

Using Art to Express Life Stories of Those With Disabilities

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For many people struggling with disabilities, communicating their thoughts, feelings, or emotions can be quite difficult. Because of this, these individuals often have problems socializing and communicating with others. Although this obstacle makes it harder for individuals with disabilities to convey what they want to, programs, such as online websites and apps, provide these individuals with an outlet to express themselves.

The purpose of this research is to gain knowledge about the usability of various art apps and websites that may enable people with disabilities to express their life stories and emotions. This allows for adequate apps to be found and tested before being used for the creation of digital stories, which is how those with disabilities will sufficiently express themselves and their experiences. In addition to allowing those with disabilities to articulate their past, the research will lead to an opportunity for individuals who cannot be accepted into a regular degree seeking university to have a college experience where they can even earn a certificate.

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