



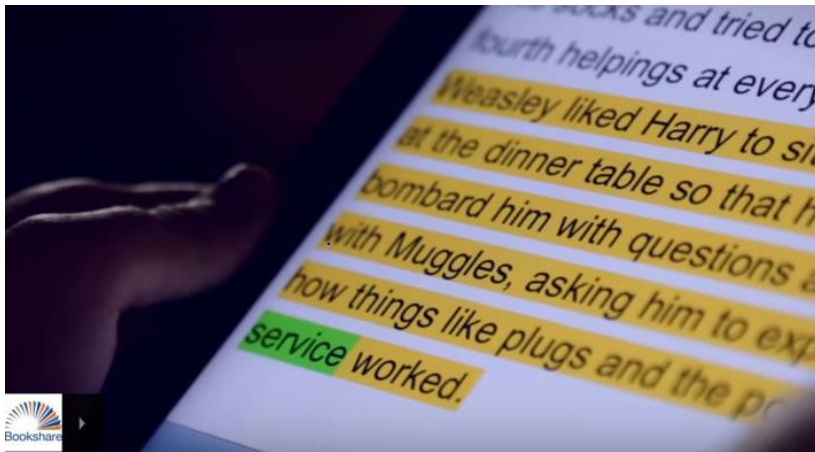
# Getting Started with Bookshare

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# What is Bookshare?

An ebook library that makes reading easier. People with reading barriers such as dyslexia, blindness, and physical disabilities can read in ways that work for them:



- Listen to books read aloud
- Follow along with audio and highlighted text
- Read in large type
- Read in Braille

# Bookshare Offers...

- 900,000+ titles!
  - Textbooks
  - Books for assigned and pleasure reading
  - Books for upskilling (how-to books)
- FREE memberships for all qualified U.S. students of any age (funded by U.S. Dept of Education)
  - Qualified adults pay \$50/year for unlimited access
- Customized reading on nearly any device

# Many Reading Options!

- Chromebooks/Computers
  - Bookshare Web Reader (Chrome, Safari, **Edge**) – FREE
    - Enhance with TextHelp's Read&Write or Don Johnston's Snap&Read extensions
  - Capti Voice (Captivoice.com) – FREE/premium paid
  - Microsoft Word – [download books in Word format](#)
- iPad and iPhone
  - Dolphin Easy Reader – FREE (also available for Android)
  - Capti Voice – FREE/premium paid
  - Voice Dream Reader - \$14.99 (also available for Android)

# Account Types

- Organizational
  - Teachers (“Sponsors”) add students (“members”) and assign books
  - Students log in, find books, read (can only open books shared with them by their teachers)
- Individual
  - Student + parent (if student is under 18) sign up, submit signed Proof of Disability form
    - If student already has school acct, no POD needed
  - Student logs in, searches for books, reads

# Who Qualifies?

- Under [recently revised copyright law](#), an “eligible person”:



- “is **blind**,” OR
- “has a **visual impairment or perceptual or reading disability**” rendering them unable to read printed works “to substantially the same degree as a person without an impairment or disability,” OR
- “is otherwise unable, through **physical disability**, to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes to the extent that would be normally acceptable for reading,”

- “As determined by a competent authority possessing experience in making such determinations.”
- Learning Ally, NLS membership is also a basis of qualification

# Getting Started is Easy!

## Teachers:

- Create org acct/log in
  - Add qualified student(s)
  - Assign book(s)
    - Assign one book at a time
- And/or
- Assign collections of books via ready-made or custom Reading Lists

## Students/Parents:

- Sign up/log in
- Find Books
- Read!

# Demonstrations

- [How parents/students sign up for an Individual Membership](#)
- [How educators sign up for an organizational acct](#)
- [How educators add a student to their organizational acct](#)
- [How educators assign one book to their student](#)
- [How educators subscribe to a Bookshare Reading List and share it with your students](#)
- [How educators create a Reading List and share it with students](#)
- [How students will log in to school accounts, find their assigned books and Reading Lists, and open a book in Bookshare Web Reader](#)
- [How students can find their books and read in Dolphin Easy Reader on iOS or Android devices](#)



# Next Steps for Schools

- Create an organizational account (if needed)
- Add your qualified students
- Assign books to students
  - One book at a time (using “Assign” feature)
  - Create/subscribe to and share Reading Lists
- Show students how to log in and read!
- Show parents how to help students get individual memberships for more independent reading

# Get Help and Support

- Take advantage of online training and resources:
  - [Educators Get Started Guide](#)
  - [Help Center: get answers to common questions](#)
  - [Learning Center: videos and how-to guides](#)
- Ask the [Bookshare user community](#)
- Get live help via phone (1-650-352-0198) or [email](#), M-F, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. PT
- Connect with Bookshare on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube

# Questions?

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