# CeDIR Citings

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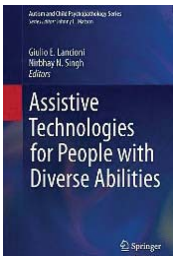
## Welcome!

In this edition of CeDIR Citings, we'll look at Assistive Technology (AT). AT can be anything that is used to improve the capabilities of people with disabilities-- from a simple pencil grip to homemade communication board to a computer operated by nothing more than blinking an eye. Here we have included both library books that can be checked out from CeDIR and a few national and Indiana-specific websites on the topic.

Got a question or a suggestion for future issues of this newsletter? Want to check out a title you see here? Give us a call at 800-437-7924, drop us a line at cedir@indiana.edu, or come by to browse or pick up your choices. Let us know how we can help!

## Book Review:




### *Assistive technologies for people with diverse abilities*

by Giulio E. Lancioni and Nirbhay N. Singh (Editors)

We tend to think of people with disabilities as having more limitations than the typical population, but this books points out that, with the help of assistive technology, many people with cognitive and/or physical differences have the ability to enhance their social interactions, leisure pursuits and daily activities. Assistive devices can range from simple aids to iPads and beyond and have become essential to intervention programs for many people.

This book offers many AT solutions. Current and future devices are discussed as well as guidelines for matching promising technologies to individuals.

## Websites:

### AbleData

*http://www.abledata.com/abledata.cfm*

AbleData provides objective information on assistive technology and rehabilitation equipment available from domestic and international sources to consumers, organizations, professionals, and caregivers within the United States.

### Easter Seals Crossroads

*http://www.eastersealstech.com/*

Easter Seals Crossroads has been providing assistive technology solutions in Indiana since 1979 through the INDATA Project. It is one of 56 similar, federally-funded projects designed to increase access and awareness of assistive technology.

### Assistive Technology and Accessibility Centers

*http://www.indiana.edu/~iuadapts/*

The ATAC serves Indiana University students, faculty and staff with and without disabilities by providing access to specialized assistive technologies that help with reading, writing, studying, and information access.

### National Public Website on Assistive Technology

*http://assistivetech.net*

Our mission is to provide access to information on AT devices and services as well as other community resources for people with disabilities and the general public.

### PATINS

*http://www.patinsproject.com/*

PATINS offers a free service that loans assistive technology devices, software, resource materials, etc. to school personnel at Indiana local educational agencies.

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# Focus on Assistive Technology

Wonder what's available on Assistive Technology in the library? The following books may be checked out from us. Call us (800-437-7924), write us (cedir@indiana.edu), or stop by for a visit.


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