

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING ON DEMAND REGIONAL BRAILLE CLASSES

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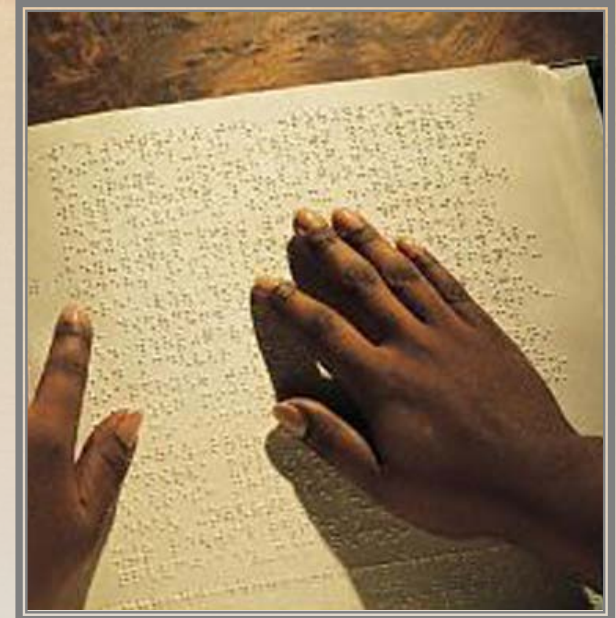
TAKING A LOOK BACK



- Addressing the student's needs
- Supporting parents and family members
- Training professionals that work with the students at the local level.
- Reviewing how to effectively and efficiently provide adequate training to those professionals and families
- Utilizing state resources to reach more students across Michigan

WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS?

- Family Members that want to be able to read and write in the same media as their child
- Staff members that work in the school where the student attends
- Staff members working directly with the student on a daily basis
- Staff members that are responsible for creating and transcribing materials in braille



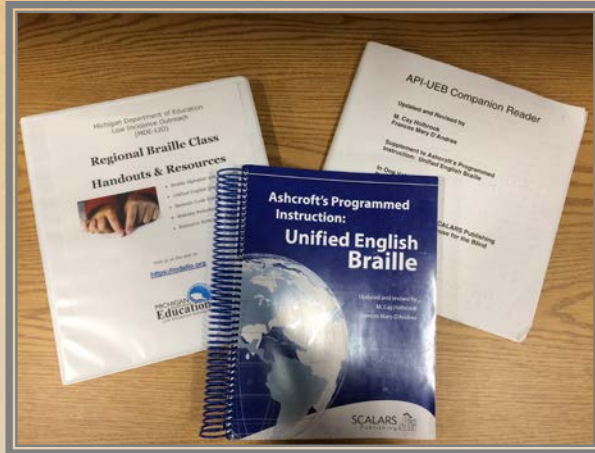
IT'S NOT "JUST THE BRAILLE CODE"

- Creates a network of individuals working towards a common goal
- Gains insight into the different roles that professionals play when working with a student that reads braille
- Develops an understanding of the importance of literacy skills and a students' desire to read and write
- Fosters a community of individuals that understands all of the components of an educational plan

PROGRAMS AND FORMATS

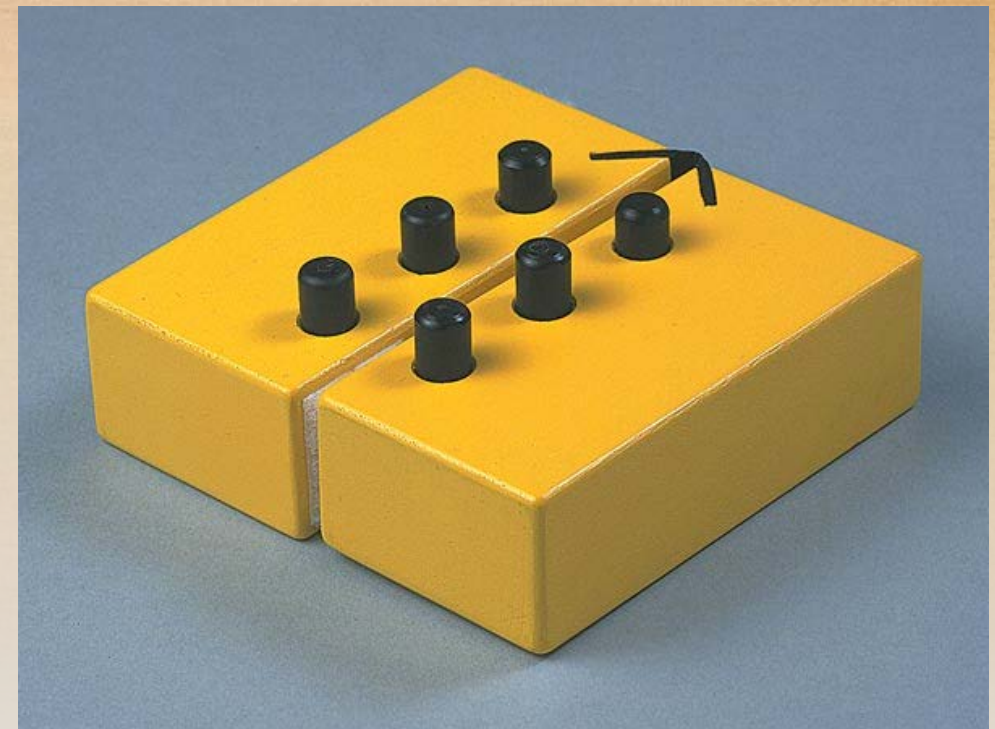
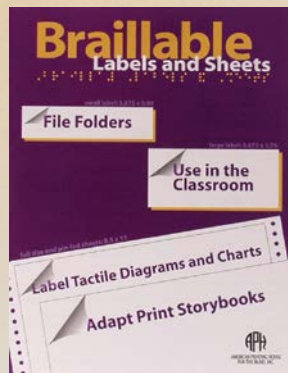
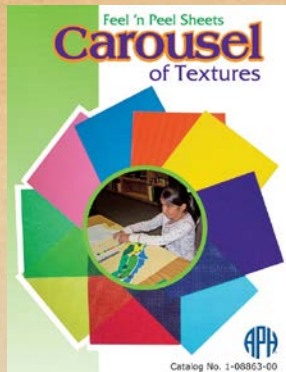
- Sixteen Week Course
- Five Week Option for Families
- Topic Specific Workshops

SIXTEEN WEEK COURSE



- Instruction in Unified English Braille (UEB)
- Introduction to components of Nemeth Code
- Writing and Reading Component with homework each week
- Mid Term and Final Exams
- Braille Project
- Hands on sharing of strategies and products each week
- Completion Certificate

STRATEGIES AND PRODUCTS



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FIVE WEEK OPTION FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

- Created to give parents and family members an option to learn basic braille skills
- Fosters a love for braille and creates a positive learning environment
- Mid Term and Final are optional
- Participation Certificate

TOPIC SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS

- Student and Program Centered
- Flexible Time Schedule
- Applicable to a wider base of participants
- Covers a variety of topics related to blindness

WHAT MAKES THIS FORMAT UNIQUE?

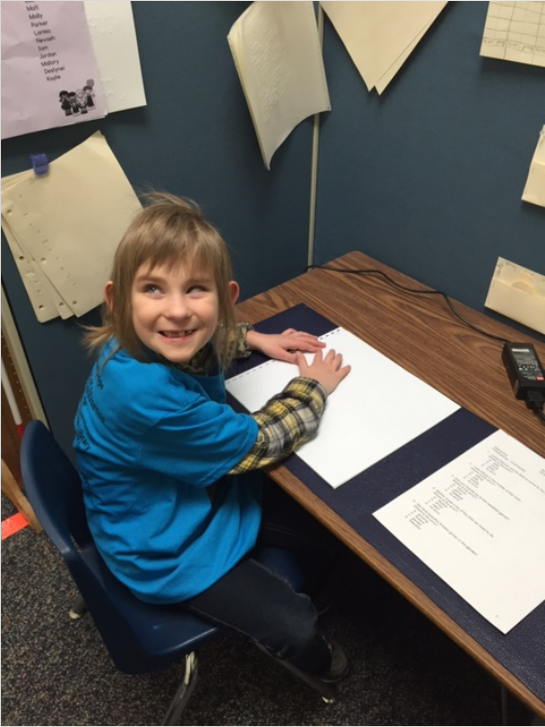
- On Demand
- Regionally Based Highly Qualified Instructors
- Small Class Size
- Student Centered

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CREATING ON DEMAND CLASSES IN YOUR AREA

- Choosing a curricula and resources
- Training and selecting instructors based on expertise and location
- Marketing/Getting the Word Out
- Cost and time involved

WHO BENEFITS?



PARTING WORDS



QUESTIONS?



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