

# Resource List for Using Visual Supports

## Lending Libraries for books, videos, and other publications related to autism and visual supports:

The Family Resource Connection (FRC) <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/frc/>

An Online Lending Library with over 5,000 titles relating to current issues of concern to families with children. It is available to NH residents to borrow materials from their collection at no charge. FRC has a toll-free phone number (1-800-298-4321) for information and materials requests can be made online. FRC mails books and videos directly to your home address, with postage-paid label and envelope for convenient returns.

The Autism Society of Maine – Lending Library  
<http://www.asmonline.org/library.asp>

Books, resource materials, video tapes and audio tapes are available for lending from the Autism Society of Maine. You can stop by their office and pick up materials or you can contact us via phone at (800) 273-5200 or email at [library@asmonline.org](mailto:library@asmonline.org) and have materials mailed to you. There is no charge for use of the library and return postage is included for your convenience. There are several publications in the area of visual supports available.

## Books & Publications

Grandin, T., (1995) *Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports from My Life with Autism*, New York: Doubleday.

Stromer, R., Kimball, J. W., Kinney, E. M., & Taylor, B. A. (2006). *Activity schedules, computer technology, and teaching children with autism spectrum disorders*. Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities, 21,14-24  
([http://www.accesspointkids.com/uploads/Stromer\\_2006\\_-\\_Activity\\_Schedules\\_Computer\\_Tech\\_Teaching\\_children\\_with\\_autism.pdf](http://www.accesspointkids.com/uploads/Stromer_2006_-_Activity_Schedules_Computer_Tech_Teaching_children_with_autism.pdf))

Hodgdon, L. (2000). *Visual Supports for Improving Communication*. QuirkRoberts: Troy, Michigan. website: [www.usevisualstrategies.com](http://www.usevisualstrategies.com)

McClannahan, L. E., & Krantz, P. J. (1999). *Activity Schedules for Children with Autism*. Woodbine House: Bethesda, MD.

Cohen, M.J., & Sloan, D.L., (2007) *Visual Supports for People with Autism*. Woodbine House: Bethesda, MD.

Orth, T., (2006) *Visual Recipes- A Cookbook for Non-Readers*. Autism Asperger Publishing Co: Shawnee Mission KS.

## Online Tutorials and Demonstrations



-[www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com) – Search for many video demos of teaching practices & tutorials using visual supports.

**Slide Share:** <http://www.slideshare.net/zurnch/ideas-for-using-visual-supports>

### (Mostly Free) Sources for Picture Images/Symbols:

**Google Images** - <http://www.google.com>

Select “image” option.

Caution!! There is no filter on appropriateness of pictures that appear.

**Mayer Johnson** - [www.mayer-johnson.com](http://www.mayer-johnson.com)

Supplier of Boardmaker Software and other communication, special education software and products. Downloadable materials are available through Mayer Johnson’s online community called Boardmakershare. Here you can connect with other Boardmaker users to share and download thousands of activities and visually supported materials. You need to use Boardmaker software to download any of the materials. Boardmakershare was previously known as Adapted Learning.

**SilverLining MultiMedia** - <http://www.silverliningmm.com/productsframe.htm>

**Symbol World**- [www.symbolworld.org](http://www.symbolworld.org)

Visually supported task strips, social stories, and other pre-made materials in the areas of Life Skills, Cooking, Literacy, Humanities, Current Events, & Science.

**Spectronics Activity Exchange** -  
[www.spectronicsinoz.com/activities/](http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/activities/)

**Do2Learn:** [www.do2learn.com](http://www.do2learn.com)

Picture cards in 1 or 2 “size for many areas including; self help, everyday & leisure activities, food items, social skills, safety, and various types of schedules/calendars. Includes photo examples of visually supported teaching materials.

**Tinsnips**- [www.tinsnips.org](http://www.tinsnips.org)

A special education resource with some pre-made materials available under “Make & Take” including schedules, symbol cards, and teaching materials.

**Beyond Autism Pecs Pictures/Icons**-<http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>

A compilation of various resources including symbols, pictures, and pre-made materials. Links to many other sites with visual support information.

**Room5ideas.com** - <http://room5ideas.com>

Photo examples of picture schedules, and other teaching materials. Ideas for creating visually supported classrooms. Many links to other resources.

**SenTeacher** - [www.senteacher.org](http://www.senteacher.org)

An excellent source for printable academic materials for picture cards, word lists, visually supported charts, and other teaching tools in all subject areas.

**Task Galore Publishing, Inc.** - [www.taskgalore.com](http://www.taskgalore.com)

Photo examples of visually supported learning materials for readiness concepts. Also shares "Task of the Month". Publishes material for purchase.

**Widgit** - [www.widgit.com](http://www.widgit.com)

An English software company affiliated with SymbolWorld. Offers several free resources related to visual communication supports and also many resources and links.

**Children With Special Needs** - [www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com](http://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.com)

Look in Downloads for visually enhanced games including Bingo for many learning concepts (ABC's, Body Parts, Clothing, etc.) worksheets, schedule boards, and stories. Also has printable PECS pictures copyrighted by Mayer Johnson or Silverlining Multimedia.

**Orange County Public Schools** -

<https://www.ocps.net/cs/ese/support/at/Pages/VisualSupports-ThematicVisualSupports.aspx> -

Thematic Units using Boardmaker

**Baby Bumblebee** - [www.babybumblebee.com](http://www.babybumblebee.com)

Free flashcard are available under downloadables, as well as materials for purchase in the area of language development.

**Building Blox** - [www.buildingblox.net](http://www.buildingblox.net)

Examples of specialized and visually enhanced teaching tools in the "task ideas" section. Many downloadables shared by other teachers (sorting living vs. non living things body parts, color matching, face parts, behavior boards, schedules) Excellent resource.

**AAC Intervention.com** - [www.aacintervention.com](http://www.aacintervention.com)

This link offers many suggestions and links for individuals using forms of AAC. Look in "Tip of the month" and "Archives" for many creative and inexpensive ideas for making visually supported materials. Many book-board ideas and communication board ideas. Links to tutorials for using Boardmaker, and also links for other ready made materials.

**Speaking of Speech** - <http://www.speakingofspeech.com/>

Excellent resource for ready made materials in the area of speech & language development. Check out the materials exchange link for lots of downloadable materials.

**Visual Aids for Learning:**

<http://www.visualaidsforlearning.com/products/index.htm> - Free visual downloads.

**Pyramid Educational Consultants - [www.pecs.com](http://www.pecs.com)**

Examples of Picture Exchange Communication systems goals for IEPs, many resources, tutorials, and links related to PECS.

**Pics4Learning - [www.pics4learning.com](http://www.pics4learning.com)**

Extensive list of images to print, with many sub-categories available.

**Fairfax County Public Schools -**

**<http://www.fcps.edu/ss/its/howtos/index.htm>**

The special services division created and made available many materials using Boardmaker software, and also social stories using Powerpoint. Also offers many tutorials related to assistive technology, including how to use Boardmaker.

**Special Education Technology, British Columbia - <http://www.setbc.org/>**

Check out the *PictureSET* option, which offers a collection of downloadable visual supports that can be used by students for both receptive and expressive communication in the classroom, at home, and in the community. This searchable database allows you to find a wide range of useful visual supports for different curriculum areas, activities, and events.

The *Learning Centre* link offers tutorials for using Boardmaker.

**Baltimore School District/Region 2 -**

**<http://region2library.org/boardmaker.htm>**

A compilation from the Baltimore school district of an adapted library of Boardmaker symbols and communication boards for the books in their library.

**ESL Kidstuff - [www.eslkidstuff.com](http://www.eslkidstuff.com)**

Over 1,500 free flashcard images.

**Pre-Kindergarten - <http://prekese.dadeschools.net>**

An excellent website for ready to use picture symbols for preschool level activities and learning concepts. Look under "Resources" for Boardmaker downloads of picture symbols for many popular books, songs, play activities as well as task strips and schedule boards. A "must go to" for anyone teaching at pre-school level.

**PreSchool Printables - <http://www.preschoolprintables.com/>**

Free printables for file folder games, felt boards, calendars, and other lesson plans, and writing activities.

**Deaf Books - <http://www.deafbooks.co.uk/>**

Free downloads available for adapted books, templates, worksheets, and other related teaching supports — all using sign language, paired with picture symbol.

**Autism Visuals - <http://autism-visuals.com/default.aspx>**

Free ready made visuals to use in home, school or community.  
Registration is required.

**Grocery List Photos - <http://trainland.tripod.com/grocerylist.htm>**

**Visual Recipes - <http://visualrecipes.com/recipes/>**

An array of recipes with step by step instructions using pictures.

**Joes Schedule.com - [www.joeschedule.com](http://www.joeschedule.com)**

Step by step visual guides to completing self help, grooming, etc. tasks independently

**Kids Cooking Activities - <http://www.kids-cooking-activities.com/non-reader-recipes.html>**

Many examples of non-reader recipes.

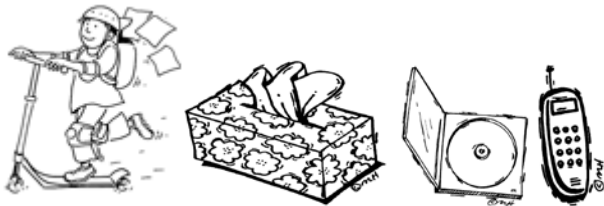
**Slater Software - <http://www.slattersoftware.com/autism.html>**

Many examples and downloads for visually supported materials, especially in area of literacy and writing.

**Motivation Station/Clip Art -**

**<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/clipart/?campaign=CA> -**

Clip Art mostly in black & white for variety of subjects, many school related. Sample of pictures below include:



**The Internet Picture Dictionary - <http://pdictionary.com>**

Online picture dictionary of basic vocabulary. Select by category (body parts, animals, etc.) Includes interactive activities for word scrambles, labeling pictures, and fill in the blanks that can be printed.

**Paula Kluth [http://www.paulakluth.com/articles/visual\\_literacy.html](http://www.paulakluth.com/articles/visual_literacy.html) -**

Enhancing literacy using visual supports.

## Dynamic Displays:

**Children's Hospital Boston**

**<http://www.childrenshospital.org/clinicalservices/Site2016/mainpageS2016P16.html>**

Downloadable Power Point presentations created by the Augmentative Communication Program at Children's Hospital Boston that include music and moving images.