

Bookshare @Home



“The other day my daughter was really quiet. When I checked on her, she was reading by herself! Before Bookshare, I had to read the books for her; she wasn’t getting the double learning that she gets from reading on her own.”

— Mary Pinto, parent of Bookshare member

Does Your Child Read at Home?

Often, students with print and learning disabilities don’t read at home without assistance from a parent or a tutor. This vigilance can be time consuming, costly, and a drain on family resources. Constant parental intervention can create stress on family dynamics. Yet reading at home helps students in many ways: with school assignments, with curiosity about the world, with career plans and with their outlook on life.

Bookshare® can help. As the world’s largest online accessible library of copyrighted books for people with print disabilities, Bookshare provides qualified students access to a wide range of reading material to support their schoolwork or for pleasure. With Bookshare’s accessible books and assistive technology, students gain an equal opportunity to learn and to enjoy reading.

Equalize Educational Opportunities

Using Bookshare at home:

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

Open up the World of Books to Your Child!

Bookshare gives your child 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 Do Parents Get Their Children Started with Bookshare?

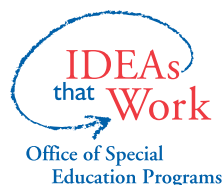
- Sign up for **Bookshare**: visit www.bookshare.org and select “Individual Membership” under “Sign Up Today!”
- Tell your child’s teacher about Bookshare! K-12 textbooks are available only through organizational memberships at school. Have your school sign up at www.bookshare.org.
- **Request new books** your child may need for school assignments that are not yet in the library at www.bookshare.org/contactUs and select “Requesting a School Book.”
- **Volunteer** with Bookshare so you can help add books to the library for your child and every other child with print disabilities. You can sign up at www.bookshare.org.
- **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?

Need more information on membership, training, or anything else, please visit www.bookshare.org for more information; 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
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>	Medical Professionals: Family doctor Ophthalmologist Optometrist Physical therapist Neurologist Psychiatrist Clinical psychologist Other Certification: Certification with RFB&D Certification from the NLS



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