

Personal Books



Promoting communication, literacy, socialization, & leisure

**Why
Reading?**

Reading is a LifeLong Skill

Learning: reading is a fundamental skills for developing academics

Leisure: teaching and fostering independent leisure activities

Social: shared book reading encourages socialization, sharing, turn-taking, etc.

Functional: reading signs

Communication: improving spoken, receptive, memory, and phonemic skills

**Why
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Encourage Buy In and Motivation

Relatable Material

Themselves!

Frequently visited places: home, school, community

Topics they know about

Enticing Material

Favorite things: characters, people, food, places, etc.

Accomplishments: art projects, bike ride, performance, etc.

Increase Communication Skills

Modeling

Sentence and phrase structures

Vocabulary

Language Scaffolding

Provides context

Visual supports

Conversing

Discuss the book contents



Build On Strengths

Visual Learning

Frequently a strength

Reading = visual language

Social Interactions

Frequently a personality trait

Talk about books



Accommodations and Modifications

Accommodate reading level

Create books with curricular content

Encourage participation

Facilitate peer interaction



Making Personal Books

So many options- Here are our favorites

Apps

Pictello

Book Creator

Software

Boardmaker

Equipment/Materials

Talking Photo Albums

Arts and Crafts

Pictello



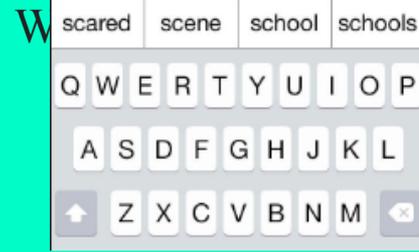
Create, playback, and share visual stories
and talking books

<http://www.assistiveware.com/pictello-video-all-their-stories>

Features:

Text-highlighting

Julia **discovers** gelato



Insert personal photos and videos

Print & share digitally

\$19.99 at AppStore (iOS)



Book Creator

Create artistic, personal, books with photos, comics, videos, etc.

<https://vimeo.com/28808238>

Sticker and comic library

Include more than one picture or video on a page

Printing and digital sharing

For use with Apple, Android, and Windows based devices

Free with in-app purchases

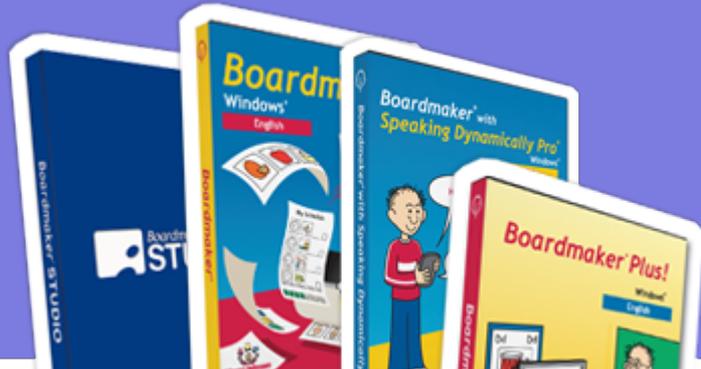
Boardmaker

Extensive symbol libraries that can be customized and used to

Numerous product lines to fit various needs: print/digital boards, activities

Speaking capabilities

Used for adapting curriculum with symbols



Splish Splash with the Roos



Katie steps in the water.



Naya gets wet.



We



love



Splish Splash!

All About Casey



My family.



I swing.



I eat crackers.



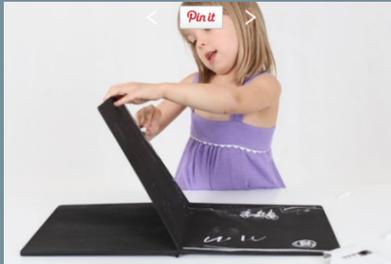
Talking Photo Album

Light-tech Pictello



Speech output album that holds standard photos. Includes a total of 24 pages, each with an individual message/recording capacity of 10 seconds. User presses play button to activate speech.

Old Fashioned Arts and Crafts



Chalkboard Books

I Spy Books

Recycled Board Books

Picture Books



<http://www.apartmenttherapy.com/5-books-to-diy-for-your-kids-179423>

Implementing Personal Books

Creating Opportunities

School Based

About Me

Curricular modifications

Alternative assignment

“One of the most important ways in which parents of children and teenagers with Down syndrome can help them to be ready to read and be interested in books, is to read to them and talk to them about the stories they have read.” (Trenholm, B. & Mirenda, P., 2006)

Home Based

Create books

Summer reading

Night time reading

Resources

Special reads for special needs

Natalie Hale

www.specialreads.com

Natalie is a renowned reading specialist for individuals with DS.

Find specific recommendations for font, images, etc.



Tutorials

Boardmaker:

<http://www.mayer-johnson.com/support/learn/tutorials/>

Pictello:

<http://www.assistiveware.com/product/pictello/resources>

Book Creator:

<http://www.redjumper.net/blog/2016/05/free-book-creator-training-teachers/>

Talking Photo Album:

<http://www.attainmentcompany.com/sites/default/files/pdf/support/TPA-UsersGuide.pdf>

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