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Serving Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, McKean & Potter Counties

• **Advocacy**

Know your rights and make your voice heard. We provide information and support to help you create positive change for yourself and your community.

• **Independent Living Skills**

Do you need assistance with everyday activities? We can provide guidance and direction to help you learn the skills to perform the tasks needed to remain independent and safe in your own home.

• **Information & Referral**

Looking for disability related resources or services within your community? Give us a call. If we cannot directly offer the services to assist you, we can use our knowledge of resources to guide you in the right direction.

• **Peer Mentoring**

Would you like someone to talk to about challenges you face as a person with a disability? Our peer mentors are here to listen, and to provide you with a shoulder to lean on with someone who understands your challenges.

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Empowering people with disabilities

**Call today to learn more
about our free services.
Let us know how we can
help you live your best
independent life!**



For assistance, contact Mitchell
at 814-781-3050 or atc@liftcil.org

Hello everyone, this is Mitchell, back again to explain another of LIFT's many services. Today I am featuring the Assistive Technology Lending Library (ATLL).

LIFT's Assistive Technology Lending Library (ATLL) is not actually a LIFT creation. It is a service we facilitate through TechOWL, which itself is an organization operating out of Temple University. The Lending Library is an online database where people can borrow assistive technology devices. It is effectively a rental service for assistive technology. Borrowers can borrow any of the over 600+ devices for up to five (5) weeks at a time. After which they send the device back and make a decision on whether the device fits their needs, and if they would like to buy one for themselves. LIFT may be able to assist in finding sources for such purchases.

The most recent call I received, I was able to assist a personal care assistant who works with a young man with autism (consumer), with limited communication ability. She was looking for a device called the Tobii Dynavox I-13, requesting an eye tracking software called Sensory Eye FX to be installed. After working with my contact at TechOWL, I put her in touch with the consumer and personal care attendant. Together, we decided on an eye tracking software to be used to track and "help determine the consumer's focus and intent". This software was given to them on a five-week loan to determine if this would fulfill the consumer's communication needs.

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