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## Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO)

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### **Happy Spring!**

"April is the month of the young child." Michigan Department of Education-Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO) would like to promote early literacy for "all" children. LIO has a collection of reading books in print/ braille that you may borrow called ABCs for VIPs. This partnership with Seedlings Braille Books has provided over 1,000 preschool books for loan. What a great way to have quality time with your student or child! Start a collection in your classroom, community library or home and promote literacy now!

<http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/VisualImpairmentServices/InstructionalMaterialsCenterIMC/ABCsforVIPs.aspx>

-- Collette Bauman, Supervisor, MDE-LIO

## Early Childhood

The NEW Oregon Project is here!

**The Oregon Project for Preschool Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired** (The OR Project) is a comprehensive assessment and curriculum designed for use with children, birth to six years old, who are blind or visually impaired. It can be used by parents, teachers, vision specialists, or counselors in the home or in the classroom setting.

The Oregon Project, Sixth Edition, has several significant changes and additions:

- More than 200 skills have been added
- Newly designed recordkeeping with the ability to use a computer to graph the child's developmental profile
- New teaching activities for every skill
- An expanded resource section with glossaries and a comprehensive listing of beneficial educational materials
- Comprehensive list of agencies serving children who are blind or visually impaired
- Instruction for making toys and teaching materials

MDE-LIO has The Oregon Project, Sixth Edition available on loan from our professional library. Email [msbd-imc@michigan.gov](mailto:msbd-imc@michigan.gov) to check out the manual and skills inventory.

--Lynn Pensari, Education Consultant MDE-LIO

## AFB Press All-Access Subscription

The American Foundation for the Blind is offering an exclusive subscription to access the entire AFB Press online library for one year, and MDE-LIO has subscribed! With LIO's subscription, **all** of Michigan's VI professionals have the opportunity gain access to:

- All accessible online html AFB Press books and individual chapters.
- Online versions of NEW AFB Press releases in 2014, including *The Spanish O&M Dictionary*; *Essential Elements of Early Intervention: Visual Impairment and Multiple Disabilities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*; *The Expanded Core Curriculum for Students with Visual Impairments: Building a Foundation for a Lifetime*; and *Strategies for Teaching Reading to Students with Visual Impairments*.

VI professionals interested in accessing the subscription should contact Brenda Mahoney at [mahoneyb1@michigan.gov](mailto:mahoneyb1@michigan.gov).

## American Printing House for the Blind (APH) News

Be sure and check out the April newsletter for the latest and greatest products/materials available. <http://www.aph.org/advisory/2014adv04.html>

Please note: In the APH newsletter a special commemoration is included to honor Michigan's Alice Raftary who recently passed away. She will be missed by all!

--Collette Bauman, Ex-Officio Trustee & MDE-LIO Staff

### In Memoriam: Alice Geisler Raftary (1927–2014)

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On Sunday morning, March 30, we lost a true friend and hero when **Alice Raftary, often called the Mother of Rehabilitation Teaching**, passed away quietly. Alice was one of the initial 32 inductees in to the *Hall of Fame for Leaders and Legends of the Blindness Field* in 2002. From that time forward, Alice became an ardent fan of, and asset to, the Hall. She participated in subsequent Induction Ceremonies through this past October, always intent on honoring those who were inducted and/or their families and friends. On the morning after the Induction Ceremonies, she often co-hosted a visit with the new inductees and/or their families in the Hall of Fame.

Alice put her life's work in perspective this way, "It's exciting to participate in the restoration of life styles. Helping people to progress from hopelessness to confidence and competence is a thrill and a joy."

In a January 2014 interview for the Hall, Mike Bina asked Alice; *What are three to five pieces of advice you would give those in the field?* Her response, "Invest your time and some money into the growth of your profession. Join and be active in your professional associations (AERBVI, MACRT), go to conferences, etc. Continue to learn new techniques and new systems. Share your expertise. Mentor others in the field and encourage others to work in the field of blindness."

## Independent Living Skills Tip

The Washington State School for the Blind offers video clips on blindness. These tips include cooking, pouring, shaving techniques, making a bed plus many more! Go to the Washington State School for the Blind website for more information:

<http://www.wssb.wa.gov/Content/offcampus/video.asp>

You can also access the site from the LIO website at the bottom of the Independent Living Skills Resources page: [Independent Living Skills Resources page](#)

--Lynn Pensari, Education Consultant

## Technology Corner

Here is a wonderful app for students who are blind or have low vision!

Voice Dream Reader

Having reached the top 10 in Education in 79 countries, Voice Dream Reader is the world's most accessible reading tool. With advanced text-to-speech and a highly configurable screen layout, it can be tailored to suit every reading style from completely auditory to completely visual, plus synchronized combination of both.

Voice Dream Reader supports reading PDF and Word documents, DRM-free EPUB and DAISY eBooks, web pages and more. It's directly integrated with Bookshare, Dropbox, G-Drive, Evernote, Pocket, Instapaper, and Gutenberg.

Voices

- 36 enhanced VoiceOver voices in all languages are available for free (iOS 7 only)

Read more about Voice Dream Reader at the Apple site or <http://applevis.com>.

--Pat Love-Sypho, Technology Team Coordinator

## Upcoming VI Professional Development Opportunities

**On-Demand Braille Class (South Lyon and Upper Peninsula) – Webinar**  
Tuesday's for 10 weeks beginning April 15, 2014, 5:00-8:00pm

**Basic BrailleNote Training** - Adrian, MI  
May 20, 2014, 8:00am-3:00pm and May 21, 2014, 8:00am-2:15pm

## Camp Tuhsmeheeta Summer 2014

### Summer Camps Sponsored by MDE-LIO

This summer, MDE-LIO is sponsoring a camp experience for students with visual impairments at Camp Tuhsmeheeta. This unique camp experience will highlight experiential-based activities and lessons designed to develop self-confidence, skills and mastery in expanded core curriculum topics (i.e. social skills, orientation/mobility, technology, independent living skills). Hiking, canoeing, climbing, swimming, nature crafts are just a few of the fun activities campers will have the opportunity to do at camp. Two sessions are open for youth this summer: August 12-14, 2014 is the LIO Jr. Camp, and August 15-18, 2014 is the LIO Sr. Camp. Visit [www.mde-lio.cenmi.org](http://www.mde-lio.cenmi.org) to learn more about this great summer opportunity.

### “Experience + Thought = Learning” at Camp T

MDE-LIO and Camp Tuhsmeheeta are seeking to reach more and more students across the state of Michigan with novel adventure-based experiences in order to inspire and motivate. With this in mind, we are hosting regional camp experiences at Camp Tuhsmeheeta for students 10 years old and above. The program is designed to be co-facilitated with local TCVIs/O&Ms, volunteer student workers and VI professionals from around the state. Camp Tuhsmeheeta is a perfect setting for providing fun and meaningful camp memories which will last a lifetime. If you are interested in partnering with us to provide this wonderful opportunity for your students, please contact MDE-LIO at 888-760-2206.

## Orientation and Mobility Tip

Orientation and Mobility on Pinterest!

Check out <http://www.pinterest.com/officialperkins/orientation-mobility> for some great O&M resources, ideas and tips!

-- Susan Bradley, COMS

## DHH News

MDE-LIO has created, in collaboration with local district/ISD DHH staff, the following documents for use with DHH students:

Secondary Transition document <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=tDSfnxaJ-7w%3d&tabid=1981>

Early Childhood document <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2WjqEYA1WQU%3d&tabid=1981>

## **MDE-LIO Sponsored PD Opportunity for DHH Professionals**

The final U of M Sound Support webinar:

Thursday, May 1, 2014 - 4:00-5:00pm

### **Bilateral Cochlear Implants: Before & After Activation**

More information is available at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/869/Default.aspx>

## **Upcoming Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Testing Dates**

April 30, 2014 (Wednesday)	Kalamazoo RESA
May 9, 2014 (Friday)	Oakland ISD
May 16, 2014 (Friday)	Kent ISD
June 9, 2014 (Monday)	Oakland ISD

For more information, please visit <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/DeafandorHardofHearingServices/EducationalInterpreterInformation/EducationalInterpreterAssessment/EIPAPerformanceAssessment.aspx>

--Tina Atkins-Dean, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Specialist

## **EIPA Video Conference Workshops**

April 5, 2014, 11:00am-3:00pm

### **"Charting the Course: Avoid Getting Lost—Learn Effective Discourse Mapping Strategies"**

Frances Beaurivage, Manager EIPA Diagnostic Center, RID CI/CT

\*Please contact Tina-Atkins-Dean ([atkins-deant@michigan.gov](mailto:atkins-deant@michigan.gov)) for more information or visit our website at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>

--Tina Atkins-Dean, DHH Consultant

# MDE-LIO Instructional Materials Center News!

**Book Searches:** With spring here (thankfully so), the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it! You are obviously very busy, and we are here to help!! Please consider what your students' textbook needs will be for next school year now and allow us the opportunity to be of assistance with these timely book searches! When you go to our website, you will see under "Visual Impairment Services" the hyperlink for the "Instructional Materials Center (IMC)"

The screenshot shows the MDE-LIO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Michigan Department of Education logo and the text "LOW INCIDENCE OUTREACH". A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with a yellow background. On the left side of this area, there is a photograph of a child with colorful handprints on their hands. To the right of the photograph, the text "Key LIO Services" is displayed, followed by a list of services:

- Request APH Books and Products
- Book Services and Instructional Materials
- Classes and Workshops
- Questions/Helpines
- Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA)
- Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI)
- Student Registration

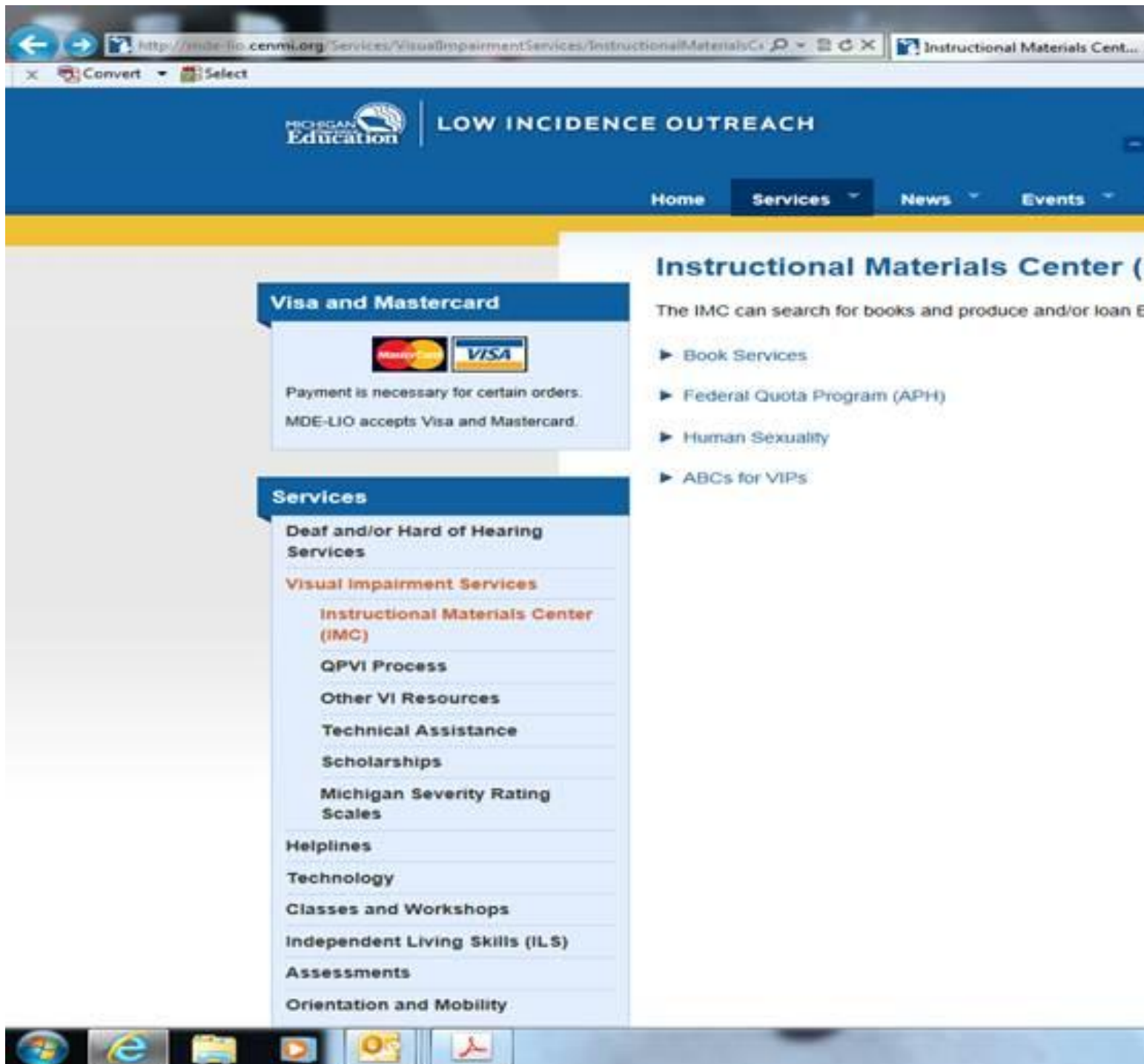
Below the main content area, there is a welcome message: "Welcome to the Michigan Department of Education, Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO). The MDE-LIO provides technical assistance and resources to enable local service providers to serve and improve the quality of education for students with a visual impairment or those who are deaf/hard of hearing including those with multiple impairments."

At the bottom of the page, there are two columns of service categories:

- Visual Impairment Services**
  - ▶ Instructional Materials Center (IMC)
  - ▶ Quality Programs for Students with a Visual Impairment (QPVI) Process
  - ▶ Other VI Resources
  - ▶ Technical Assistance
- Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing Services**
  - ▶ Educational Interpreter Information
  - ▶ Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) and Modified Sign Language Proficiency Interview (MSLPI)
  - ▶ Accessibility
  - ▶ Instructional and Related Services Resources

At the very bottom of the page, there are two boxes: "LIO Announcements" and "Scheduled Events".

Which will take you directly to the screen shown below:



Click on the "Book Services" hyperlink, and you will receive the screen below.



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## Book Services

All documents on this page are in Word unless otherwise indicated.

### Tip Sheet for "The View" [Word]

The Michigan Department of Education, Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO) provides four distinct services related to Braille and enlarged print books.

- 1. Book Research**  
The MDE-LIO will perform a national search of requested books in Braille and/or large print.
- 2. Textbook and Trade Book Loan Library.**
  - ▶ **The View**  
"The View" enables you to research MDE-LIO's extensive loan library. The MDE-LIO is dedicated to providing materials to students with a visual impairment at no cost or a very low cost in order to ensure equal access to print matter. You may search for a book by either the author, ISBN, and/or title, or a combination of all with the advance search.
- 3. Production of Braille and enlarged print books.**
- 4. Coordination of Braille transcription.**

The documents below provide detailed information on these services.

Any suggestions for improving customer services should be directed to Collette Bauman at [baumanc@michigan.gov](mailto:baumanc@michigan.gov) or (888) 760-2206.

## Book Information


### Michigan Schools

- ▶ [Book Search Request Form \[Word\]](#)
- ▶ [Book Search Request Form \[PDF\]](#)
- ▶ [Pricing Sheet for Michigan Schools \[Word\]](#)
- ▶ [Book Order Form \[Word\]](#)
- ▶ [Book Order Form \[PDF\]](#)
- ▶ [Transcription Request Form \[Word\]](#)
- ▶ [Transcription Request Form \[PDF\]](#)
- ▶ [Tips for using MDE forms \[Word\]](#)

### Services

- Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing Services
- Visual Impairment Services**
  - Instructional Materials Center (IMC)**
  - QPVI Process
  - Other VI Resources
  - Technical Assistance
  - Scholarships
  - Michigan Severity Rating Scales
- Helplines
- Technology
- Classes and Workshops
- Independent Living Skills (ILS)
- Assessments
- Orientation and Mobility

### Visa and Mastercard



Payment is necessary for certain orders.  
MDE-LIO accepts Visa and Mastercard.

**Under "Book Information, Michigan Schools" you will see the hyperlinks allowing you to choose your desired format!**

After you have completed the "Book Search Request" (shown below), simply submit it to our office and our staff will do the rest for you! Our first step will be to check our loan library. If the book is available, it will be placed on loan and immediately sent. If the desired text is not in LIO's loan library, we will do a search to see where it may be available. If it is found elsewhere, we will provide you with the agency contact information. Yes, it really can be that easy! Many of your colleagues are already taking advantage of this huge time saver!!

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**MDE-LIO Book Search Request**

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**Note:** All books located in our loan library will automatically be shipped to you. We will send confirmation of action taken within \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURNS:** It's never too early to start cleaning off your storage shelves and return those textbooks and APH materials that are no longer being used, making them available for students in other districts. We ask you to please place return address labels on all of your boxes and include one on the inside of the box if possible. This will ensure that we know who is returning the book. Please be mindful of the postal carriers as well as our staff when packaging the books by keeping them 30 lbs. or less. Add a note to inform the IMC staff if any volumes or pieces missing.

**BRaille:** We are *a/ways* accepting new "Braille Transcription Requests", and this time of the year is no different. If a book is not found during the book search process, you will automatically be prompted on how to go about utilizing this service ([MSDB-IMC@Michigan.Gov](mailto:MSDB-IMC@Michigan.Gov)). Robert Beaton will contact you with the information you'll need for requesting the transcription, including an estimate/quote. Funding opportunities may be available to help offset the cost of the transcription. The availability of these funds depends on several factors: time of year, number of submissions, etc.

**LARGE PRINT:** We are always offering the service of creating large print textbooks as well. If a book is not found during the book search we are performing, you will automatically be prompted on how to utilize this service ([MSDB-IMC@Michigan.Gov](mailto:MSDB-IMC@Michigan.Gov)). Rory Goodine will be happy to contact you with the information you'll need.

--Robert Beaton, Braille Production Coordinator

## **Professional Library**

MDE-LIO is happy to announce that we have several new books available on loan. These books include:

Physical Education and Sports for People with Visual Impairments and Deafblindness: Foundations of Instruction by Lauren Lieberman, Paul Ponchillia and Susan Ponchillia

College Bound: A Guide for Students with Visual Impairments by Ellen Trief and Raquel Feeney

Itinerant Teaching: Tricks of the Trade for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments by Jean Olmstead

Functional Vision: A Practitioner's Guide to Evaluation and Intervention by Amanda Hall Lueck

To check out books from our professional library, go to the MDE-LIO website at [www.mde-lio.cenmi.org](http://www.mde-lio.cenmi.org) and follow the steps below:

1. Go to Services

2. Click Visually Impaired Services
3. Click Book Services
4. Click View
5. Search by title or ISBN number

If you have difficulty locating a book, please email [msbd-imc@michigan.gov](mailto:msbd-imc@michigan.gov) for assistance.

--Lynn Pensari, Education Consultant

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