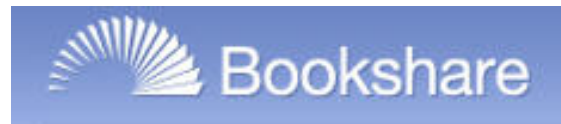


BOOKSHARE BASICS



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Agenda

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What is Bookshare?

- Bookshare is an online library of digital books for people with print disabilities. A grant from the US Dept of Education allows Bookshare to offer **FREE memberships** for any U.S. Student of any age and any U.S. educational organization (public, private, colleges and universities) serving [qualified](#) students.
- Bookshare is an initiative of Benetech, a Silicon Valley based nonprofit technology company.

Common Terms

- Accessible Education Materials/Accessible Instructional Materials
 - AEM are specialized formats of core instructional materials that can be used by and with students with print disabilities.
 - AIM are educational materials adapted to students with physical, sensory, cognitive, or learning needs.
- NIMAC
 - National Instructional Material Access Center: A federally funded, national electronic file repository that makes files available for the production of core print instructional materials in specialized formats
- NIMAS
 - National Instruction Materials Accessibility Standard : An XML based source file that is the starting point for creating braille, audio, large print or digital text formats. Generally this file is not used by individuals with disabilities as some type of converting must occur.
- Accessible Media Producer
 - Groups, such as Bookshare, Learning Ally and MA AIM Library, that convert and distribute materials

Eligibility

- Copyright Law and the Chafee Amendment
 - Copyright Law prohibits the unauthorized copying of a “work of authorship” including the ability to make that material accessible
 - Chafee Amendment is an exception to U.S. copyright law which allows copyrighted digital books to be made available to people with qualifying disabilities
- The amendment states that it is not an infringement of copyright for an authorized entity (like Bookshare) to reproduce or to distribute copies of materials if they are reproduced or distributed in specialized formats exclusively for use by **blind or other persons with disabilities**.

What is a Print Disability?

- A print disability is a physically-based disability that makes it very difficult or impossible to read standard print.
- These include:
 - blindness or low vision,
 - a physical disability in which an individual cannot hold a book or turn the pages of a book, or
 - A documented learning or reading disability

Disability	Qualified/Not Qualified	Examples of Competent Authorities
Visual Impairment (VI) Blindness / Low vision	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority	A family doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Special Education teacher; Certification from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the U.S. or similar national body in other countries
Physical Disability (PD)	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority that the disability significantly affects the use of printed materials	A family doctor or other medical professional, physical therapist, resource specialist, Special Education teacher
Learning Disability (LD) Reading Disability	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority, that the disability has a physical basis and significantly affects the use of print	A neurologist, psychiatrist, learning disability specialist, Special Education teacher, school psychologist, or clinical psychologist with a background in learning disabilities
Autism Emotional disabilities ADHD	Not qualified under this diagnosis, unless accompanied by a qualifying visual, physical, learning or reading disability as certified by a Competent Authority as above	Examples listed above
ESL and ELL		

Identifying Students with Learning and Reading Disabilities

Eligible

- Students with severe learning or reading disabilities that struggle to obtain information from print using standard print-based instructional materials
- Students who continue to struggle to access print despite high quality instruction and interventions

Not Eligible

- Students receiving initial instruction in reading
- Students learning English as a second language who do not have a print-based disability
- Students who may be struggling because they haven't been exposed to quality instruction
- Students who like to hear books read to them

Bookshare File Formats

- Bookshare offers text-based access for NON-copyrighted books to anyone
- Bookshare formats available to individuals with qualifying print disabilities (copyrighted materials)
 - **DAISY-3** (Digital Accessible Information System)
 - global digital talking book format
 - **MP3 and Daisy Audio**
 - digital audio
 - **BRF** (Braille Ready Format)
 - digital braille

Membership Options:

	Organizational Membership		Individual Membership	
Type	U.S. Educational Institutions (Public and Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities)	Non-educational Institutions (Libraries, Resource centers, Rehab agencies, Retirement communities, Group homes, Community centers, International)	U.S. Students of any age	Non-students
Fee	FREE	Purchase: book blocks or Individual Memberships	Free	\$50/year with one-time \$25 sign-up fee
Sign-up	Organization signs-up teachers/staff who will be Sponsors. Sponsors: 1. Add students to roster. 2. Create limited access account. 3. Initiate Individual Membership.	Organization signs-up staff who will be Sponsors. Sponsors create account for Qualifying Client Members	Individuals must Qualify Under 18: parent or guardian's signature required 18 and older: individual creates their own account	Individuals must Qualify Under 18: parent or guardian's signature is required Individual creates their own account
Download	Sponsor downloads any book (may include NIMAC books)	Sponsor downloads books	Student/Parent downloads	The Individual downloads (non-textbooks)
Important to Note	Sponsors should also secure (Free) Limited Access Accounts and/or recommend Individual Memberships to allow access to full collection at home	Sponsors should also secure (Free) Limited Access Accounts and/or recommend Individual Memberships to allow access to full collection at home	A student who is a member of an organizational membership is encouraged to also sign-up as a Free Individual Member	A client who is a member of an organizational membership is encouraged to also sign-up as an Individual Member

Bookshare Partnerships

Bookshare has partnered with vendors to provide a wide range of tools for access and reading books including:

- Kurzweil - www.cambiumlearningtechnologies.com
- TextHelp Read&Write Gold - www.texthelp.com
- HumanWare – www.humanware.com
- HIMS BookSense - www.hims-inc.com
- APH Book Port DT - www.aph.org
- Freedom Scientific - www.freedomscientific.com
- Dolphin – www.yourdolphin.com
- Voice Dream - www.voicedream.com
- AccessText Network - www.accesstext.org

Bookshare's Reading Options

Find a Compatible Reading Tool

Bookshare provides more reading options than any other accessible library. Choose from free reading tools that let you find and read books directly within the tool, or explore other reading tools developed by trusted partners. Select the section headers to view the full list of tools, or select individual tools to get detailed information.

Read on a Tablet or Smartphone

Go Read for Android (FREE)

Read2Go for iOS

More tools

Read on a Computer

Bookshare Web Reader (FREE)

Read:OutLoud Bookshare Edition (FREE)

More tools

Read on a Hardware Device

NLS Reader (FREE)

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Sample NLS Device

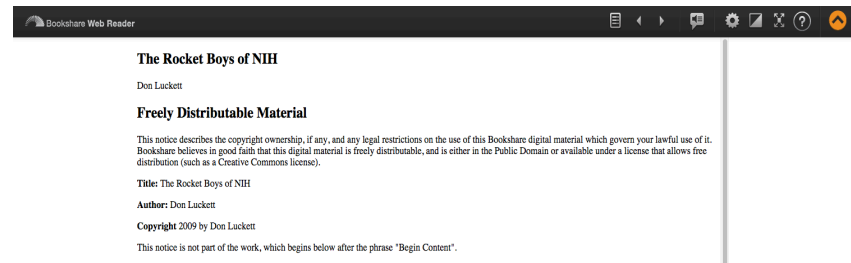


Demo of Bookshare Options

Read2Go on iPad



WebReader in Chrome



Get Started!

Sign up!

- <https://www.bookshare.org/cms/get-started/sign>

Other Audio Options!

Here are some additional, free, accessible audio options for books! Most of these are human readers!

www.digitaltrends.com/web/best-websites-for-free-audiobooks (use links below - not links from this article)

<http://www.loyalbooks.com/>

<https://librivox.org/>

<http://www.openculture.com/freeaudiobooks>

<http://www.learnoutloud.com/>

<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

<http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>

<http://podiobooks.com/>

<http://freeclassicaudiobooks.com/>

<http://www.storynory.com/> (kids)