



Bookshare @School

“Bookshare has made it easier for my students to get access to books for both educational and pleasure reading. Now they can get the books they need in 5 minutes instead of weeks or months.”

Are Your Students Getting Books in a Timely Manner?

Students with print disabilities face substantial barriers in school—barriers imposed by the very print materials they are asked to read. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 requires timely access to accessible materials. Yet students who are blind, have low vision, a physical disability, or learning or reading disability that impacts the ability to read printed books often wait weeks or months before receiving a book in a format they can read.

Fortunately, digital accessible books from Bookshare® make the potential of timely access a reality. Most importantly, digital accessible books help students read and study independently. To read the books, students can use one of the free software applications from Bookshare that provide a multi-modal reading experience. In addition, students can read with their choice of assistive technology, such as a Braille device or other software application.

Equalize Educational Opportunities

Using Bookshare at school:

- Expedites timely access to books and textbooks.
- Facilitates reading with the accommodation appropriate to the student.
- Helps students keep up with classmates.
- Opens the world of books for pleasure reading.

Improve the Learning Experience

Bookshare at school gives you and your students 24/7 access to:

- **FREE memberships** for all U.S. students with qualified print disabilities of any age.
- **Extensive collections** of books and periodicals:
 - K-12 textbooks from the NIMAC.
 - Postsecondary textbooks.
 - Teacher-recommended reading.
 - A large collection of children’s books and literature, even for young readers.
 - A wide selection of newspapers and magazines.
- **Digital books** in DAISY and Braille Ready Format that can be read with a computer, most assistive reading devices, or converted to an MP3 format.
- **FREE assistive software** for multi-modal reading (synchronized text and audio): *Victor Reader Soft* from HumanWare and *Read:OutLoud* from Don Johnston (PC and Mac).

How Can Teachers Help Students Get Accessible Books?

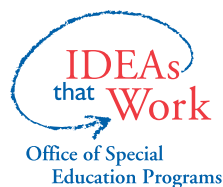
- Register your organization for **Bookshare**: visit www.bookshare.org and select “Organizational Membership” under “Sign Up Today!”
- Give students **individual Bookshare memberships** for unlimited reading at home. Log in; go to My Organization, select the Members tab, and find the “Individual Membership Form” button.
- Find or request **NIMAC textbooks**. Log in to Bookshare and search for the textbook by title, author, or ISBN.
- Request school books your students need at www.bookshare.org/contactUs and select “Requesting a School Book.”
- **Please search** Bookshare first because your book may already be in the library. Then request school books your students need at www.bookshare.org/contactUs. Select “Requesting a School Book.”

Questions?

For more information on membership, training or anything else, please visit www.bookshare.org or email specific questions using www.bookshare.org/contactUs.

Who Is Eligible for Bookshare?

Disability	Description	Examples of Certifying Professionals
Visual Impairment (VI)	Blind or low vision.	School Affiliated: Teacher of the visually impaired Special Education teacher Learning disability specialist School psychologist Resource specialist Medical Professionals: Family doctor Ophthalmologist Optometrist Physical therapist Neurologist Psychiatrist Clinical psychologist Other Certification: Certification with RFB&D Certification from the NLS
Physical Disability (PD)	A disability that affects one’s ability to read print, such as the inability to hold a book or turn pages.	
Learning or Reading Disability (LD) that affects the ability to read print.	<i>Severe enough learning disability with a physical basis.</i>	



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