

Students with Dyslexia Succeed with Technology



Accessible ebooks and reading tools open a world of learning to students with dyslexia.

Do you know students who could benefit from reading technologies? Bookshare is an online library of over 350,000 accessible ebooks and is free to all U.S. students with qualifying disabilities. Accessible Books for Texas (ABT) provides free Bookshare training and support to Texas public K-12 educators, parents, and students thanks to funding from the Texas Education Agency.



Reagan Reeves and mom Michelle

Reagan, an 8th grader, has downloaded and read over 200 ebooks and fallen in love with reading. Last year, he read at a 4th grade level; this year he reads at an 11th grade level. "This transformation speaks volumes for identifying the right resources to help children who are dyslexic become successful," says his mom.



Coral Wilkins and Tammy Bryant

Coral Wilkins, Director of Special Education, and Tammy Bryant, Dyslexia Specialist at Quinlan ISD piloted Bookshare, and the results convinced them to include the online library as a 504 accommodation. Educators observed increased reading fluency and comprehension skills, no need for separate instruction, and increased learning independence by students who rarely felt excited about reading.



Jose and teacher Ann Henkels

Jose, 9, struggled to read until his teacher taught him how to download books from Bookshare. Now Jose loves to read on his tablet. "Bookshare gives Jose independence," says his mom. "He is much happier and a very different learner. Accessible ebooks are an educational resource that all children with learning disabilities should have."

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