

# KURZWEIL READER-PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

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Good morning everyone- Please read the following narrative carefully.

PURPOSE- To provide guidance regarding the KURZWEIL READER software in the library until library policy is revised in our manual.

## BACKGROUND AND INTERIM GUIDELINES

1. Over the past few weeks a student who has a disability requested that the library provide access to this software to support his studies at the College. Peggy, in her normal and effective manner (after staff discussion) arranged for the software to be installed in one of the floor computers (Thank you Peggy).
2. This software is a wonderful, marvelous thing that enables students who are disabled to access material that normally they would not be able to access. The software converts text to audio!
3. I believe that we need to provide a scanner at this station so the software can be utilized in the most effective manner and I will go to work and try and get a scanner for us. In the interim I have had a sign (ADA STATION) placed on the computer station with the software.
4. This single computer station will remain available for general student use but if a disabled student requests to use this station, please assist this student if the Kurzweil Station is occupied to gain access. Also, if necessary assist the student who was using this station to move to another station.
5. There are also Kurzweil readers and scanners available for disabled students in the Disabled Student Services (room S116) and H200 Monday through Friday, normal business hours, some evening hours.
6. Peg and Jill, could you please make sure our student workers are briefed on this.
7. I have met with the student who has been coming into the library about the KURZWEIL READER and I gave him my card and requested he deal directly with me over this issue.
8. I invite any comments or concerns.

Bill

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I have been studying the traits and dispositions of the "lower animals" (so called) and contrasting them with the traits and dispositions of man. I find the result humiliating to me. ~Mark Twain, Letters from the Earth, 1907.