

Increasing Accessibility and Engagement Through Adapted Books

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About the Presenter

Jessica Callaghan, M.Ed., has 25 years of teaching experience in a variety of special education settings. She is a valued and respected resource among teachers in northeast Florida as a result of the 10 years she spent providing professional development, coaching, mentoring, and focused problem-solving around using visual supports, assistive and augmentative technologies, and universal design for learning. She is currently a Local Assistive Technology Specialist for St. Johns County School District. She is the owner of Outside the Box Educational Coaching and Consulting, LLC.

Training Description

This hands-on professional development will walk participants through the process of adapting books to allow students to engage more independently with content. Participants will explore how to create workarounds for a variety of barriers to independent reading and then adapt a book to increase accessibility. Participants will leave the training with materials necessary to implement the training with other books in their classrooms. **Please bring a charged laptop.**

Target Audience:

Teachers, Instructional Coaches, Related Service Providers, Parents

Training Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Understand the barriers that may prevent a child from engaging independently with printed materials
- Explore a variety of accommodations and adjustments to printed materials that can increase engagement and reduce the impact of those barriers.
- Practice adapting a book using tools provided



Date:

July 28th, 2025
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location:

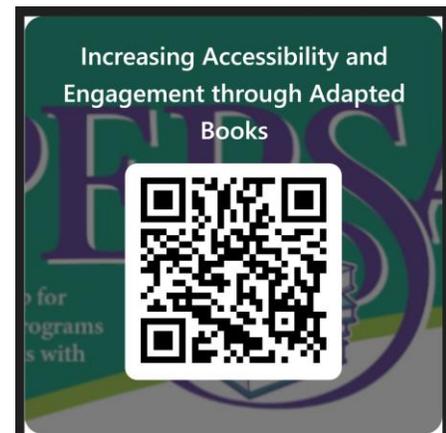
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Registration Deadline:

July 21st, 2025

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