

Websites for Alberta Teachers with VI Students

<p>Vision Education Alberta Website</p>	<p>https://vision.alberta.ca</p>	<p>The <u>Vision Alberta website</u> supports the education of children and youth who are visually impaired. There are many resources or links to resources that are designed for students, parents and school teams. Liinks to curricular adaptations, ECC, web tutorials on technology, TLVC, etc.</p>
<p>SSVI-Specialized Services for Students with Visual Impairments</p>	<p>https://sydsq1.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/SydneyPLUS/AlbLearning/Port al/opac.aspx</p>	<p><u>SSVI</u> has a well organized catalog to search for and request resources in alternate format, specialized technology, books, or specialized learning kits for use in schools.</p>
<p>Alberta Sports and Recreation for the Blind</p>	<p>http://www.asrab.ab.ca/</p>	<p><u>ASRAB</u> is a great place to find out about recreation and leisure activities for children and adults with Visual impairments in Alberta.</p>
<p>ASVI</p>	<p>yvonne.s.asvi@hotmail.com (calgary) info@asviedmonton.org</p>	<p><u>ASVI</u> is a registered non-profit society that advocates and is a resource for children with vision loss and their families. Resources, programs available.</p>
<p>CNIB- Alberta</p>	<p>http://www.cnib.ca/en/alberta/Pages/default.aspx https://ab.visionlossrehab.ca/en</p>	<p><u>CNIB Alberta</u> offers a range of community-based programs and services that empower Canadians who are blind or partially sighted – to see beyond vision loss. It also provides a link to Vision Loss Rehabilitation Services.</p>
<p>Paths to Literacy</p>	<p>http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/</p>	<p><u>Paths To Literacy</u> is an interactive Community of Practice where educators and families can find and share activities, resources, and other ideas related to all aspects of literacy for children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with deafblindness or multiple disabilities.</p>
<p>Paths to Technology</p>	<p>-http://www.perkinselearning.org/technology</p>	<p><u>Paths to Technology</u> is an interactive community where educators, families and students are able to learn/share about technology. Share ideas and ask questions. Join a great community.</p>
<p>Wonder Baby</p>	<p>http://www.wonderbaby.org</p>	<p><u>WonderBaby</u> is a project funded by Perkins School for the Blind, is dedicated to helping parents of young children with visual impairments as well as children with multiple disabilities.</p>

Teaching Visually Impaired	https://www.teachingvisuallyimpaired.com/	Teaching Visually Impaired site provides information related to all areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum as well as other resources related to all aspects of instruction, teaching strategies resources and adaptations. Will assist in preparing and creating a learning environment that is adapted to meet the unique needs of students with vision loss.
Family Connect	https://www.familyconnect.org/parentsitehome.aspx	FamilyConnect is an online community for parents of blind and visually impaired children to find support, information.
Little Bear Sees	http://littlebearses.org/	Little Bear Sees is a website geared towards helping families and educators of children with cortical visual impairment.
Strategies to See	https://strategytosee.com/	This website is great for educators that work with children who have cortical visual impairments. There are videos and easy DIY projects. There is also the tips and tricks to keep in mind with CVI.
The Little Independent Bee	http://adifferentkindofvision.blogspot.com/	This a a great blog with lots of resources to help you work with kids with visual impairments. Robbin Keating writes about projects and provides many resources and helpful tricks.
PRCVI	https://www.prcvi.org/	Based out of British Columbia, this is much the same as Alberta's SSVI and Vision Alberta Resources; however there is other information on the resource tab which is quite useful.
Texas School for the Blind	http://www.tsbvi.edu/ http://www.tsbvi.edu/recc/	Texas School for the Blind is a school as well as a producer of educational resources. They also provide education for teachers
Perkins	http://www.perkins.org/ http://www.perkinselearning.org/watch-and-learn	Perkins is an international organization which provides materials and resources for people who are blind and those that work with them. They are multifaceted and have many videos and tutorials for educators as well as provide an place for families to connect.

Educational Resources

CELA	http://iguana.celalibrary.ca/iguana/ www.main.cls?surl=CELA-Home	<p>Use this site to access the Canadian libraries in an accessible format. This is how you would order reading materials from CNIB.</p> <p>You need to have a proven print disability to access materials from this site unless you are an educator of a student who needs this format.</p>
Bookshare	https://www.bookshare.org/cms/	<p>Bookshare is the American version of CELA and has open access to CELA members.</p>
OverDrive	https://www.overdrive.com/	<p>Open to anyone who joins a library who has bought into OverDrive. This site provides ebooks and audiobooks to many many popular titles.</p>
Epic	https://www.getepic.com/	<p>Epic is a digital library for kids. It has a lot of books that are read out loud. It also has a lot of popular publications.</p>
HelpKidzLearn	https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/	<p>This is a great website for kids with Cortical Visual Impairments. It is home of accessible software, enabling children of all abilities to play, develop and achieve. Lots of the activities are switch accessible.</p>
TARHeel Reader	https://tarheelreader.org/	<p>Create your own book or use one of the many free accessible books already created on this site.</p>

Vendors

- Note please contact your Vision Consultant before making any purchase. Also technology vendors were not included here, as that is a school and Vision Consultant based decision.

CNIB Shop	https://shop.cnib.ca/	Canadian based vendor of products for the visually impaired. Please contact your consultant and your CNIB contact for trials or funding.
American Printing House for the Blind	https://www.aph.org/	APH is a vendor of Independent Living and Educational Resources. It is located in the states. Although you can find much of the materials you wish for in Canada, sometimes we do venture into the states for goods.
Future Aides	http://www.braillebookstore.com/	Vendor of Braille Books, toys, games, kitchen aids and talking products.
Seedlings	http://www.seedlings.org/	Creator and vendor of books in Braille. There are many popular, commercial books available for purchase (USD)
Tactile Vision Graphics	http://tactilevisiongraphics.com/product-category/braille-books/	Canadian producer of Braille and tactile products. These include books, graphs and maps.