

## MERLIN DESKTOP ELECTRONIC MAGNIFIER

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The Spirit Lake Public Library was recently gifted a like-new Merlin Desktop Electronic Magnifier. This useful tool was given by the Mary Newton Family of Okoboji. The library would like to thank the Newton Family for such a welcome donation!

Merlin offers the greatest picture quality available. Boasting an ergonomic design, this flexible desktop magnifier allows you to pivot and adjust the screen for your most comfortable viewing position. Merlin's screen easily pivots vertically and/or horizontally to better accommodate peripheral or eccentric viewing. It lets people with low vision, macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, glaucoma and cataracts read, write, and regain their visual independence.

With its low vision electronic magnifiers, many color select options are available for increased contrast. Depending on your eye condition, certain text and background color combinations allow for ease of reading. One of the color select options is black and white. It will convert anything you are viewing to a black and white image for increased contrast.

The Merlin can also be used to magnify other things besides books: mail, maps, needlework, crafts, crossword puzzles, photographs, recipes, coins, etc. The possibilities are almost endless! Please stop by the library Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., and try out this new addition at the SLPL!