This Tutorial Will Demonstrate How to Read Bookshare Books Using Read:Outloud Bookshare Edition on the Windows Operating System.

If you have not yet installed Read:OutLoud Bookshare edition to your computer, please refer to the tutorial “How Do I Download Books in Read:OutLoud for Windows?”

First, launch Read:OutLoud on your computer, either from the start menu or the shortcut on your desktop.

There are two ways to open books in Read:OutLoud Bookshare edition. You can download books directly from the built-in browser within the application, or open and read a book already stored on your computer. For more information on downloading, please refer to the tutorial, “How Do I Download Books In Read:Outloud For Windows?”

In this example, we will open and read a book that is already stored on the computer. Select the “e-text” button at the top left of the toolbar and find the book you want to read. Read:OutLoud will recognize the appropriate file to open.to hear the book, select the speaker button or select “speak” in the speech menu.

Note that you can choose the voice you want to hear and set other speech settings by selecting “voice settings” in the speech menu. If you’ve downloaded the high quality acapela voices that are free for Bookshare members, you will be able to select either of these from the drop-down menu. They are called “Heather 22k” and “Ryan 22k.” As you select each one, you will hear an example of the voice to help you decide which one to use.

Please note that these voices can be used only with the Bookshare editions of Read:OutLoud and victor reader soft. You can download the free Acapela voices from the “reading tools” page of Bookshare website. If you have not installed the Acapela voices or other commercially available voices, Read:OutLoud will use the pre-installed voices on your computer. Most windows operating systems have Microsoft Anna.

You can also adjust the rate, pitch and volume in the “voice settings” dialog box in the speech menu.

You can change the visual display of your e-text by selecting the dropdown menu next to “e-text style.” Readers can select the display style they prefer.

Readers can highlight with the green highlighter to capture key ideas and put them in the outline. The yellow highlighter can be used to capture supporting details.

You and your students can add questions, comments, or ideas in the form of written notes. These are like paper note cards in an electronic format. To add a note, select the “new note” button on the menu bar.

After you have edited the book file by adding highlighting or notes, you will need to save the file. Select the “save” button, or in the “file” menu, select “save” and select the folder in which you wish to save the file. When you save your work, the file is saved as a solo student document with the .djs extension. To reopen the file, select “open” under the “file” menu.

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