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Let's Have Fun!

A Virtual Workshop on Tactile Toys and Games for blind children

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National Braille Press and the Carroll Center for the Blind are pleased to announce the next offering in a series of free online presentations (webinars) designed for parents and teachers of children who are learning to read braille.

The presentation will take place **from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm EDT on Wednesday, March 26, 2007**, and will focus on tactile toys and games that can be enjoyed by blind children and their families and friends. Participants will learn about some of the many options for obtaining and using toys and games for fun and learning.

Representatives from organizations including Creative Adaptations for Learning, Exceptional Teaching Aids, and Independent Living Aids, will showcase the products available from their organizations and field questions from participants. This presentation will use the conference room of the Carroll Center and TC Conference audio and text chat utility from Talking Communities.

To participate, you will need a Windows-based computer connected to the internet with Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser. If you want to be able to talk with the presenters during the question and answer session you will need a microphone attached to the appropriate jack on your computer's sound card. If you do not have a microphone, you will still be able to hear and see what the presenters have to show you. Those without a microphone can enter their questions as text by using their keyboards.

To join us on March 26, point your web browser to: www.everythingbraille.com and click on "Our Virtual Classroom." If you have not used the conferencing software before, you will need to download and install a very small program first.

To download the software, click on the "Our Virtual Classroom" link, and then:

1. Click on the "download here" button.
2. When prompted to save or run the software, choose the "run" option.
3. When warned that this file does not have a verified digital signature, click on the "run" option (this software is perfectly safe).
4. The installation wizard will soon appear and proceed. Simply click the "finish" button when the plug-in is installed.
5. To enter the conference room, click the "click here to enter the room" button.
6. When the logon screen appears, enter your full name into the username box, leave the password field blank, and press the "logon" button.
7. You are now ready to participate in the conference.

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