

## Tech Talk Tuesday – Technology Resources

**Live Accessible** – [www.liveaccessible.com](http://www.liveaccessible.com) – On Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Live Accessible is an organization dedicated to reaching those with low vision or blindness through sharing resources that are available, product reviews, how to tips, digital content, and encouragement to help them and their families live a more accessible life.

YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/liveaccessible>

**The Blind Life** – On Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

The Blind Life is a representation of what is going on in Sam’s life and what he enjoys, all from the visually impaired perspective. He is a big fan of mobile technology and Low vision accessibility. He enjoys making videos to share tips and tricks of navigating life with low vision. Sam does great product reviews and tells you how it works, what he likes and doesn’t and is honest about how it works for him.

YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/theblindlife/>

**Hadley** - <https://hadley.edu/> - On Facebook

The mission of Hadley is to create personalized learning opportunities that empower adults with vision loss or blindness to thrive - at home, at work, and in their communities.

Hadley's help conveniently meets learners where they are. Free of wait lists. Free of office visits. Free of charge.

Catalog of Courses - <https://hadley.edu/learn>

**Tech-It- Out - 4th Tuesday of Every Month, 7pm Central Time** Learn a few tips about everyday technology from a technology expert, ask your questions, and share your experiences - <https://hadley.edu/discussion-groups/tech-it-out>

Workshops, audio podcasts and discussion groups on subject areas including technology, daily living, adjusting to vision loss, braille, recreation and working -

[https://hadley.edu/learn?topic\\_id=14](https://hadley.edu/learn?topic_id=14)

**Freedom Scientific** - <https://www.freedomscientific.com/> - On Facebook & Twitter

For over 20 years Freedom Scientific has provided access to print and computers for individuals with blindness and low vision. Our innovative technology is designed to promote independence, allowing blind and low vision individuals the same access to information as their sighted peers. Our team is passionate about what we do and committed to the communities that we serve.

JAWS/Fusion/ZoomText Trainings - <https://www.freedomscientific.com/training/>

YouTube Channel - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLlctxRAroB4ApeQd5b\\_I6A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLlctxRAroB4ApeQd5b_I6A)

**ND Vision Services/School for the Blind** – [www.ndvisionservices.com](http://www.ndvisionservices.com) – On Facebook

NDVS/SB provides individualized services and resources to infants, children and adults with visual impairment to empower them in achieving their goals.

Resources Page - <https://www.ndvisionservices.com/resources-blind-or-visually-impaired>

YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeFZRB42LbdYJskXcGfrAPA>

NDVS/SB's Golden Guides YouTube Channel gives you tips on living independently with low vision or blindness. Our teachers and staff will show you step-by-step how to navigate all areas of life, from the kitchen to the bus stop. We hope parents, families, and other teachers of the visually impaired will also enjoy and learn from these "golden guides" to an independent life.

**HumanWare** - <http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/home> On – Facebook & Twitter

For over 30 years, HumanWare's inspirational vision has resulted in a range of highly intuitive and intelligent solutions that empower people who are blind or with low vision by giving them the independence to participate effectively within a sighted world.

HWBuddy App – Available on the App Store & Google Play Store

- Learn, teach and interact with HumanWare's Products

YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/user/HumanWareTechnologie/videos>

**National Library Service** - <https://www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/>

The advantages of getting books from NLS are that they are free, easy to get, available in braille and audio with human-voice narrators.

All materials are free and easy to get in a variety of formats.

### Delivered

- Braille – Braille books and magazines are delivered directly to your door at no cost.
- Talking books and magazines – Audiobooks and audio magazines are delivered to your door at no cost. You return them the same way, through postage-free mail. Digital talking-book players are also provided for free to patrons.
- Music — NLS provides music appreciation materials, music scores, and music instruction in braille, audio, and large print.

### Downloaded

Patrons may download braille and talking books through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD), a web-based service that provides access to thousands of braille and talking books, magazines, and music scores available.

BARD Mobile App – Available on the App Store & Google Play Store

**Google Accessibility** - <https://www.google.com/accessibility/> - On Twitter

Use this website to explore some of Google’s accessibility features and products.

**Apple Accessibility** - <https://www.apple.com/accessibility/>

Apple devices let you write a text or email without seeing the screen. You can take a perfect group selfie just by hearing how many faces are in the frame. Using these features may feel like magic, but it’s very much by design.

iPhone Accessibility Support - <https://support.apple.com/guide/iphone/welcome/ios>

**Facebook** – [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Many groups on Facebook are specifically for assistive technology. Here are a few.

- Assistive Technology Community for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Technology for Blind and Visually Impaired

You can also follow pages of assistive technology vendors to hear about new products or trainings on existing products.

**North Dakota Assistive** - <https://ndassistive.org/> On – Facebook and Twitter

ND Assistive is a non-profit organization that strives to bring assistive technology devices and services into the lives of North Dakotans and Minnesotans of all ages who

need it. Our goal is to help bridge the gap between ability and disability using assistive technology.

**Assistive Technology Funding Source** - The Possibilities Grant was established for the sole purpose of purchasing assistive technology devices and services for people residing in North Dakota and Moorhead, MN who: Have a clearly established need for assistive technology, have needs not met by other funding programs, and meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the application.

Blog - <https://ndassistive.org/blog/> Follow their blog for news about assistive tech.

**American Foundation for the Blind** – <https://www.afb.org/> - AFB is a national non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1921. It offers information on technology, employment, advocacy and initiatives. The mission of the American Foundation for the Blind is to create a world of no limits for people who are blind or visually impaired.

**AccessWorld** - <https://www.afb.org/aw> - AFB's monthly online technology magazine with reviews of technology products and online resources for people with vision loss.

Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

**Perkins School for the Blind eLearning** - <https://www.perkinselearning.org/> - Perkins eLearning opportunities come in a range of formats. Free video presentations as well as credit-earning online classes can help you further your education in a way that's both convenient and engaging.

### **Assistive Technology Resources**

<https://www.perkinselearning.org/scout/topics/assistive-technology>

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**Paths to Technology** - <https://www.perkinselearning.org/technology/search>

Paths to Technology is designed to assist educators and families in learning and staying current on ever-changing technology for students with visual impairments and blindness. The goal of this project is to enable students with visual impairments and blindness (VIB) to succeed in paperless mainstream classrooms and post-school opportunities for employment by achieving digital literacy and by staying current with rapidly evolving technology.

**Vision Forward Association** – [www.vision-forward.org](http://www.vision-forward.org) On Facebook & Twitter

Vision Forward provides a continuum of services, from birth through adulthood, to people with visual impairments, helping them achieve important developmental milestones as well as educational, personal and professional goals.

Vision Forward's Technology and Education Center ensures people who are blind and visually impaired have access to the latest advancements in assistive technology. The center showcases state-of-the-art assistive technology designed for use at home, in the classroom, and in workplace settings.

<https://vision-forward.org/services/education-training/adults/technology-training/>

T.E.C. Talk Live! On Zoom or Facebook are live assistive technology demonstrations.

YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/InFocustechnology/featured>