

University of North Carolina Wilmington
Watson School of Education
Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Site
Advisory Board Summary
Monday, June 1, 2009

Advisory Board Members Present:

Angie Edwards, Becky McGee Hudson, Amy Moody, Michelle Ross, Brenda Scott, Johnnie Sexton, Kari Lee Siko, Mirella Timms, Karen Wetherill

- Welcome
 - Dr. Karen Wetherill, Interim Dean, introduced herself to the Advisory Board. She has taken over the Dean responsibilities while Dr. Cathy Barlow serves as Interim Provost.

- Assistive Technology Initiate Lending Library (ATILL)
 - Demonstration of Website
 - People should be able to begin checking items out beginning August 1, 2009 depending upon the completion of the online database/lending library system

- Resources
 - Purchasing Procedures – the process for how purchases are made was reviewed
 - Will do another big order in September – please be thinking of what else we need to purchase
 - Focus on new and emerging technologies and off the shelf items that can be used by persons with special needs
 - For hearing impairments – looking into FrontRow devices for sound field amplification

- Make and Take Workshops
 - A list of previous workshops registration vs. attendance was presented (see attached)
 - Summer series of workshops
 - Many workshops are full – great interest in free workshops
 - Fall workshops
 - Ed Games Toolbox Make and Take (Sept 8 and Oct 6)
 - Other ideas/volunteers?
 - SETT Process – how to assess for correct assistive technologies
 - Assistive Technology for hearing and listening impaired/challenged

- Learning Disabilities – specifically literacy supports – possibly contact Audrey Toney (she is doing workshops this summer for Onslow Co Schools)
 - Demonstration of literacy assistive technologies – talking word processors, screen readers and book supports
 - Focus on middle and high school reading
 - Make and take – adaptive books – age/grade level workshops – create story boxes/literacy kits for books (Mirella willing to assist with this and also possibly contact Dr. Gretchen Hanser at UNC-CH)
 - New products for children unable to access technology - significant physical disabilities – switch access, visual scanners
 - Free options for assistive technologies (also include links on website)
- Kari will begin to plan for workshops for next year and hopes to have a calendar for Fall 2009 ready in August
- Prototypes
 - Creation of new/adapted materials for persons with disabilities
 - Tech Support Analyst can create prototypes of new assistive devices
 - Michelle suggested that we may also work with Ron Rouleau, a retired engineer who is interested in creation of AT devices
 - Please refer people to Site
 - Possibly survey teachers for things they need created for classrooms
 - Add section on Website – “Is there some device that you don’t see here? Something we can develop for you or someone you know?”

**Next Advisory Board Meeting:
Monday, September 21, 2009
3:00 – 5:00pm
207 New Centre**

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Workshop Participation

Name of Workshop	Date	Number Registered	Number Attended
Visual Support for Students with Autism Make and Take	March 23, 2009	20 (plus waiting list)	10
Phonological Awareness for Early and Emergent Readers Make and Take	April 3, 2009	7	5
Visual Supports for Students with Autism Make and Take	April 13, 2009	22	11
Sensory and Fine Motor Fun Make and Take	April 27, 2009	7	5
Off the Shelf: Emerging Technologies Informational Workshop	May 27, 2009	17	8