What is Bookshare?

Bookshare.org is a repository of books in digital format for eligible students. Eligible students are those who are unable to read standard print because of a visual impairment, physical impairment, or learning disability, such as Dyslexia.

- Who Qualifies?
- Understanding Who is Eligible (2:51 minutes video)

When to use Bookshare:

Use Bookshare to ensure that eligible students who use assistive technology to read have timely access to copyrighted materials in the format they need.

- Teachers use Bookshare to provide books to students who need a digital version of novels or text books for school.

  - Teacher must become a Sponsor on Bookshare to obtain digital books for eligible students

  - Email Diane Bicknell, Assistive Technology Professional (dbicknell@ccboe.com) to be added as a Sponsor for CCPS.

  - Teachers complete and sign a Bookshare Proof of Disability Form for each eligible student. A parent or guardian must also sign this form to give consent to share the student's information with Bookshare.

    - Send completed proof of disability forms to dbicknell@ccboe.com

- Parents can also help students access any book they like through an Individual Membership.
  - When students are added as Bookshare members, an email can be sent to them through Bookshare to invite individual membership

How to get books from Bookshare:

There are three easy options for getting teachers and students started with Bookshare.

- **A: Teacher Supported**--Teachers download books and provide them to students through the student's OneDrive or a thumb drive (if internet access is not available).
- **B: Teacher Guided**--Teachers provide students with a login to Bookshare Web Reader. Students are limited to books on their reading list.
- **C: Individual**--Parents obtain an Individual Membership so that students can find and download books for themselves.

This Comparison chart can help you decide which options to use.

	A: Teacher Supported	B: Teacher Guided **Recommended for** **Distance Learning**	C: Individual
Best for:	Students who need to use familiar text to speech tools to access books	Students who can transfer skills to a new text to speech tool to read books	Students who want to choose from a variety of reading tools and formats
Reading Tools	Dream Reader app on iPad	Use Edge, Safari or Chrome to access Bookshare Web	Any

	Immersive Reader in Microsoft Word Chrome Vox in Google Chrome Screen Reader in Microsoft Edge	Reader interface.	
Devices	iPad or laptop or desktop computer at school or at home	Chrome, Edge or Safari browser at school or at home	Any
Student interaction with Bookshare.org	None	Students log in with teacher provided username and password	Teacher authorizes the parent to set up a personal login and password to Bookshare
Access to books	Teacher provides books through student OneDrive or thumb drive (if no internet access) or onto Dream Reader app on iPad	Teachers place books on reading lists within Bookshare	Students log in to search for, read, and download any book they choose
Bookshare Membership Level	Member	Member with *limited access account*	Member with *individual account*
Teacher role	Provide equal access to complex text by providing digital versions to students who need to use text to speech. Provide direct instruction on how to use text to speech tools to support reading comprehension and learning. Provide options for students to reflect on how reading tools and strategies are working for them.		

Student role	Reflect on which reading tools and strategies support their ability to access, read, and comprehend text.
Parent role	Facilitate student's access to reading tools at home. Provide the IEP team with feedback to inform learning outcomes.

How to read books from Bookshare:

In CCPS, most students use one of the following tools to read books from Bookshare:

- **Bookshare Web Reader** is a web-based viewer and reader that is accessed through Bookshare.org.
- How to Use Bookshare Web Reader (2:38 minutes video)

Students with **Individual** membership (Option C) can also use any of the other formats available in Bookshare.

For more information, please visit:

Bookshare web site at https://www.bookshare.org/

Bookshare YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/BookshareTeam