What's New with Bookshare?

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Welcome!

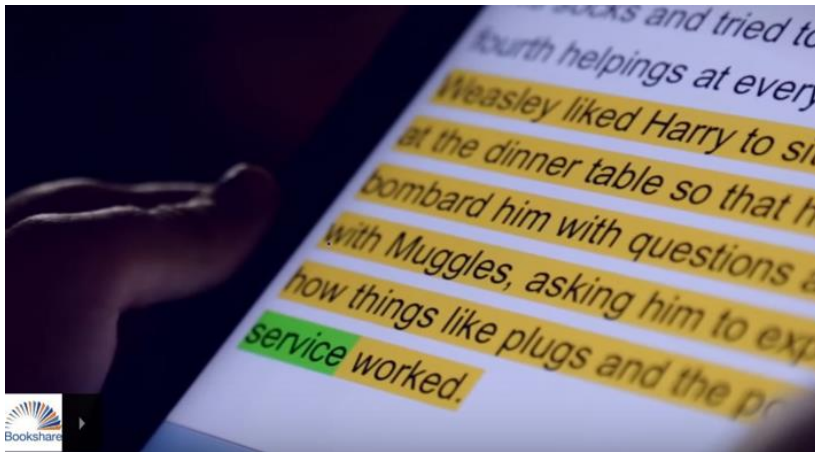Christine Jones, MBA

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Bookshare is…

…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

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Bookshare Offers…

- 656,000+ titles! (~5K titles added each mo.)
  - Textbooks
  - Books for assigned and leisure reading
  - Books for "upskilling"
  - Periodicals
- FREE memberships for all qualified U.S. students of any age (funded by U.S. Dept of Education)
- Many FREE, low-cost, and commonly available reading options

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Who Qualifies?

- Anyone certified by a Competent Authority* as having a qualifying condition that hinders reading/processing printed text, such as:

  - Learning Disability that affects reading, e.g. dyslexia
    - Need for Reading Accommodations is a good leading indicator
  - Low Vision / Blindness
  - Physical disability that affects reading

- Learning Ally Members automatically qualify!

*Examples of Competent Authorities: AT Coordinator, Dyslexia or Reading Specialist, Special Education Teacher, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Librarian, Psychologist, family doctor, ophthalmologist, etc.

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Account Types

- Organizational
  - Teachers ("Sponsors") add qualified students ("members"), provide logins, assign books via Reading Lists
  - Students log in, find books shared with them, read

- 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

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Getting Started is Easy!

Educators:

- Create account/Log in

- Add qualified students and assign books

  – Subscribe to or copy ready-made Reading Lists

  – Create custom Reading Lists

  – Request new books when needed

Students:

- Log in

- Look at lists

- Select book

- Read!

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NEW Educator Resources

- "Educators Get Started" pages

- Reading Tools Wizard

- Reading Tools Demonstration Videos

- Updated Training and Resources Library

- Student dashboard

- Special collections by Lexile level

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Next Steps for Schools

- Use the new [Educators Get Started](#) pages
- Create organizational accounts, or get added to existing ones
- Add qualified students, add other teachers
- Assign books by creating/subscribing to, then sharing, Reading Lists
- Show students how to log in and read!

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Get Help and Support

- Take advantage of online training and resources:
  - [Visit the Bookshare Help Center](#)
  - [How-to guides, videos, and other resources](#)
- 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

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