

composing papers is needed.

Advances in technology plus a greater acceptance and awareness of the capabilities of individuals with disabilities are resulting in rapid improvements in accessibility and independence. Small colleges can provide quality service to students with disabilities by researching the appropriate disabilities and the assistive technology through GALILEO and the Internet, networking with campus and local organizations for funding, and sharing information and training. Providing an accessible workstation with current software that allows equal access to research materials, online registration, the World Wide Web, producing term papers, etc. can be more affordable through grants. Library funds are always limited so earmarking large amounts of money for the good of a few people is difficult. It is necessary to continually assess the needs, investigate the possibilities and document both, in order to attract the needed funding. Grants connect those with needs with those who want to help fulfill a need, an effective form of networking. Macon State College Library, a small college library, has accomplished much in the five-year life of GALILEO, thanks to the support and involvement of friends both on and off campus. There is still much that can be accomplished, but it can only be done with continued networking.

## Suggested Reading

### *Books*

Mates, Barbara T. Adaptive Technology for the Internet: Making Electronic Resources. Chicago: American Library Association Editions, 2000.

Accessible to All. Chicago: ALA, 2000.

This is a usable book with an extensive bibliography. It is also available full-text online at:

<http://www.ala.org/editions/openstacks/index.html>.

Weeks, Michael, ed. Dollars and Sense. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Atlanta: Tools for Life, 1997.

This book lists resources for finding assistive technology for individuals in Georgia. A new edition is almost ready. It will be available both in as a book and CD-ROM.

### *Articles*

Altman, Ellen and Allan Pratt. "The JAL Guide to Literature: Services to Special Populations." Journal of Academic Librarianship, 25 Sep. 1999: 424. Ebsco Sep. 2000. GALILEO.

Summarizes articles on services to special populations from the June 1999 issue of Computers in Libraries.

Garcia, Kimberly. "Enabling the disabled." Community College Week, 21 Sep. 1998:

Ebsco. Sep. 2000. GALILEO.

Details California initiatives at the community college level to train students with disabilities.

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Ms. Rory uses the technology because she is blind. For a monthly retainer of \$200, she will be available for you or your students any time you need her or \$50 an hour will pay her for training sessions.

Macon State College Library: Resources used for Assistive Technology Research

### **GALILEO Databases Used:**

EBSCOHost – Academic Search