

New Accessibility Tools in 2026!



Scanmarker pen - Source: Amazon



Digital pen & writing board - Source: Amazon



Vertical mouse - Source: Amazon



Single hand keyboard - Source: Maltron website

The New Year brings new goals, opportunities, and new resolutions and if one of your resolutions is to strengthen your technical, reading, and writing skills keep reading! Check out the new accessibility tools in the NASNTI Access Lab.

The Access Lab located in the Boren Library, RM 125, is available for all SSC students to use! It provides flexible access to computers equipped with assistive devices and software for students with disabilities. A color printer and ViewBoard is also available to use.

The accessibility tools that have been added this year include, a scanmarker pen, vertical mouse, and a digital pen with writing board.

The Scanmarker is a versatile translator pen. With various languages available, the Scanmarker is also a reading pen that is able to scan, translate, and have text read aloud. The reading pen is perfect for auditory learners or those with reading challenges. The vertical mouse features an ergonomic design that allows reduce strain on the wrist and provides greater comfort. The digital pen with writing board allows handwritten text that can be converted to digital text which can then be shared as a word document.

In addition, the access lab will have single-handed keyboards in left-and-right hand configuration for those that need that accommodation. The shape and letter layout matches natural hand movement - key arrangement minimizes finger movement to raise speed and relieve frustration.

There will be certain requirements to use some of the accessibility tools and devices. Visit the NASNTI offices located in the library, RM 123 to learn more. The other devices still remain such as the noise-canceling headphones, magnifier, large print keyboard, and joystick mouse that are welcomed to be used while in the lab.

Digital Tools for Academic Success

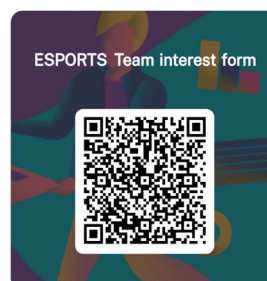


As the spring semester begins, we want to remind the campus of the digital tools that are available to current SSC students; those attending in person as well as online to ensure and help achieve academic success. Students have access to three powerful software platforms aimed at enhancing learning and improving academic outcomes: ReadSpeaker, Equatio, and Kurzweil 3000. These digital tools are designed to support diverse learning needs and empower students with greater flexibility in how they engage with course material. Key features include note taking tools, visual aids, and building study guides. All platforms are web-based and can be accessed through Brightspace.

ReadSpeaker and Kurzweil 3000 are both advanced text-to-speech platforms that convert written content into natural-sounding audio. These tools are especially valuable for students who benefit from auditory learning, have reading difficulties, or simply prefer to listen to course materials on the go. Kurzweil 3000 also includes robust features such as note-taking tools, visual aids, and study guides, making it an ideal support system for reading comprehension and retention.

Equatio, on the other hand, is a cutting-edge platform designed specifically for math and science students. It allows users to easily create, edit, and read mathematical equations and scientific formulas using voice commands, handwriting recognition, and intuitive visual interfaces. Equatio bridges the gap between traditional STEM content and digital learning, making it easier to complete assignments, collaborate on problem-solving, and fully engage with technical coursework.

All three platforms are available at no cost to enrolled students and are accompanied by online tutorials at each respective software platform website to ensure ease of use. Integrating these tools into everyday learning, fosters a more inclusive and accessible academic environment—one where every student can thrive.



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