

# Assistive Technology and Software available for your use at KVCC

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# AlphaSmart Keyboard

- ◆ Lightweight, Rugged, Portable Keyboard
- ◆ Easy to use word processor
- ◆ Easy to transfer documents to PC
- ◆ Use this keyboard if:
  - You need a portable keyboard
  - You type better than you handwrite

# Dragon Naturally Speaking

- ✦ Software that turns your voice into text on the screen
- ✦ Can be used with Kurzweil 3000 and Microsoft Word
- ✦ Use this software if:
  - You get your thoughts out better by saying them out loud instead of writing them
  - You hate having to “start” a paper or have a fear of the “blank screen”
  - You have low vision
  - You have a physical difficulty

# Inspiration

- ✦ Computer software program that helps you to brainstorm ideas for your paper, organize your thoughts, and create flowcharts and concept maps
- ✦ Provides templates from which to start working
- ✦ Use this software if:
  - You think faster than you write
  - You prefer brainstorming

# Kurzweil 3000

- ✦ Software that will scan in material and then read it to you from the screen
- ✦ Can develop study sheets and highlight in 4 different colors
- ✦ Can be used along with Microsoft Word, Inspiration and Dragon Naturally Speaking
- ✦ Use this program if:
  - You have low-vision
  - You learn best by hearing material instead of reading
  - You learn best through colors and highlighting
  - You want to improve your vocabulary

# Soothsayer

- ◆ Software that predicts words as you write.
- ◆ Can be used with Kurzweil 3000 and Microsoft Word and Dragon Naturally Speaking.
- ◆ Use this software if:
  - You have trouble spelling words.
  - You are dyslexic