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Periodically we'd like to draw your attention to some good, disability-related reading and viewing.

Recommended viewing: Video on using the WAVE toolbar

Our first item comes from North Carolina State's YouTube channel, but it features the Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool (WAVE) developed here at the CPD by WebAIM. I've been using WAVE for years, and I've always known it would flag accessibility problems in my blog posts. I still learned new things by watching this clip.

It's captioned, too.

Recommended reading: "Assistive Technology for Everyone"

Post author Jane Vincent of the University of Michigan explores assistive technology, or devices that make life easier for people with disabilities. She also explains the concept of universal design, which creates a product that can be used by as many people as possible. She writes:

"There has been significant overlap between designs that address the needs of people with disabilities and those that are useful for the population at large."

For example, the first typewriter may have started out as an invention to help a woman write letters to the man who loved her. You can read about it, and other assistive technology that has been absorbed into people's lives, on the Bethesda Blog.