

**Sensory Services Newsletter
Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute
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SVRI adds a Sign Language Interpreter

The Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute would like to welcome Kastan Molstad, an ASL interpreter to our staff. Kastan has more than five years experience working in a variety of settings and locations. Nationally certified, she has extensive experience in medical, educational, and community settings, as well as interpreting for those whom are Deaf/Blind.

She holds NIC certification through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), the national certifying organization for sign language interpreters. Kastan also has a Bachelor of Sciences degree in ASL-English Interpretation from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, NY. If you would like to see her credentials, check out her professional website: www.KastanMolstad.com

In addition to working with us in the Menomonie area, Kastan is available for contract work throughout the upper-mid western area of Wisconsin. For more information and rates please contact Kastan at 715-505-8355.

So if you are looking to hire an interpreter feel free to contact Kastan.

CNN recently published an online article outlining several pieces of assistive technology and how they have been adopted by the general population. The first example is closed captioning. You will also find additional links aspart of their disability forum feature.

http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2008/smallbusiness/0809/gallery.opening_new_worlds.smb/index.html

Device of the Month

Senseview Duo



The variety of portable electronic magnification devices continues to grow.

This month I would like to highlight the Senseview Duo. Pictured above, the Senseview Duo is manufactured by GW Micro and additional information can be found on their website at www.gwmicro.com.

The SenseView Duo combines a two cameras. One for distance viewing and another for close-up and handwriting tasks. This device can be used in home, school, community and employment settings. The images can be increased in size, the colors and contrast can be adjusted to suit a users needs and the brightness of the image can be modified. The unit runs on an internal rechargeable battery and it comes with an enclosed carrying case.

An example of where I have seen this device used was at a conference. The other participant was sitting in the row in front of me and she used this device to read the powerpoint presentation at the front of the room. While sitting behind her I too was able to see the presentation materials clearly. The cameras can also “freeze” an image so that you can store it into memory to view at a later time. If you have any questions regarding the Senseview Duo please contact me at plummerl@uwstout.edu



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