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Text-to-Speech Demonstration at Brooks Library

Putney, VT., August 7, 2006 Have you ever wished you had someone to read books, magazines, or the internet out loud to you, at just the right speed and volume? Have you ever wished you could look up unfamiliar words at the click of a button instead of thumbing through a dictionary?

Computer-based Reading, using Text-to-Speech software, lets you do all that and more. Ellen Engstrom, under the auspices of the Landmark College Institute for Research and Training, will present a demonstration of Text-to-Speech programs at the **Brooks Library on Wednesday, September 27, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Ellen is an Associate Professor and author of Landmark College's manual "Using Assistive Technology to Teach Students with Learning Disabilities: Guide for Educators." She has taught online and face-to-face courses on Assistive Technology and presented at many national conferences.

Ms. Engstrom will give an overview and demonstration of Text-to-Speech software and how it can be used to enhance the reading experience. She will show how individuals can customize their reading, using tools that read text out loud, provide dictionary and thesaurus support, and highlight and annotate text. These tools can benefit many readers, not just those with learning difficulties.

This program is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Brooks Memorial Library and the Landmark College Institute for Research and Training.

