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Learning side by side helps deaf children thrive

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/learning-side-by-side-helps-deaf-children-thrive-20150214-139llx.html>

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Researchers Test Device That Lets Deaf Children Hear For The First Time

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Deaf Groups Sue Harvard, MIT Over Captioning – WSJ <http://www.wsj.com/articles/deaf-groups-sue-harvard-mit-over-captioning-1423771750>

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Other Resources

CDU launches first online Yolngu dictionary

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The eyes are the window to the soul - Cyril Kett Optometry Museum now in Trove

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Successful Grocery Shopping Hints for the Visually Impaired

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OATD – Open Access Theses and Dissertations <http://oatd.org/>

resource for finding open access graduate theses and dissertations published around the world.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5sdeHWG2gs&list=UU29iApLJv_d2dVePcVmgMeA

Series of video-blogs by a woman with Ushers Syndrome (deaf from birth, progressive vision loss), describing her experiences. They are in ASL, but most provide transcripts in the comments sections.

Stop Here <http://stophereapp.com/about/>. The Stop Here app uses geolocation in smart devices to provide push notifications to customers traveling on Metro Trains throughout Melbourne.

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this current awareness service for the use of people working in the field of sensory disability.
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