Families: <https://mn.gov/deaf-commission/news/?id=1063-423881>

         Improving Postsecondary Outcomes for All Students with Disabilities: <https://www.transitionta.org/system/tdf/news/NTACT_at%20home%20instructional%20resources_March2020.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=2001&force=0>

**Discussion Groups, Support Groups, etc.**

         Hadley Discussion Groups: <https://hadley.edu/discussions/>

         HLAA WEBINAR, “What Nelson Mandela and Others Teach Us About Coping with the Coronavirus and Isolation”:  <https://www.hearingloss.org/webinars/coronavirus-and-isolation/>

**Movies & Media**

         Blog: <https://www.thisdeafblindlife.com/blog>

         Podcast: The Tactile Traveler: Nick Isenberg ‘Blind Like Me’ [www.blindlikeme.podbean.com](http://www.blindlikeme.podbean.com)

         TED Talks Videos on Youtube:

Robert Waldinger: What Makes a Good Life?

Amy Purdy: Living Beyond Limits

Richard St. John: Success is a Continuous Journey

Michele L. Sullivan: Asking for Help is a Strength, Not a Weakness

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

Chip Conley: Measuring What Makes a Life Worthwhile

Susan David: The Gift and Power of Emotional Courage

Alison Ledgerwood: A Simple Trick to Improve Positive Thinking

Julian Treasure: How to Speak so that People Want to Listen

Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret to Better Work

Dan Gilbert: The Surprising Science of Happiness

Kelly McGonigal: How to Make Stress Your Friend

         DOGumentary:

Netflix: Pick of the Litter

YouTube: Pip

You Tube or Amazon Prime: Quill: The Life of a Guide Dog

SuperNova (I will forward the email I received)