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Summer Learning with Assistive Tech

As the school year winds down and summer adventures begin, we're excited to share tips and tricks to keep kids learning wherever they go. Whether you're heading to the beach, camping in the mountains, or exploring your local park, learning and creativity can be part of the journey. In this edition, we'll explore a world of portable and easy-to-use assistive technologies designed to support students with disabilities on the go this summer. From durable low-tech communication boards to innovative apps that turn speech into text and e-readers that bring your favorite books to life, our goal is to show you how these tools can make learning fun and accessible, no matter where your summer takes you. We believe the goal is not to keep kids off technology over the summer but to encourage the use of technology to be creative and grow their minds. Instead of mindless tech use such as social media and YouTube videos, let's move towards purposeful technology that inspires learning and creativity. So, pack your bags, grab your favorite tech gadgets, and join us on this journey to make the most of your summer with assistive technology. Let's empower learning anywhere!



Communicating on the Go!

Summer is perfect for integrating AAC into everyday activities, making learning fun and engaging. **Use AAC devices in water activities** like swimming and beach trips with waterproof cases or laminated boards. **Keep AAC accessible during car rides** by preparing favorite phrases and engaging in travel-related conversations and games that utilize AAC tools. **Bring AAC into play**, from gardening to backyard camping, creating communication opportunities around nature exploration, storytelling, and imaginative play.

Creative Ways to Boost Reading & Listening Skills

Discover great resources to keep your kids' minds active and curious! Use **ListenNotes** to discover podcasts on topics your kids love. Try **Stories Podcasts** for entertaining tales or **Curious Kid Podcast** for fun educational content. Enhance storytelling with interactive **Story Boxes**, combining physical objects and narrative for an immersive reading experience. Access a vast collection of eBooks and audiobooks with the Libby app or use portable e-readers like PlayAways from your local library.

Creative Ways to Foster Expression & Creativity

Spark creativity and self-expression this summer! For Young Kids, explore "**I'm Not Just a Scribble**" by Diane Alber, and check out **Brenda's adapted video** for engaging art activities. Using **Book Creator**, kids can make digital books with accessibility features like dictation, voice notes, pictures, text, and a screen reader. Inspire creativity with **ToonSquid**, making fun and imaginative cartoons and animations. These resources will make self-expression a delightful part of your child's summer!

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On-Demand Summer Learning Opportunities for Teachers & Parents

- [Unlocking Literacy for Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Accessible Content for All: Building Equity & Engagement with Tech Tools](#)
- [AT in the Schools](#)

Summer camp options!

Fall Learning Opportunities: SETC Fall Webinar Series

Comprehensive Literacy for All "Book Nook": [Bad Dad by Derek Munson](#) - a cute tale about a dad who experiences both foils and heroics.

