

Assistive Technology Resources

VERMONT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
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Joy Redington

A.T. Access Specialist, Central Vermont

- **How long have you worked here?**
Since January 2023
- **Education:**
 - B.A. in English Literature-Queens College, City University of New York
 - B.S. in Psychology-Johnson State College
- **My first piece of AT:**
A hand grip for my left hand that my 2nd-grade librarian fashioned out of everyday classroom items!
- **What do you love about this job?**
Meeting Vermonters where they are at to support their journey towards independence.
- **What's your favorite pastime?**
Making soap, Music/singing and Anime



What is Assistive Technology?



Assistive Technology Is...

A term for creative tools and strategies that help people live, learn, work, and play!

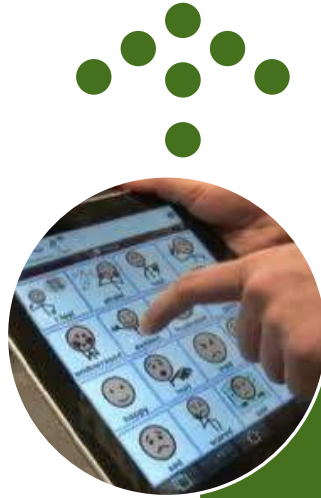
Also known as: A.T.

About Our Program

- Offering statewide services through the Federal AT Grant.
- Serving all ages, all disabilities and aging-related needs.
- No eligibility requirements, referral, or paperwork needed.



THE TECH SPECTRUM



High Tech

Complex,
often
expensive



Low Tech

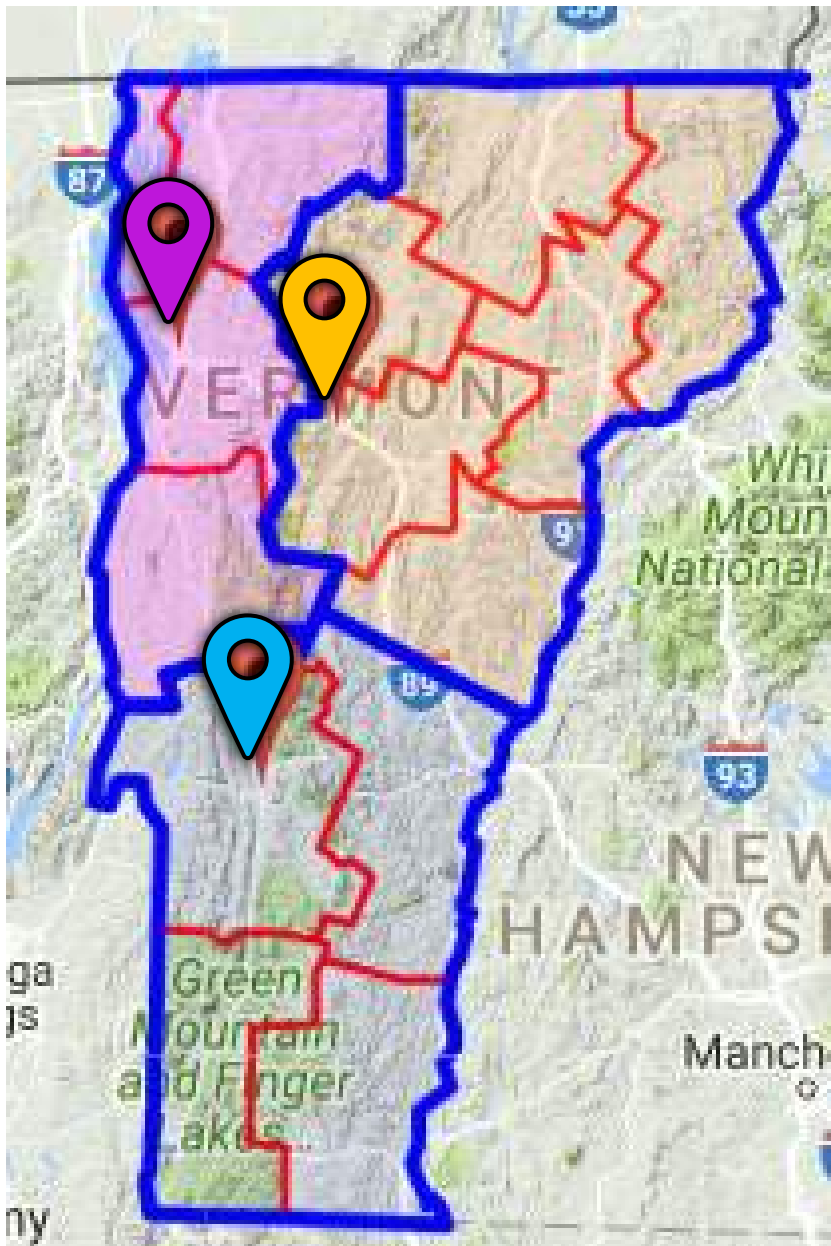
Off-the shelf
items and
techniques



No Tech

Changing the environment,
required tasks, or schedule

Statewide Tryout Centers



Burlington

Serving Franklin, Grand Isle, and Chittenden Counties

Waterbury

Serving Washington, Lamoille, Caledonia, Essex, Orleans, and Orange Counties

Castleton University

Serving Bennington, Windsor, Rutland, Addison, and Windham Counties

Burlington Tryout Center



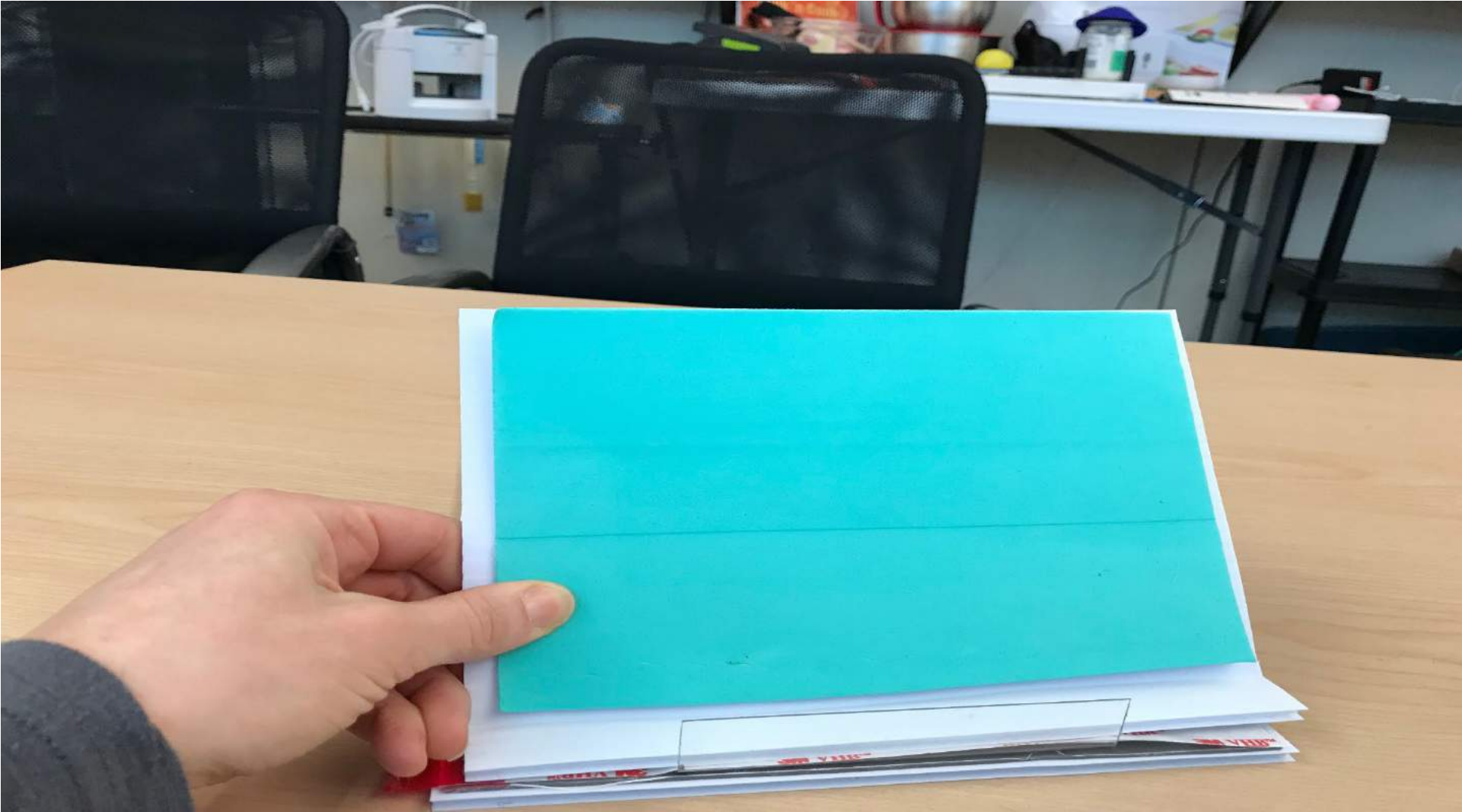
At left, a blue soft-touch tomato sitter with wooden legs on wheels and a balance bike shown in the tryout center office. At right, a Little Room Active Learning Space (PVC pipe structure) with interactive objects for children who are blind or experience low vision. The background depicts floor to ceiling shelving units with other assistive technology. The ceiling has 4 fluorescent light covers, 2 with blue sky and clouds.

Guess that A.T. !



Assisted Knob Turner



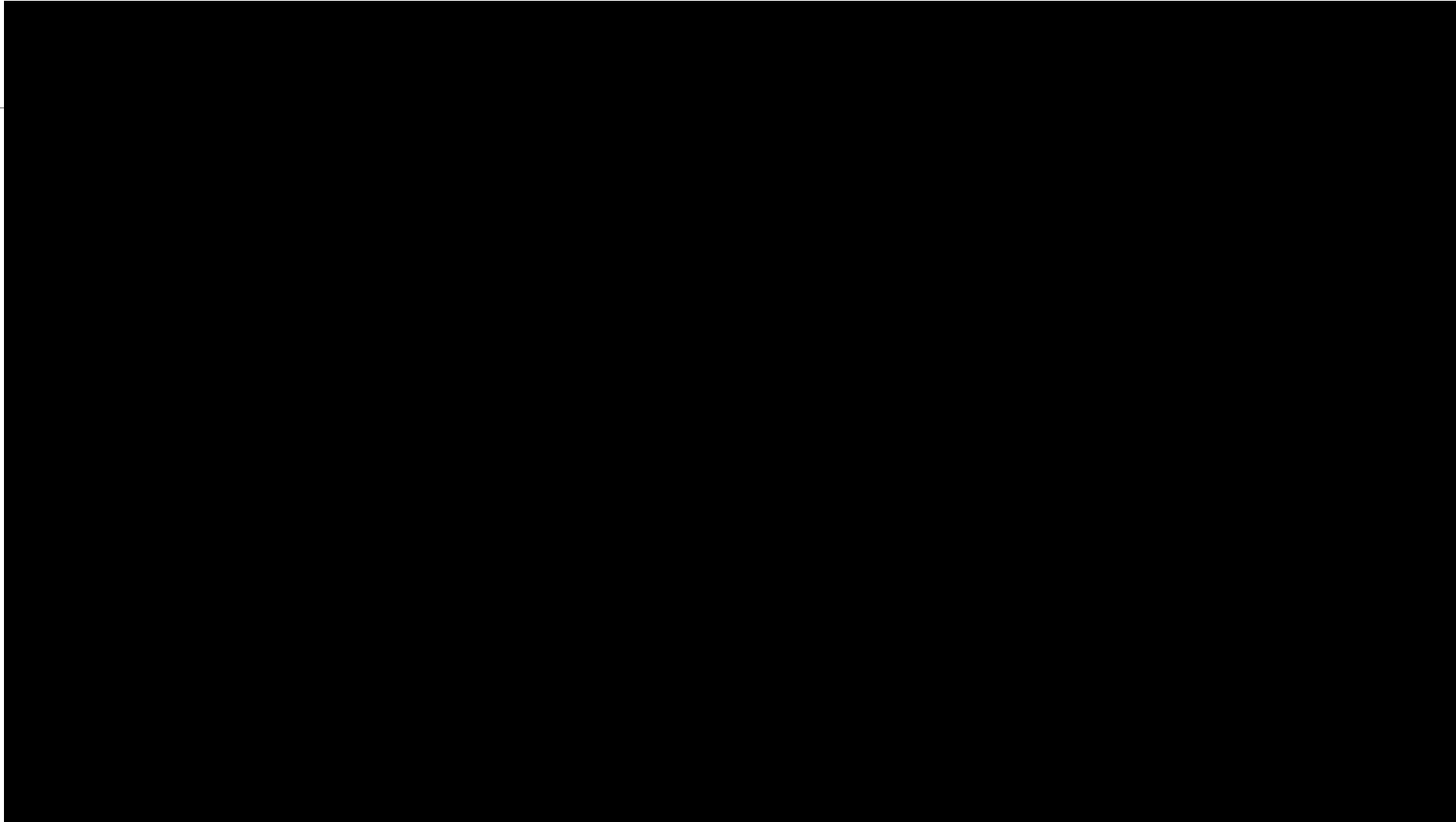


“iLean” Book Standby Therese Willkomm






A Liquid Level Indicator!



Centralized Referral System

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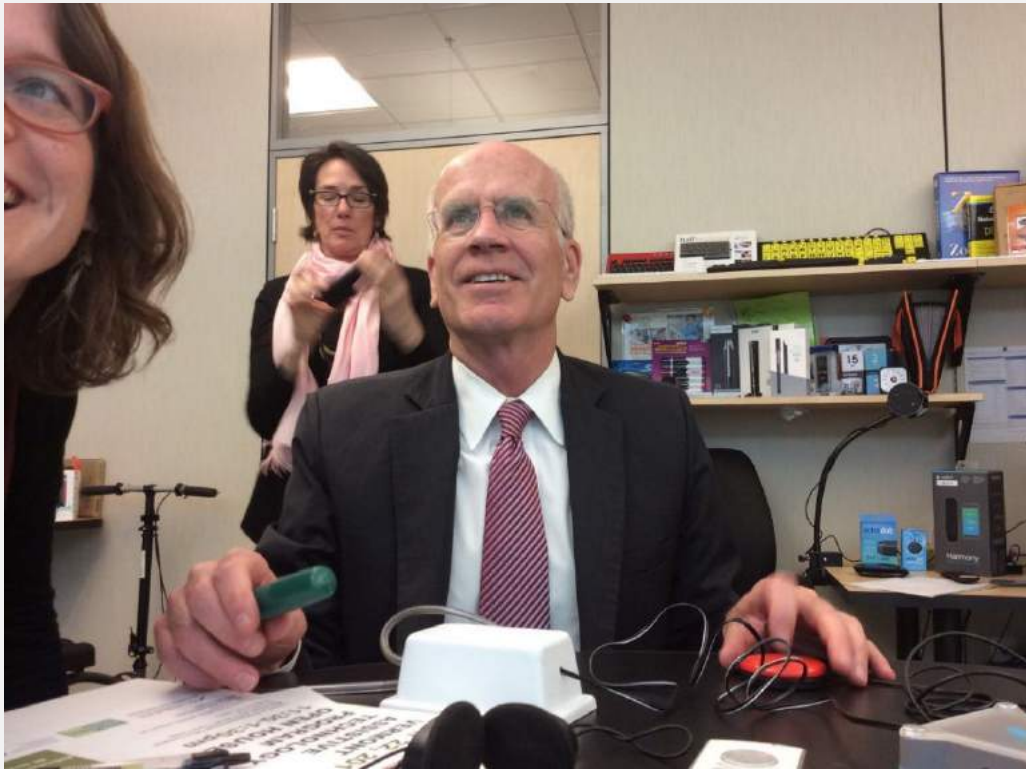
 **www.atp.vt.gov**

Information and Assistance (I&A)

- General Program Questions
- A.T questions/research
- Info about A.T Related Services
- A.T Funding Information
- Schedule a Demonstration



Equipment Demonstrations



1. The Process
2. Gather information
3. Troubleshoot with AT Specialist
4. Currently Virtual
5. Ask Questions
6. Make an informed decision about whether AT will work for you

Equipment Loans

- Try before you buy!
- Choose from ~3500 Items
- 30-day Trial Period
- Equipment ships for free!
- **We do not sell** equipment or provide financial loans



AT4ALL: Online Inventory

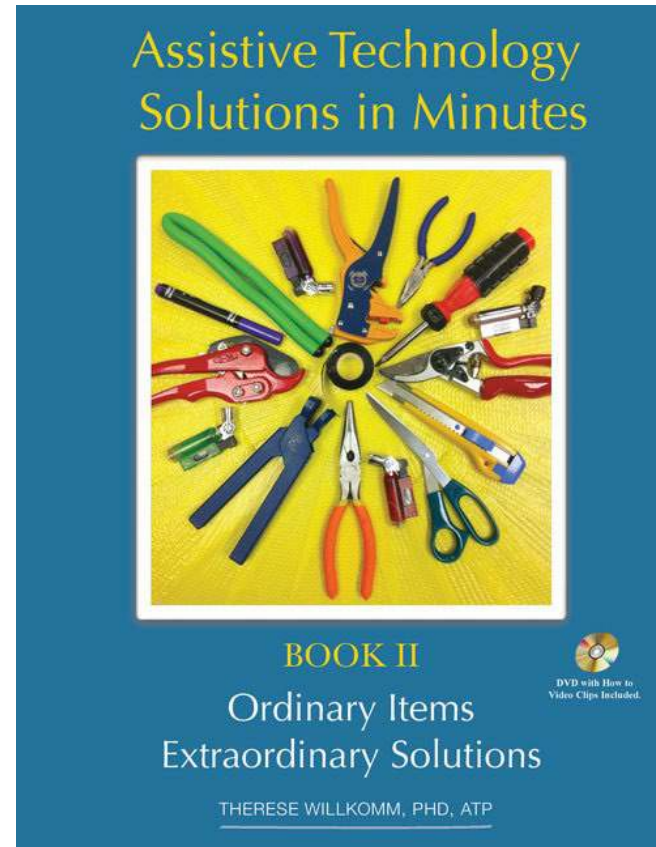
- Entire AT Inventory Available Online!
- Browse by category and need
- Photo, Description, Vendor, Pricing Info
- Can request equipment loans online

www.vt.at4all.com

Books about Disabilities in AT4ALL

- We have a multitude of books about disabilities in our lending library.
- We can send you a comprehensive list or you can search for specifics at www.at4all.com

Assistive Technology Solutions in Minutes- Therese Willkomm

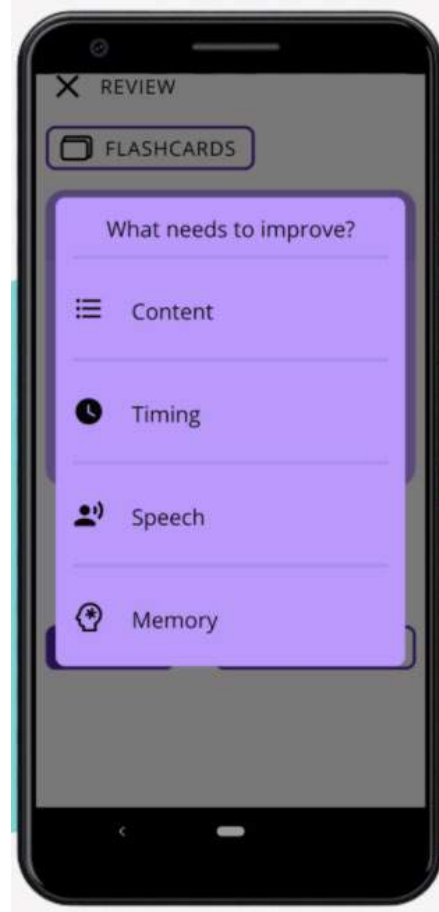
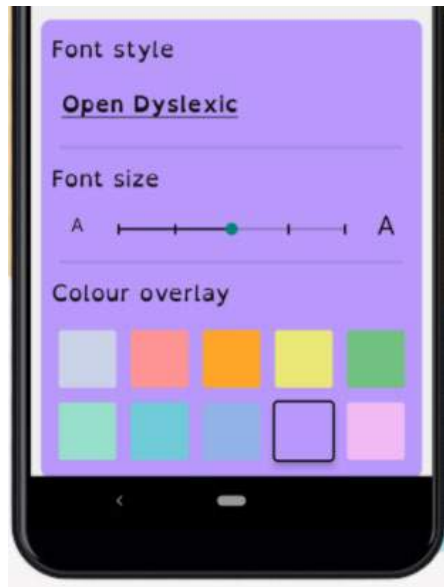


iPad Loans

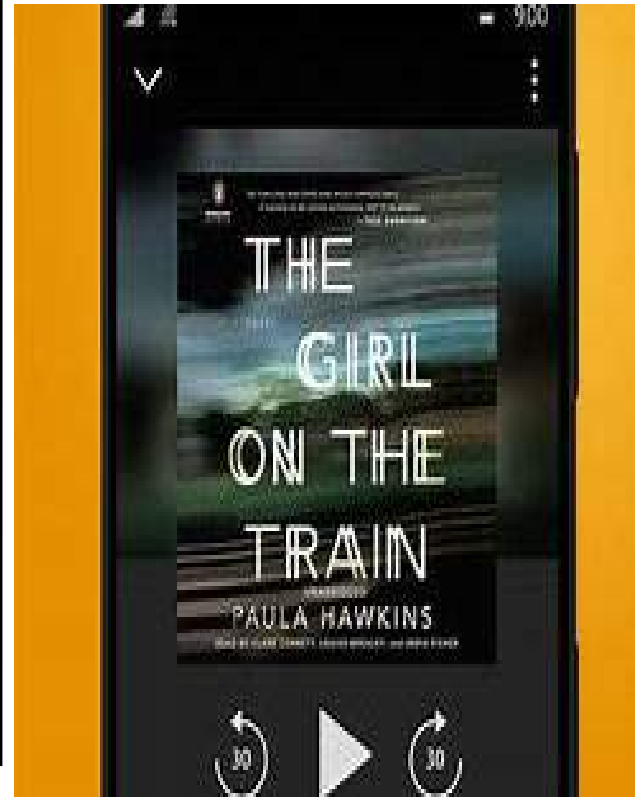


- Use for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Executive Functioning
 - Time management
 - Organization
 - Reminders
 - Voice Typing
- Alternative Access Modes: styluses, switch control, speaker cases, speakers, keyguards, etc.

iOS Apps for Reading



AUDIBLE



Low Vision Tools

TEXT TO SPEECH



SEEING AI: TALKING CAMERA



Other services we provide

- Funding resources
- A.T. Exchange
- Partner with HireAbility VT
- Go to www.atp.vermont.gov to learn more

Check out our YouTube Channel!



- [Videos available online](#) and can be shared.
- Demonstrations of specific A.T.
- Training Modules
 - What is Assistive Technology?
 - Who is the Vermont AT Program?
 - How to Consider AT using the CETT Process
- Videos are captioned.

A.T. Program Newsletters

We cover a wide variety of topics. Some highlights include A.T for notetaking, inclusive mask options, typing with your voice (speech to text), Chromebook accessibility, iOS accessibility, apps that may benefit folks with Down Syndrome, switch adapted toys, recreation, and more!

[Newsletters | Assistive Technology Program \(vermont.gov\)](#).

[Sign Up for the Newsletters](#). Tech Tuesday Tips, A.T. Exchange, general program updates, trainings and events.

[Full AT newsletter archive can be accessed here.](#)

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Q&A

THANK YOU FOR HAVING US!



PLEASE SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO TAKE OUR SURVEY 😊

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!