

About Us

Sponsored by the Watson School of Education through funding provided by the United States Department of Education, this project focuses on the creation of an Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Site (ATDLS) for persons with disabilities and those who provide education, therapy, intervention and care for them. This model facility is housed at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. It holds new and innovative materials and equipment currently available on the market, cutting edge materials, and material and equipment created by those attached to the center, as well as other technologies with a history of positive impacts.

In addition to the physical materials located at the ATDLS, the project offers training opportunities for persons to learn the application and potential of various assistive technologies. The target groups for the trainings include prospective and practicing educators, care givers and community members who work with person of disabilities.

The ATDLS is interactive and showcases technologies that address the needs of people with various types of disabilities. ATDLS aims to be a point of information for the community for education and training. People will be able to "touch," "feel," and "try" some of the latest devices available at the Site.

The goal of ATDLS is to provide an avenue for educating persons on the availability and use of assistive technologies that can provide the freedom and independence desperately sought by many persons faced with temporary or life-long challenges due to their disabilities.

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SCHEDULE

Spring 2010

Monday, February 15, 2010, 2-4 pm

Lending Library Open House

Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 4-6pm

Ed Games Toolbox

**NOTE: This workshop is being held on the UNCW Campus in Room 111 of the Education Building.*

Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 3:30-5:30pm

Visual Supports for Students with Autism Make and Take Workshop

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 4-6pm

Phonological Awareness for Early and Emergent Readers Make and Take Workshop

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 3-5pm

Lending Library Open House

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 4-6pm

The Apple iTouch as Assistive Technology Information Workshop

Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 4-6pm

Using Boardmaker and Clicker Software in the Classroom

**NOTE: This workshop is being held on the UNCW Campus in Room 111 of the Education Building.*

Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 4-6pm

Math Madness Make and Take Workshop

Thursday, April 29, 2010, 4-6pm

Storybook Making Make and Take Workshop

Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 3:30-5:30pm

Sensory and Fine Motor Fun Make and Take Workshop

Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 4-6pm

Exploring APH's Light Box and Mini-Lite Box

**NOTE: This workshop will be held in Airlie Commons – Room 341*

Thursday, May 20, 2010, 4-6pm

Behavioral Management for Students with Special Needs Make and Take Workshop

Workshops will be held in Room 248 of the Airlie Commons Building, 1612 Military Cutoff Road, unless otherwise noted.

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Assistive Technology Workshop Schedule Spring 2010



Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Site
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University of North Carolina Wilmington

The Apple iTouch as Assistive Technology Information Workshop

Presenters: Ms. Angie Edwards, Assistive Technology Support Analyst and Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW

The Apple iTouch is a useful assistive technology when using the Proloquo2Go application. Proloquo2Go™ is a new product from AssistiveWare that provides a full-featured communication solution for people who have difficulty speaking. This informational workshop will allow participants the opportunity to experience Proloquo2Go on the iTouch.

Behavioral Management for Students with Special Needs Make and Take Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW

This make and take workshop will provide teachers and parents with a variety of approaches to helping teach students with special needs how to manage their behavior. Organizational techniques that will help in getting students organized will be explored and several activities that help promote self-regulation of behavior will be presented.

Ed Games Toolbox Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Jeff Ertzberger, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Are you interested in using video and board games in your classroom but just can't find ones that match your curriculum? Have you tried to create video and board games for your classroom only to be overwhelmed by the amount of time and effort required just to produce a simple game? If you answered yes to these questions, then this workshop is for you. Jeff Ertzberger has created lots of free video and board game templates that any teacher can edit and use in their classroom.

**NOTE: This workshop is being held on the UNCW Campus in Room 111 of the Education Building.*

Exploring APH's Light Box and Mini-Lite Box

Presenters: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader and Ms. Angie Edwards, Assistive Technology Support Analyst, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Light boxes allow students to develop awareness of light, color, and objects along with assisting in the instruction of tracking, scanning, eye-hand coordination, visual discrimination and visual perceptual skills. Come find out some of the different activities that you can do in the classroom with the light boxes and the materials available from APH.

Math Madness Make and Take Workshop **Presenter: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW**

For some students, math is a scary subject. During this workshop, teachers and parents will create low-tech devices to assist students develop and expand upon their understanding of mathematics. Activities will include bean sticks, fraction fringe, tangrams, and beach ball math.

Open House

Come see the new location and devices available for checkout.

Phonological Awareness for Early and Emergent Readers Make and Take Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Early and emergent readers are facing a world of letters and sounds that do not often make sense to them. Teachers and parents will discover a variety of approaches to help early and emergent readers begin to understand the written word. Participants will create some fun games and materials to support phonological awareness development including phonological game boards, phoneme counters and blending wheels.

Sensory and Fine Motor Fun Make and Take Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Many students with disabilities need extra assistance with the development of fine motor skills and also with sensory input. This workshop will explore a variety of approaches developing fine motor skills along with sensory skills. Participants will create low-tech materials to support fine motor and sensory development including magnetic mazes, fidget toys, and frog catchers.

Storybook Making Make and Take

Presenters: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader and Ms. Angie Edwards, Assistive Technology Support Analyst, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Make reading time fun and interactive! This workshop will allow participants to create a fun, tactile book that can be used with one child or a group of children. Participants will leave with an adapted storybook.

Using Boardmaker and Clicker Software in the Classroom

Presenter: Ms. Angie Edwards, Assistive Technology Support Analyst, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Come find out how to use Boardmaker and Clicker Software in both general and special education classrooms. This workshop will provide an overview of both the Boardmaker and Clicker software and allow participants time to explore each program on their own.

**NOTE: This workshop is being held on the UNCW Campus in Room 111 of the Education Building.*

Visual Supports for Students with Autism Make and Take Workshop

Presenter: Dr. Kari Lee Siko, Assistive Technology Instructional Leader, Watson School of Education, UNCW

Many students with autism respond to visual information best. Visual supports not only allow students to promote cognition and information processing, but also can increase receptive communication. At this workshop, participants will create visuals they can use at home or in the classroom to support positive behavior and learning. Activities will include: picture/ activity schedules, behavioral charts, and more.

To Register for a Workshop

You can either e-mail sikok@uncw.edu or call 910-962-2579 with your name and the workshop(s) you would like to register for.

All workshops will be held at the Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Site training room (unless otherwise noted) – located in Room 248 of the Airlie Commons Building (Woodlands Bank is on the first floor of the building). To get to our new location from Eastwood Road (US-74 E), you will turn right onto Military Cutoff Road and the building will be on your right (right past the Hangers and the Carwash). Once inside the building, take the elevator to the second floor – go to the right and go all the way down the hall and the Assistive Technology Demonstration and Lending Training Room is located on the right side of the hallway in room 248.

NOTE: All workshops are limited to the first 15 persons who register. If you are unable to attend a workshop that you have registered for, please notify Kari Siko (sikok@uncw.edu or 910-962-2579) at least 24hrs prior so that someone on the waiting list can attend.