Landmark Teaching Strategies

Use Multiple Modalities

E-Reader technology gives students the ability to easily adjust the font size, text color, margins, and number of words on the screen, allowing struggling readers to better access curriculum. Recent studies have shown that this alternative to printed text can be helpful for students with language-based learning disabilities, particularly dyslexia. Below are some available alternative text options. While only some of these programs include the availability of a text reader, they all provide students with the ability to customize the text they read.

eReader	Description	Platform	Price
Bookshare	Bookshare is an online database of over 500,000 titles, including textbooks and novels. This program allows for text to be read aloud and provides the choice to vary text size, font style, and color. In addition, students can change the amount of words on the page.	Internet-based	Free for students with a documented print disability
Voice Dream Reader	This interactive app allows students to bookmark pages, annotate ideas, and look up unfamiliar words. Once titles have been downloaded, Voice Dream Reader will work offline, without wireless connectivity.	iOs and Android	$9.99
Project Gutenberg	Project Gutenberg is a digital library of free e-books. This website contains 53,000 titles, mostly classic novels. With this program, students can download the titles or read the books on the internet.	Internet	Free
Literature.org	Similar to Project Gutenberg, Literature.org is an online database of classic English Literature titles.	Internet	Free
Amazon Kindle	The Amazon Kindle is a device that allows you to download and read material anywhere, anytime. ● **Amazon X Ray:** This free enhancement allows students to interact with the materials they are	Device Device	Starting at $79.99 plus price of books

	reading using the Kindle device or Kindle computer app. One of the main features of this program includes providing definitions of unknown words. Please note that it is not available for all Kindle books. ● **Kindle App:** This free app can be downloaded on any device and is great for accessing titles that you have already purchased and downloaded using your Amazon Kindle account. Search for it in the app store on your computer, smartphone, and/or tablet.	iOs, Android, Mac & Windows	
Barnes and Noble Nook	Similar to the Amazon Kindle, the Nook is a device that allows you to download and read material anywhere, anytime. Additional opportunities exist with internet connectivity and media options. ● **Nook Reading App:** The free Nook App allows the user to download and read material from devices other than the Nook. You must have a Barnes and Noble account to use this app.	Device iOs, Android, Mac & Windows	Starting at $49.99 plus price of books
Mercury Reader **(formerly Readability)**	This google chrome extension removes ads and clutter from articles being accessed via internet and leaves a clean document for students to read. This removal of "clutter" allows the brain to focus only on the content.	Google Chrome	Free

HOW DOES THIS CONNECT TO USE MULTIPLE MODALITIES?

Because technology never replaces instruction, students should still receive remediation in reading skills in the classroom. Based on this fact, e-Readers become an option for presenting reading material in various formats. Using multiple modalities can help students to access the material in a way that benefits their learning style, as well as allows them to internalize reading skills and adapt skills in an independent format. It is important to note, however, that e-Readers will not be the best option for each student; the decision to choose appropriate technology should be made in accordance with each student's needs and/or education plan.