## Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center

# **AccessAbility**

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### SCHEDULING TESTING WITH DASS

It is YOU, the student, who is responsible for scheduling testing with DASS; do not leave it to your professor to schedule! Once you and your professor agree



that you will test at DASS, YOU should contact 214-768-1470 with all of the details, at least 4 business days before your test date. (Remember to give at least 7 days advance notice if you have been authorized by DASS to have special accommodations like a scribe/reader or use of a laptop.) Candy Brown will then

communicate with the instructor to secure the test and other instructions, line up a proctor for the time needed, and ensure adequate seating. If you do not give DASS the needed advance notice, you will have to work out your accommodations with your professor or take the test in the classroom without accommodations. Please contact DASS if you are unclear.

## FOCUS GROUP FOR STUDENTS WITH LOW VISION

The Meadows Museum is conducting a focus group for those with low vision and visual impairments on the topic of making their art more accessible. Lots of exciting initiatives are upcoming to make art more tactile and accessible, as well as training for docents on including patrons with visual impairments. Please contact <a href="mailto:alexat@smu.edu">alexat@smu.edu</a> if you have low vision and are interested in participating-we need your voice! First focus group is next Saturday, 9/22/12.



## FONT CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Check out a new font that may help people with dyslexia read quicker and more accurately - http://www.studiostudio.nl/project-dyslexie/en/

#### SOFTWARE TOOL

WordQ is a software tool that aids with typing and proofreading by providing such features as word prediction, highlighting, and auditory feedback. It costs around \$149 and reads text aloud as the user types. "You're less likely to miss errors in your work if you hear your writing spoken aloud... and if you get stuck on spelling, it provides help."

Joan Green, author of The Ultimate
Guide to Assistive Technology in Special
Education

### MAC TECHNOLOGY TO HELP CONCENTRATION

For those marathon writing sessions, you might want to try OmmWriter. Its goal is to immerse you in a Zen-like environment, complete with soothing visuals and audio. Some find that its customizability and gentle typing sounds make it a pleasing space in which to compose. OmmWriter Dāna I is available to download for free. Dāna II, which includes additional backgrounds and sounds, is \$4.99 in the Mac App Store.

### WHO KNEW?

Britney Spears has ADHD -

http://www.addadhdblog.com/britney-has-adhd/#36cc7