

# Get Them Opening Books Again: AT to Inspire Reading

## Target Audience

This workshop is ideal for all special and general education teachers, Title One teachers, technology coordinators, child study team members, and disability support providers.

## Description of Experience

There are ways to get struggling students excited about reading again . . . it just might not be in our conventional paper-based format. Participants will explore how assistive technology has revolutionized the way we read material! Technology is an excellent tool to motivate struggling readers and increase comprehension skills. This session will explore alternatives to paper-based texts, tools for organizing ideas and study skill tools including digital books, scan-read technology and electronic spellers. Participants will be equipped with lots of easily implemented new ideas to get their students excited about reading again!

## Learning Objectives

- Identify different types of reading material & understand how technology can modify those formats
- Understand how digital books work including the DAISY format
- Experience using scan-read software programs
- Scan a traditional textbook using various scan-read programs
- Experience electronic spellers
- Try multiple types of audio book players
- Identify multiple online resources for supporting reading:
  - Fee resources
  - Free resources
  - Membership only resources