



# Using Bookshare with Students with Print Disability

# What is Bookshare?

- Online digital library
- Over 900,000 titles
- EBooks, textbooks, magazines, newspapers
- Read on any device (computers, Chromebooks, tablets, smartphones, assistive technology devices, etc.)
- FREE for qualified U.S. students and schools
- [www.Bookshare.org](http://www.Bookshare.org)



# Who Qualifies for Bookshare?

- Visual impairment, such as blind or low vision
- Physical disability which affects one's ability to read print, such as inability to hold a book or turn pages
- Learning disability/Reading disability, severe disability in the area of reading with a physical basis (example - verbatim reading accommodation on IEP)

[Understanding who is eligible \(2:51 video\)](#)

# Getting Started with Bookshare

- [Webinar Getting Started with Bookshare](#) (48:26 video)
- Sponsors – Teachers who have students with print disability
  - [Becoming a Sponsor](#) (0:46 video)
  - Contact Diane Bicknell [dbicknell@ccboe.com](mailto:dbicknell@ccboe.com) to be added as a sponsor on Bookshare
- Members – Students who qualify (visual disability, physical impairment, dyslexia)
  - [Adding a Member](#) (0:42 video)
  - [Dear Parent letter](#)
  - Bookshare Proof of Disability form with parent signature
  - Contact [Diane Bicknell](#) for assistance to add student members to Bookshare

# How to get Books from Bookshare

- **Teacher Supported**--Teachers download books and provide them to students through OneDrive or USB flash drive
- **Teacher Guided**--Teachers provide students with a login to Bookshare. Students use Bookshare Web Reader. Students are limited to books on their reading list.
  - [Learn it Now: How to set up Student Logins](#) (2:50 minute video)
  - [Assign Books with Assign & Read](#)(0:34 second video)
- **Individual**--Parents obtain an Individual Membership so that students can find and download books for themselves.

# Individual Membership

- First a student must become a member on Bookshare
  - Bookshare Proof of Disability form completed by Special Educator with parent signature
- Then Parents can also help students access any book they like through an Individual Membership.
- [Add Individual Memberships to Student Accounts](#) (1:27 video)
- [My Bookshare for Individual Members](#) (0:36 video)
- [Tips for Parents](#) (1:47 video)



# Finding Books on Bookshare

- [Search for Bookshare Books](#) (0:29 video)
- [Using Advanced search to Find Bookshare Books](#) (0:17 video)
- [Browse to find Bookshare Books](#) (0:15 video)
- [Webinar: Yes, Bookshare Has Textbooks](#) (45:22 video)
- [How to Find and Request Bookshare Books](#) (3:08 video)

# Reading Books

- [Read Books with Bookshare Web Reader \(2:38 video\)](#)
- [Read Bookshare Books with Dolphin Easy Reader \(1:56 video\)](#)
- [Read Bookshare Books with Voice Dream Reader \(2:31 video\)](#)



# Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can a student have both a teacher sponsored “organizational” account and an individual account?  
Yes, student's personal Individual Membership account linked with an Organizational account
2. Does the student’s account need to be renewed annually?  
Organizational account – no  
Individual account - yes

For more information, please visit  
[www.Bookshare.org](http://www.Bookshare.org)

