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Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf. Thorndike Press. \$22.95.

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The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells. Thorndike Press. \$20.95.

White Fang by Jack London. Thorndike Press. \$21.95.

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. Thorndike Press. \$21.95.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë. North Books. \$24.



Selected Resources about Large-Print Materials and Low Vision

The Complete directory of large print books and serials. New York: R.R. Bowker, 1997. 407p.

An author, title, and subject listing of large-print books currently in print. Also includes a directory of large-print publishers and distributors and subject indexes to textbooks and children's books.

Corn, Anne. Some rambling thoughts on using optical devices. Journal of vision rehabilitation, v. 10, no. 4, 1997: 3-5.

A discussion of the use of optical devices (magnifiers, telescopes, and electronic enlargers) and large-print materials to teach students with low vision.

Goodrich, Gregory L., and Randy T. Jose, eds. Low vision--the reference: a bibliography of the low vision literature. 3d ed. New York, NY: The Lighthouse, 1996. 570p. \$50. Also available on 3½-inch high-density diskettes for MS-DOS, Windows, or Macintosh.

A listing of more than 6,400 published articles, books, and conference proceedings about low vision.

Journal of visual impairment and blindness. Bimonthly. \$74/year. AFB Press. 11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300, New York, NY 10001.

An international, interdisciplinary publication of the American Foundation for the Blind. Articles cover a variety of topics such as health care, rehabilitation, and education for persons with blindness or visual impairments.

Kleiman, Allan M. Books: low-tech breakthrough for visually impaired readers. Library hi tech news, v. 129, Jan.-Feb. 1996: 34-35.

A discussion of the history of large-print publishing and the reading needs of persons who use large print. Article includes a directory of some of the large-print publishers in the United States.



Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Blindness and visual impairments: information and advocacy organizations. Compiled by Carol Strauss. Washington: 1996. 40p. Free.

An annotated list of organizations that provide a variety of services to blind and visually impaired persons. The circular also includes publications that list agencies, services, and resources.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Library resources for the blind and physically handicapped: a directory with FY 1995 statistics on readership, circulation, budget, staff, and collections. Washington: 1996. 97p. Free.

An annual directory of information about libraries and national organizations serving persons with visual and physical disabilities. The directory lists libraries and organizations that have collections of large-print materials.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Magazines in special media. Washington: 1995. 70p. Free.

A descriptive listing of periodicals available in special media, including large print, to blind and physically disabled persons throughout the United States.

Library of Congress. National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Volunteers who produce books. Washington: 1996. 92p. Free.

A geographical listing of volunteers who produce materials in large-print, braille, or recorded formats.

The Lighthouse. Color contrast and partial sight. Compiled by Aries Arditi. New York, NY, 1995. (order number P800) [pamphlet]. Free.

A guide to the use of color contrast to increase readability in materials for persons with low vision.



The Lighthouse. A guide to reading options for persons with impaired vision. New York, NY, 1996. 10p. (order number P740E). Free.

A list of sources for large-print, braille, and cassette reading materials. Includes national organizations, publishers of material in alternative formats, adaptive technology companies, and radio reading services.

The Lighthouse. Print legibility and partial sight: guidelines for designing legible text. Compiled by Aries Arditi. New York, NY, 1995. (order number P400) [pamphlet]. Free.

Information about producing readable text for persons with low vision through contrast, letter spacing, type color, font style, and margins.

Living with low vision: a resource guide for people with sight loss. Lexington, MA: Resources for Rehabilitation, 1996. 271p.

A guide to organizations and publications related to blindness and visual impairments. Also includes general information on disability legislation, rehabilitation services, self-help groups, and adaptive technologies.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY). Visual impairments. Washington, 1996. 2p. Free. (NICHCY fact sheet FS13). (P.O. Box 1492, Washington 20013-1492). Also available on NICHCY website, http://www.nichcy.org.

A brief overview of visual impairments, including definitions, characteristics, and educational implications. Factsheet lists resources and organizations for parents and professionals working with children and youth with blindness or low vision.

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