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### **FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC ANNOUNCES NEW DAISY READERS FOR PAC MATE OR DESKTOP**

(St. Petersburg, Florida June 29, 2004) - Freedom Scientific today announced its new FSReader applications for reading DAISY (Digital Accessible Information System) format digital talking books on the desktop PC and on portable PAC Mate accessible Pocket PCs. The applications work with Freedom Scientific's JAWS screen reader and offer full navigation of DAISY 2.0 e-books and DAISY 3.0, the ANSI/NISO standard, like those available from Bookshare.

Using FSReader, individuals with low vision or other print disabilities can navigate to a particular point in a book from the table of contents or the index by browsing headings, or by flipping pages. They can reopen books right to the place they left off and set multiple bookmarks. In books containing both audio recording and text, users can fast forward and rewind and even speed up the narrator. They can switch between recorded audio and text with synthesized speech or even read along with the audio using one of Freedom Scientific's refreshable Braille displays or MAGic screen magnification software.

FSReader is compatible with the BX400 and QX400 series PAC Mate. Freedom Scientific will be demonstrating FSReader at the upcoming National Federation of the Blind and American Council of the Blind Conferences and plans to begin shipping in September. US pricing for either the PAC Mate or Desktop version is \$79.95 or \$119.95 if both are purchased together.