



# Information Digest

## December 2014

### News items

In one aspect of vision, computers catch up to primate brain | MIT News

<http://newsoffice.mit.edu/2014/computer-neural-networks-identify-objects-like-primate-brain-1218>

The Lancet: Most commonly prescribed glaucoma drug reduces risk of vision loss by more than 50% over 2 years

<http://www.alphagalileo.org/ViewItem.aspx?ItemId=148346&CultureCode=en>

eScienceCommons: A clear, molecular view of the evolution of human color vision

<http://esciencecommons.blogspot.com.au/2014/12/by-around-30-million-years-ago-our.html>

New study links autism risk to air pollution – ScienceAlert

<http://www.sciencealert.com/new-study-links-autism-risk-to-air-pollution>

Guests with guide dogs illegally refused entry into NSW restaurants, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT | Hospitality Magazine <http://www.hospitalitymagazine.com.au/food/news/nsw-restaurants-illegally-refusing-entry-for-guest>

WFD Achievements 2014

<http://wfdeaf.org/news/wfd-achievements-2014>

InMoBS app to help the blind and visually handicapped | Sci-Tech | DW.DE | 18.12.2014

<http://www.dw.de/inmobs-app-to-help-the-blind-and-visually-handicapped/a-18139607>

New research unlocks a mystery of albinism | News from Brown

<https://news.brown.edu/articles/2014/12/albinism>

Early childhood flexibility report and resources now available

[www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/FPP-Final-Report\\_screen.pdf](http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/FPP-Final-Report_screen.pdf)

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University of Western Sydney study finds Australian babies understand Canadian accents better <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-12/aussie-babies-find-it-easier-to-understand-canadians-study-says/5964606>

Beautiful language: Drisana Levitzke-Gray recognised for efforts advocating for deaf rights - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-11/drisana-levitzke-gray-wa-young-australian-of-the-year/5960922>

For Taiwanese, learning Braille just got easier - Taipei Times  
<http://www.taipeitimes.com/News/feat/archives/2014/12/09/2003606301>

Blind Microsoft Director Offers Bold New Vision w/ Help From Father of Multi-Touch  
<http://www.dailytech.com/Blind+Microsoft+Director+Offers+Bold+New+Vision+w+Help+From+Father+of+MultiTouch/article36846.htm>

NHMRC releases guidelines after concerns online genetic tests may not meet quality standards - <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-09/online-genetic-tests-may-not-meet-quality-standards-nhmrc/5954390>

Gene therapy offers hope for the blind <http://www.news.com.au/world/breaking-news/gene-therapy-offers-hope-for-the-blind/story-e6frkui-1227149483146>

Nanotubes May Restore Sight to Blind Retinas <https://www.aftau.org/weblog-medicine--health?=&storyid4704=2134&ncs4704=3>

This device turns your phone into an eye exam machine  
<http://www.sciencealert.com/watch-this-device-turns-your-phone-into-an-eye-exam-machine>

BBC News - Changes in image search could help the blind  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-30298000>

Award winning app alerts deaf and hearing impaired with emergency information - Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission  
<http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/index.php/news-and-events/commission-news/item/1083-award-winning-app-alerts-deaf-with-emergency-information>

Vitamin Supplement Successfully Prevents Noise-Induced Hearing Loss | Gladstone Institutes <http://gladstoneinstitutes.org/pressrelease/2014-12-02/vitamin-supplement-successfully-prevents-noise-induced-hearing-loss>

New online diagnostic tool for eye health practitioners  
<http://www.cera.org.au/2014/12/new-online-diagnostic-tool-for-eye-health-practitioners/>

Monash's bionic eye closer to human trials <http://www.theage.com.au/technology/sci-tech/monashs-bionic-eye-closer-to-human-trials-20141202-11yeyf.html>

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TUSMA launches free new app for deaf, hearing and speech impaired in OZ

<http://www.itwire.com/it-industry-news/telecoms-and-nbn/66332-tusma-launches-free-new-app-for-deaf-hearing-and-speech-impaired-in-oz>

New Apps Allow Visually Impaired to Benefit More From Smartphones

<http://www.psfk.com/2014/12/ar-works-app-helps-the-blind-benefit-more-from-smartphones.html>

First day of Summer brings eye health warning | Vision 2020 Australia

<http://www.vision2020australia.org.au/media/2014-11-30/first-day-of-summer-brings-eye-health-warning>

Science Shows Something Surprising About People Who Still Read Fiction

<http://mic.com/articles/104702/science-shows-something-surprising-about-people-who-love-reading-fiction>

Improving Classroom Environments on ADVANCE for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists [http://speech-language-pathology-](http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Improving-Classroom-Environments.aspx)

[audiology.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Improving-Classroom-Environments.aspx](http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Features/Articles/Improving-Classroom-Environments.aspx)

The Best Toys for Children with Hearing Loss on ADVANCE for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists [http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Hearing-](http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Hearing-Practice-Management/Columns/Pediatric-Pointers/The-Best-Toys-for-Children-with-Hearing-Loss.aspx?utm_campaign=1356505&utm_content=9567383160&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailvision)

[Practice-Management/Columns/Pediatric-Pointers/The-Best-Toys-for-Children-with-Hearing-](http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Hearing-Practice-Management/Columns/Pediatric-Pointers/The-Best-Toys-for-Children-with-Hearing-Loss.aspx?utm_campaign=1356505&utm_content=9567383160&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailvision)

[Loss.aspx?utm\\_campaign=1356505&utm\\_content=9567383160&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Emailvision](http://speech-language-pathology-audiology.advanceweb.com/Hearing-Practice-Management/Columns/Pediatric-Pointers/The-Best-Toys-for-Children-with-Hearing-Loss.aspx?utm_campaign=1356505&utm_content=9567383160&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Emailvision)

Have I got a hearing aid for you!

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/2014-11-30/5920176>

podcast [http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rn/podcast/2014/11/bbg\\_20141130\\_0805.mp3](http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/rn/podcast/2014/11/bbg_20141130_0805.mp3)

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## Newsletters

Down Syndrome Education International

<http://mail.dsegroup.org/t/ViewEmail/d/0B9F1417C682182F/07EE5EB70E367E0444D0DD5392A9C75A>

Whats news in Disability - December

[http://linkonline.com.au/enews/2014\\_december/1/index.html](http://linkonline.com.au/enews/2014_december/1/index.html)

Down Syndrome NSW eUpdate <http://us2.campaign->

[archive1.com/?u=56351cdac1cc173241ec4d25e&id=948a1e38e0&e=59443b7b83](http://archive1.com/?u=56351cdac1cc173241ec4d25e&id=948a1e38e0&e=59443b7b83)

CDA E-NEWS - December 2014

<http://www.cda.org.au>

DARU Update - 15 Dec 2014 <http://us4.campaign->

[archive1.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=b791305017&e=87212e98e4](http://archive1.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=b791305017&e=87212e98e4)

December Issue of AccessWorld

<http://www.afb.org/aw/main.asp>

Early Childhood Australia WebWatch #202 <http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/our-publications/eca-webwatch/webwatch-index/>

Daily Media Round-Up Wednesday 10 December 2014

<http://www.pwd.org.au>

DOTS for Braille Literacy Fall 2014

<http://www.afb.org/DOTS>

Daily Media Round-Up Monday 8 December 2014

[http://www.pwd.org.au/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Daily+Media+Round-Up+Monday+8+December+2014&utm\\_source=YMLP&utm\\_term=www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily+Media+Round-Up+Monday+8+December+2014&utm_source=YMLP&utm_term=www.pwd.org.au)

DARU Update - 8 December 2014 <http://us4.campaign->

[archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=dc9a43a6f3&e=87212e98e4](http://archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=dc9a43a6f3&e=87212e98e4)

APH News, December 2014

<http://www.aph.org/advisory/2014adv12.html>

The NSW Deaf Herald Issue 32 - December 2014 <http://us1.campaign->

[archive1.com/?u=dae152575d0376db93bdfa65f&id=5dbce032ec&e=a58482132a](http://archive1.com/?u=dae152575d0376db93bdfa65f&id=5dbce032ec&e=a58482132a)

Daily Media Round-Up Monday 1 December 2014 <http://www.pwd.org.au/library/daily-media-roundup2.html>

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## **Journal ToC alerts**

Journal of Vision 19 Dec 2014; Vol. 14, No. 14

<http://www.journalofvision.org/content/14/14?cpetoc>

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy 35, 4 (December 2014)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/anzf.2014.35.issue-4/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

Otology & Neurotology - January 2015 - Volume 36 - Issue 1

<http://journals.lww.com/otology-neurotology/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

Australian Occupational Therapy Journal 61, 6 (December 2014)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/aot.2014.61.issue-6/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology Volume 57, Issue 1 Pages 4 - 104, January 2015

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dmncn.2014.57.issue-1/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

The Hearing Journal - December 2014 - Volume 67 - Issue 12

<http://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare December 2014; Vol. 20, No. 8

<http://jtt.sagepub.com/content/20/8?etoc>

Journal of Adolescent & Adult Liter... Content Alert: 58, 4 (December 2014 / January 2015)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jaal.2014.58.issue-4/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

The Reading Teacher Content Alert: 68, 4 (December 2014 / January 2015)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/trtr.2014.68.issue-4/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

Journal of Vision Vol. 14, No. 13

<http://www.journalofvision.org/content/14/13.toc>

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## Other Resources

10 Observation lessons- auditory verbal therapy

<http://www.cochlear.com/wps/wcm/connect/intl/home/support/rehabilitation-resources/professional-resources/10-observation-lessons/10-observation-lessons>

49th Annual Fremantle 2014 | ASID conference papers

[http://www.asid.asn.au/conferences/49th\\_annual\\_fremantle\\_2014](http://www.asid.asn.au/conferences/49th_annual_fremantle_2014)

The Australian research data infrastructure strategy | Australian Policy Online

<http://apo.org.au/research/australian-research-data-infrastructure-strategy>

Auslan videos about the work of the Royal Commission <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=dae152575d0376db93bdfa65f&id=ef2fc685ea&e=a58482132a>

The CoDEX (Computerised Diagnostic Expertise) tool was developed by Dr Ehud Zamir to help reduce the risk of misdiagnosis for serious eye problems

<http://www.deyeagnose.org/>

10 Sensory Christmas Activities for Children who are Blind

<http://www.wonderbaby.org/articles/ten-sensory-christmas-activities>

CDA issue papers <http://www.cda.org.au/cda-issue-papers>

Strengthening Participation of Children and Young People with Disability in Advocacy

 [Strengthening Participation - 2014 PDF](#) (8319 KB)

Belonging and Connection of School Students with Disability

 [Belonging and Connection - 2014 PDF](#) (4204 KB)

Genetics/Genomics Subject Guide

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/Subject\\_Guides/geneticsandgenomics/](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/Subject_Guides/geneticsandgenomics/)

Australian Disability Peaks and Advocacy Directory

<http://www.pwd.org.au/library/australian-advocacy-directory.html>

Mission Australia's 2014 Youth Survey reveals young people want good careers most of all -

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-01/mission-australia-survey-reveals-young-people-want-good-careers/5928446>

**The RIDBC Renwick Centre Rydge Family Library compiles  
this current awareness service for the use of people working in the field of sensory disability.  
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