

Disability Awareness

- Online links to organizations which have information on the cultures and etiquette of a wide variety of disabilities
- Purpose of this is to educate literacy organizations, disability organizations, other community groups and members of the general public

Other Useful Links

- A number of other literacy and disability related links to organizations such as Enable Link, the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies Assistive Technology Links and the AlphaPlus Centre

To find out more about CAILC's programs and services, visit the main CAILC website at: www.cailc.ca.



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Literacy for Independent Living

(A CAILC National Project)

A Bilingual One-Stop Shopping Resource on Literacy and Disability



Visit the Literacy site at:
<http://www.cailc.ca/lil/>

The website at a glance...

What's New

- Highlights announcements as well as new and exciting features of the Literacy for Independent Living (LIL) site
- A searchable database of literacy programs serving adults with disabilities is available in this section
- The *Literacy for Independent Living Symposium Report* (2005) has been recently added here

About LIL

- Describes how the Literacy for Independent Living project evolved and explains the IL (Independent Living) philosophy guiding programs and projects offered by member centres
- Some tips on how to make literacy programs more accessible to people with physical disabilities and tips on how to communicate with individuals who are hearing impaired or who are visually impaired

- Profiles of learners to help personalize the relationship between literacy and disability
- "Narrowing the Gaps" concludes About LIL and explains how networking between literacy and disability organizations will help to develop the existing resources on the site

Literacy Information and Resources

- Various dialogues about adult literacy and disability support the introduction
- Links to many disability and literacy specific websites from around the world
- Print Publications is an online, annotated bibliography of literacy and disability related print documents which can be either read online or are available for purchase
- Some key documents include the Movement for Canadian Literacy's *Literacy and Disability Fact Sheet*, Neil Squire Society's documents titled *Reading Between the Lines* and *Barriers to*

Participation in Literacy Activities Facing People with Physical Disabilities along with the Canadian Abilities Foundation's *Atlas of Literacy and Disability*

Assistive Devices

- Provides an explanation of what assistive devices are and how they can help a person with a disability to participate in a literacy program
- Dialogue which explains different forms of assistive technology (no tech, low tech or high tech) and how they might help a person with a disability along with other factors influencing a person's learning experience
- A listing of various disabilities and types of assistive technology that can help people with disabilities to improve their literacy skills as well as some funding information