

Students with Visual Impairments and Physical Disabilities Succeed with Technology



Students with visual impairments and physical disabilities can succeed in school with accessible ebooks and reading technologies.

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.



Hailey

Hailey, who is blind and has chronic fatigue, misses a lot of school. Fortunately she excels at navigating accessible ebooks on her tablet and improving her comprehension skills as a result. "When we equip chronically ill children with learning portability, they keep up with schoolwork and make progress," says her mom.



Juan and teacher Roger Price

Juan lost his sight due to retinal detachment failure. With the encouragement of teachers at the Texas School for the Blind (TSBVI) and accessible ebooks, Juan became an avid reader. He routinely downloads literature from Bookshare and reads on his tablet or computer. He is tech savvy, and he graduated at the top of his class.



Emily

Emily, a teen with juvenile macular degeneration and an avid Bookshare user, received six distinguished learning awards and took all advanced placement classes. She reads accessible ebooks on several devices. Without Bookshare and portable technology, Emily would not have kept pace with her peers at school.

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