INSTRUCTOR: Gretchen Hanser, Ph. D.

DESCRIPTION: Students with significant disabilities have tremendous problems with literacy learning. It is not a surprise given that many of them are unable to talk, unable to hold a pencil and unable to hold a book. Exciting research in the past decade has found that with the right instruction and right tools, these students can develop as readers and writers. With an emphasis on early literacy development, a variety of meaningful reading and writing activities will be shown, along with materials and tools to support student success. Appropriate books, “alternative pencils” that don’t require hand use, and other forms of assistive technology will be highlighted throughout. Videos and work samples will be shown of real students with significant disabilities. Sample goals and ways of assessing change will be shared. Participants will leave with a long list of activities and strategies to try right away!

This workshop will review some of the same content presented during the June 2014 workshop given by Gretchen Hanser.

TARGET AUDIENCE: PreK-12 Special Education Teachers, Paraeducators, Parents, Speech Language Pathologists, Psychologists, OT/PT, Consultants

WORKSHOP FEES: $75 + $10 materials fee.

COURSE NUMBER: 19307-14-01

REGISTRATION: https://www.gwaea.org/apps/ProfDev/user/signon.cfm

DEADLINE: October 31, 2014 at 6:00 a.m.

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