

# Bloomfield College Disability Services

## Adaptive Technology

### **What is adaptive technology?**

Adaptive technology, also known as assistive technology, is alternative or adapted hardware and/or software applications which assist students with various disabilities in accessing information.

### **What type of adaptive equipment is available at Bloomfield College?**

We have a table top video magnifier and a computer with Kurzweil and Zoomtext software.

Video Magnifier – This piece of equipment is for students with **visual impairments**. It allows students to read printed material (books, newspapers, etc) by enlarging the print using a camera and a TV screen. Students simply place their books under the magnifier and the printed information shows up on the TV in large print.

Kurzweil Reading Software – This software primarily benefits **students with learning disabilities** who have difficulties with reading and writing. Students scan their text and the computer reads back the information using a speech synthesizer.

Zoomtext Magnifier/Reader Software – This software enlarges everything on the computer screen including the internet and email so that **students with visual impairments** can gain access to materials on the computer. Students with visual impairments can use this software to assist them reading, writing, and research.

### **Where is this Technology located?**

The adaptive technology is located in the Palmer Room in the library (room 203). The room was named after Archie Palmer, a member of the Board of Trustees at Bloomfield College, who donated money for this project.

### **Who has permission to use the Palmer Room and how do students with disabilities gain access to the adaptive technology?**

The Palmer Room is available to the entire student body. However, students with disabilities have first preference in using this room. To obtain an access card and training on how to operate the adaptive equipment, please contact Janette Lawrence, Learning Needs Specialist at (973) 748 – 9000 ext. 654