Access Technology Update

A monthly resource designed to help you reach diverse students in your classroom.
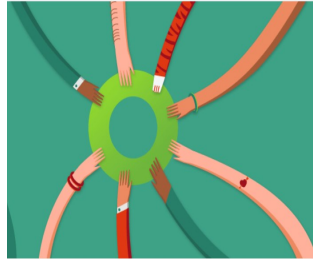
Topic: Captioning Videos Using AMARA

Why It Is Important: Captioned videos make your content more accessible to everyone and AMARA enables you caption videos you do not own

How to Do It: To Use Amara:

1. Create a free membership at www.amara.org
2. Click on Subtitle A Video and paste the link to the video (YouTube, Vimeo, mp4 etc.)
3. Click Add a New Language, which opens the Subtitle Editor
4. Click Play and add captions as you go through video
5. After adding all the captions, click Start Syncing; then review the time stamps
6. Edit the video if necessary and then click Save
7. When the captions are complete, click Get the Embed Code and use the new URL when using the video in your class.

NOTE: When captioning with AMARA, please keep in mind:

- Using shortcut keys to speed up process
- Adhering to style guidelines that promote easy reading of your captions

Technology in the News:

Shubham Banerjee, a 13 year old inventor from Santa Clara CA, has invented a Braille printer using Legos. "Braigo" will provide a low cost option for people with visual impairments. Banerjee says, "Technology should help us to make our life easier." **Source: IndiaWest.com**

Useful Shortcut Key for Presentations (PC)

To move a an open window to another display:

1) Click on window you want to move
2) WINDOWS KEY + SHIFT + LEFT/ RIGHT Arrow
3) Window will now appear on other screen

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Definition Du Jour:

Mouse emulation:

A method of having an alternative device or software, such as a switch-based system, to serve the role of a mouse.

Source: www.washington.edu/doit

Amazing Apps:

(How to) Pronounce

- Type a word and hear it
- Hear native pronunciation of words in other languages
- In-app purchases enable users to train with difficult terms in medicine and business
- Enables users to master intonation

Free in the iOS store

Links to Learning:

Captioning Key

www.dcmp/org/captioningkey

The authoritative resource for how to make captions well