

Bookshare @Home



“The other day my daughter was really quiet. When I checked on her, she was reading by herself! Before Bookshare, I had to read the books for her; she wasn’t getting the double learning that she gets from reading on her own.”

— Mary Pinto, parent of Bookshare member

Does Your Child Read at Home?

Often, students with print and learning disabilities don’t read at home without assistance from a parent or a tutor. This vigilance can be time-consuming, costly, and a drain on family resources. Constant parental intervention can also create stress on family dynamics. Yet reading at home helps students in many ways: with school assignments, with curiosity about the world, with career plans and with their outlook on life.

Bookshare™ can help. As the world’s largest online library of accessible books for people with print disabilities, Bookshare provides qualified students access to a wide range of reading material outside of school. With Bookshare’s accessible books and assistive technology, students who once struggled with reading can now read and study independently!

Improve Your Child’s Learning Experience

Using Bookshare at home:

- Enhances learning through reading in a style appropriate to the individual.
- Motivates students to read and encourages reading independence.
- Helps students keep up with their classmates.
- Opens up the world of books and reading for fun.

Open Up the World of Books to Your Child!

Bookshare gives your child 24/7 access to:

- **FREE memberships** to all U.S. students of any age with qualified print disabilities.
- **Extensive collections** of books and periodicals:
 - Teacher-recommended reading
 - K-12 textbooks for classes (available through school accounts)
 - A large collection of children’s books and literature, even for young readers
 - A wide selection of newspapers and magazines
- **FREE assistive technology** that allows for multi-modal reading (synchronized visual and audio): *Victor Reader Soft* from HumanWare and *READ:OutLoud* from Don Johnston.
- **Digital books** in DAISY and Braille Ready Format that can be read with a computer, most assistive reading devices, Braille printers and even MP3 players!

How Do Parents Get Their Children Started with Bookshare?

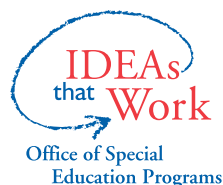
- Sign up for **Bookshare**: visit www.bookshare.org and select “Individual Membership” under “Sign Up Today!”
- Work with your child’s teacher to get **Bookshare at school**, so teachers can download school books, including textbooks! Have your school sign up at www.bookshare.org.
- **Request new books** your child may need for school assignments that are not yet in the library. Send an email to schoolbookrequest@bookshare.org.
- **Volunteer** with Bookshare so you can help add books to the library for your child and every other child with print disabilities. You can sign up at www.bookshare.org.

Questions?

Need more information on membership, training, or anything else, please visit www.bookshare.org for more information; or email specific questions to parents@bookshare.org.

Who Is Eligible for Bookshare?

Disability	Description	Examples of Certifying Professionals
Visual Impairment (VI)	Blind or low vision.	<p>School Affiliated: Teacher of the Visually Impaired Special Education teacher Learning disability specialist School psychologist Resource specialist</p> <p>Medical Professionals: Family doctor Ophthalmologist Optometrist Physical therapist Neurologist Psychiatrist Clinical psychologist</p> <p>Other Certification: Certification from the National Library Service</p>
Physical Disability (PD)	A disability that affects one’s ability to read print, such as the inability to hold a book or turn pages.	
Learning or Reading Disability (LD)	A specific language learning disability that significantly affects the ability to read printed material (typically for students who have an IEP).	



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