



Books without Barriers

People with print disabilities deserve to enjoy reading as much as other readers. Books expand our world, yet access to reading materials in accessible formats has been very limited. Bookshare® seeks to break down the barriers to printed content and dramatically increase the quantity and availability of accessible books and newspapers. Through technology, Bookshare empowers those with print disabilities to read as much and as easily as everybody else.

Endless Reading Opportunities

Bookshare offers the worlds' largest online library of copyrighted content for qualified readers with print disabilities. Bookshare contains tens of thousands of books and grows daily. For readers of all ages, Bookshare offers endless reading opportunities — from fiction, non-fiction, reference materials and textbooks to popular magazines and leading national and local newspapers. And, if Members can't find a particular title, they can always ask to have it added to the collection.

“I am fairly new to Bookshare — I have a dyslexic 13 year old... The aims of this organization are extremely heartening to a very large number of parents and disabled users.”

— Parent

“Kids learn differently. Bookshare makes a huge difference in their schoolwork and self-esteem because they can be successful in reading.”

— Special Education Teacher

The Special Collections include:

- New York Times Best Sellers
- Teacher-Recommended Reading
- Pulitzer Prize Award Winners
- Newbery Award Winners
- Man Booker Prize Award Winners
- Caldecott Award Winners
- Nobel Prize Winners
- Young Reader's Choice Award
- TIME Magazine's ALL-TIME 100 Novels
- AFB Braille Bug® Reading Club Favorites
- ALA's 100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-2000
- Spanish books
- NIMAC textbooks for U.S. K-12 schools
- The Pacific Island Collection



“For people like me, who need to hear and visualize a book, it is the perfect thing because you can do both. It’s good for long books because it keeps you motivated and focused.”

— 7th grade student

More Textbooks for Qualified Students

Bookshare offers an expanding range of textbooks for U.S. K-12 and postsecondary students. Through collaboration with state and local education agencies, the NIMAC and leading universities, Bookshare greatly expedites timely access to accessible instructional materials for qualified students.

Multiple Options to Read Books

Members can read books using any software application or device that supports digital text in DAISY, BRF and text file formats. In addition, Bookshare offers Members two free e-reader applications.

Growing Collection

The Bookshare library has grown from the efforts of Members who share high-quality scanned and proofread books. Contributing Members earn credits towards their Bookshare membership. Today, the collection grows rapidly, not only from the work of a large number of volunteers, but also from contributions from a growing number of publishers, universities, and book processing non-profit partners.



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Choices of Bookshare Memberships

Schools and Groups

Schools, school districts, educational agencies, colleges, universities, libraries, rehabilitation agencies, resource centers, retirement communities and other groups may take out memberships for their readers with print disabilities.

Students

Qualified U.S. students and schools today have free memberships, thanks to an award from the federal Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. In addition to membership through a school, students may obtain their own individual memberships and download books on their own.

Individuals

Non-student Members pay a nominal annual fee, either individually or through a sponsoring organization.

International

Individuals and schools and organizations with readers with print disabilities outside the U.S. may also join Bookshare and access with the rapidly growing collection of titles with international permissions or titles in the public domain.

For information on becoming a Member or Volunteer, or other questions, please visit www.bookshare.org.

To qualify, prospective Members or the organizations representing them must provide proof of print disability or certify that proof is on file, as well as agree to the terms of membership.