



Paths to Literacy

<http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/>

What's New on Paths to Literacy?

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Who's Here?

- What's your role?
- Have you visited Paths to Literacy before?
- Are you registered on the site?
- Have you visited any of the social media platforms?
- How do you use the site?

Background of Site

- Collaboration between TSBVI and Perkins
- Launched in 2012
- Goal of site is to be an online Community of Practice

Community of Practice

- Forum for asking questions, sharing ideas and resources
- User-generated content

- Practical tips
- Creative ideas
- Best practices
- Anyone is welcome!
 - TVIs and COMS who are new to the field
 - Veteran teachers
 - Families
 - Related services (SLP, OT, SPED, Case Managers)

Who's in our Community?

- 5 years since launch:
- Almost 3 million page views
- More than 865,678 unique visitors
- From 223 countries
- More than 23,000 registered on site and across social media platforms

Join the Conversation!

Did you know that you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest?

Special Features of the Site

- Weekly blog posts from TVIs, parents, SLPs, COMS, Personnel Prep and others
- Strategies in lesson-plan format
- Technology, Resources, Research
- News from the field
- Upcoming events

Topics

- Auditory Strategies
- Braille
- CVI
- DeafBlind
- Dual Media
- Emergent Literacy

- English Language Learners
- General Literacy
- Learning Media Assessment
- Math Literacy
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orientation and Mobility
- Print
- Struggling Readers
- Writing

Topic Landing Pages

- Introduction
- Recommended Posts
- Latest Posts
- Getting Started
- Featured News
- Featured Media

Favorites

- Save your favorite posts to come back to later!

CVI and Literacy

- What are the implications of the CVI Range for literacy?
- Guidelines for creating or modifying books
- Identifying salient features
- Examples of books

O & M and Literacy

- Location Literacy
- Creating a Tactile Map
- Routes Journals
- O & M Career, College and Community Readiness Standards

Deafblindness

- Separate from multiple disabilities
- Using ASL to tell stories
- Experiential learning

Learning Disabilities

- Getting started with struggling readers
- Using the Wilson Reading System® with Struggling Braille Readers
- Evaluation
- ADHD
- Anxiety

English Language Learners

- 10 Things a Teacher Can Do to Improve Instruction for ELL Students
- Spanish Braille and English Language Learners
- Teaching an ELL Who Is Deafblind

Adopting Other Websites

- Dots for Families (Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind)
- Braille SC

Teacher Training

- Pre-service
 - Scavenger Hunt
 - Posting projects or assignments
 - Participating in online discussions

In-Service

- Creating a Professional Learning Network (PLN)
- Hosting a Professional Development Session, e.g. Make and Take Workshop

Dive into Paths to Literacy!

- Choose a topic: Early childhood, multiple disabilities, beginning braille, ELL, CVI, Dual Media
- Find ideas to try with a student, family, in a training.
- Find ideas to try from our Pinterest boards

How Can You Join Us?

- Sign up for free weekly newsletter!
- Follow us on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter.
- Earn credit for sharing your ideas!
- Ask questions, share comments.
- Let colleagues and families know about us.
- Email us with your ideas: pathsto.literacy@perkins.org