

Bookshare: Providing Accessible Materials to Students with Print Disabilities



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Welcome to Session 1

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OVERVIEW OF BOOKSHARE



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Big Ideas for Today

-  What is Bookshare?
-  How is Bookshare a source of accessible educational materials (AEM)?
-  What is available in Bookshare's library?
-  Who is eligible for Bookshare books?
-  What types of memberships are available?
-  How can a school/district sign up?
-  How can educators sign up qualified students for individual memberships?



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What is Bookshare®?

- 📖 Online library of accessible educational media for readers with print disabilities
- 📖 10-year initiative of Benetech
 - ❑ More than 307,500 Student Members
 - ❑ More than 10,000 schools and other organizations
 - ❑ More than 386,000 titles
 - ❑ More than 1,000 new books added every month



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What Bookshare Offers

- 📖 Accessible digital books for individuals with print disabilities
- 📖 FREE memberships for qualified U.S. students through OSEP award
- 📖 FREE assistive technology software
- 📖 24/7 access to books



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Possibilities Abound with Bookshare



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S71aGLlaYuc>



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What are Accessible Educational Materials (AEM)

📖 AEM (accessible educational materials) are materials that are designed or converted in a way that makes them usable across the widest range of student variability in any format (print, digital, graphical, audio, video)

National Center on Accessible Educational Materials:
http://aem.cast.org/about#.VS_rhGbbdU

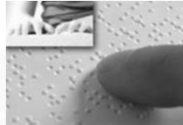


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Specialized Formats



Braille



Audio



Large Print



Digital Text

Section 300. 172, Final Regulations of IDEA 2004



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PA's AIM Guidelines

PaTTAN Publications

Pennsylvania's Guidelines for the Provision of Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM)

Publication Date: July 23, 2012 | 0 Comments | ★★★★★ (0)



The purpose of this document is to provide local education agencies with direction for identifying, locating, and providing accessible instructional materials so that all students can participate fully in the learning environment and achieve academic and functional performance goals. It also provides the information needed to comply with state and federal mandates.

Topic: Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM)

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Bookshare is a Source of AEM



Title	Author	Copyright	Date Added	Action
Cell Cycle Control	Gavin Brooks • Tim Humphrey	2005	06/03/13	Download... Add to Reading List
Molecular Biology of the Cell	Keith Roberts • Hunt • Alexander Johnson • Julian Lewis • Martin Raff • Peter Walter	2008	11/14/13	Download... Add to Reading List
Biology (10th Edition)	Jonathan B. Losos • Susan R. Singer • Kenneth A. Mason	2014	03/03/14	Download... Add to Reading List
Biological Science, Volume 1: The Cell, Genetics, and Development (4th Edition)	Scott Freeman	2011	10/22/12	Download... Add to Reading List
Biology	Jonathan B. Losos • Susan R. Singer • Kenneth A. Mason	2011	10/07/13	?
Biology: AP Edition (8th edition)	Jane B. Reece • Neil A. Campbell	2008	06/20/11	Download... Add to Reading List
Mitosis	Andrew D. Mcainsh	2009	06/05/13	Download... Add to Reading List
The Centrosome	Heide Schatten	2012	07/14/13	Download... Add to Reading List
Campbell Biology (AP 9th Edition)	Jane B. Reece • Michael L. Cain • Lisa A. Urry	2011	01/11/13	Download... Add to Reading List



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How does Bookshare have Access to Copyrighted Books?

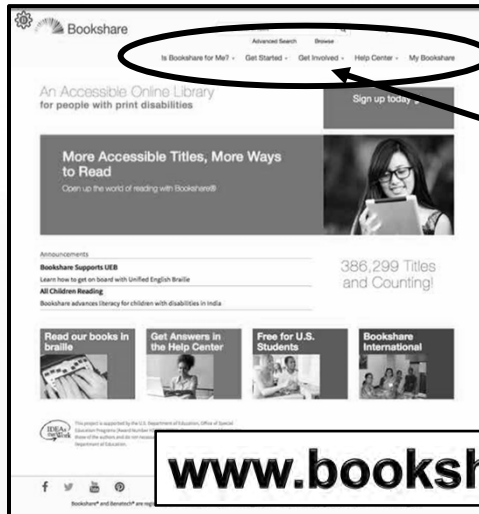
-  Bookshare operates under an exception to U.S. copyright law which allows copyrighted digital books to be made available to people with qualifying disabilities.
-  The law states that it is not an infringement of copyright for an authorized entity (e.g., Bookshare) to reproduce or to distribute copies of materials if they are reproduced or distributed in specialized formats exclusively for use by blind or other persons with disabilities.



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Bookshare's Website



Helpful Tabs

www.bookshare.org/cms

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DEMONSTRATION – BOOKSHARE'S WEBSITE



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How Does Bookshare Help?

- 📖 Access to AEM/AIM in a timely manner
- 📖 Equalize educational opportunities
- 📖 Help students with print disabilities keep up with classmates
- 📖 Encourage them to read and study independently
- 📖 Reduce costs of support for students with special needs



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QUALIFICATIONS



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Who Qualifies for Specialized Formats?

Under the Copyright Act as Amended (also referred to as the “Chafee Amendment”), students with *print disabilities* are those who have been certified by a competent authority as unable to read print materials because of:

- Blindness
- A visual impairment
- Physical limitations
- Reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction

National Library Service Eligibility: <http://www.loc.gov/nls/sec701.html>



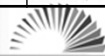
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Eligible Students

<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/bookshare-me/who-qualifies>

Record of disability kept at school!

Disability	Qualified/Not Qualified	Examples of Competent Authorities
Visual Impairment (VI) Blindness / Low vision	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority	A family doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist, Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Special Education teacher; Certification from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the U.S. or similar national body in other countries
Physical Disability (PD)	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority that the disability significantly affects the use of printed materials	A family doctor or other medical professional, physical therapist, resource specialist, Special Education teacher
Learning Disability (LD) Reading Disability	Qualified, if confirmed by a listed Competent Authority, that the disability has a physical basis and significantly affects the use of print	A neurologist, psychiatrist, learning disability specialist, Special Education teacher, school psychologist, or clinical psychologist with a background in learning disabilities
Autism Emotional disabilities ADHD ESL and ELL	Not qualified under this diagnosis, unless accompanied by a qualifying visual, physical, learning or reading disability as certified by a Competent Authority as above	Examples listed above



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SIGNING UP FOR BOOKSHARE

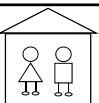


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Two Membership Options

Organizational Membership



- Access Bookshare at **School**
- **Teacher downloads** on behalf of qualified U.S. student - Free through OSEP award
- Download all books, **including NIMAC textbooks (if qualified student has an IEP)**

Individual Membership



- Access Bookshare at **Home**
- **Student downloads** for herself / himself. Download books, **except NIMAC textbooks**
- Students under 18 need permission from parent/legal guardian



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THE COMMITMENT TO

Sign Up for an Organizational Membership

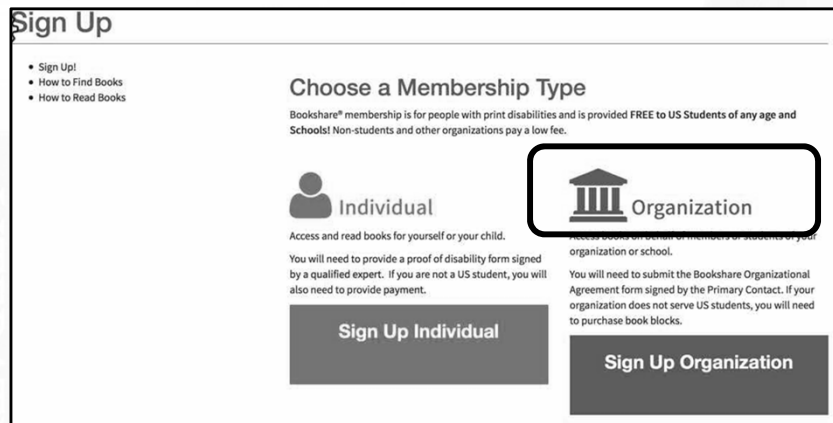


The screenshot shows the Bookshare homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Bookshare logo, a search bar, and links for 'Log in', 'Advanced Search', and 'Browse'. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'Is Bookshare for Me?', 'Get Started', 'Get Involved', 'Help Center', and 'My Bookshare'. The main content area features the text 'An Accessible Online Library for people with print disabilities' and a 'Sign up today' button, which is circled in red. Below this, there is a section titled 'More Accessible Titles, More Ways to Read' with the subtext 'Open up the world of reading with Bookshare®' and an image of a woman reading a tablet. At the bottom, there is a large black box with the URL 'www.bookshare.org/cms' in white text. The Bookshare logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

www.bookshare.org/cms

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Choose a Membership Type




The screenshot shows the 'Sign Up' page on the Bookshare website. The page is titled 'Sign Up' and has a sidebar with links for 'Sign Up!', 'How to Find Books', and 'How to Read Books'. The main content area is titled 'Choose a Membership Type' and contains the following text: 'Bookshare® membership is for people with print disabilities and is provided FREE to US Students of any age and Schools! Non-students and other organizations pay a low fee.' Below this text, there are two options: 'Individual' and 'Organization'. The 'Organization' option is highlighted with a red box. The 'Individual' option includes a description: 'Access and read books for yourself or your child. You will need to provide a proof of disability form signed by a qualified expert. If you are not a US student, you will also need to provide payment.' The 'Organization' option includes a description: 'Access books on behalf of members or students of your organization or school. You will need to submit the Bookshare Organizational Agreement form signed by the Primary Contact. If your organization does not serve US students, you will need to purchase book blocks.' At the bottom of each option, there is a 'Sign Up' button. The Bookshare logo is visible in the bottom right corner.

Sign Up

- Sign Up!
- How to Find Books
- How to Read Books

Choose a Membership Type


Bookshare® membership is for people with print disabilities and is provided FREE to US Students of any age and Schools! Non-students and other organizations pay a low fee.

**Individual**

Access and read books for yourself or your child.

You will need to provide a proof of disability form signed by a qualified expert. If you are not a US student, you will also need to provide payment.

Sign Up Individual

**Organization**

Access books on behalf of members or students of your organization or school.

You will need to submit the Bookshare Organizational Agreement form signed by the Primary Contact. If your organization does not serve US students, you will need to purchase book blocks.

Sign Up Organization

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Organizational Membership

Sign up today

<https://www.bookshare.org/signUpOrganization>

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Primary Contact signs up the organization

Organization Information

Please enter your organization's information on the form below. Asterisks indicate required fields.

Organization Information > Primary Contact Information > Membership Agreement > Next Steps

Edit basic account information.

Organization Name *	<input type="text"/>
Address *	<input type="text"/>
Address, line 2	<input type="text"/>
City *	<input type="text"/>
Phone *	<input type="text"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>
Country *	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>
Zip or Postal Code *	<input type="text"/>
This organization is a *	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>
Population Density *	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>
Federal Lunch Program *	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>
Promo Code (optional)	<input type="text"/>

Sign Up Today> Choose a Membership Type: Organization



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Organizational Membership

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Title, author or ISBN

Log in

Advanced Search

Browse

Enter Primary Contact Information

Fields marked with * are required.



Organization Information > Primary Contact Information > Membership Agreement > Almost Done

Signing up your school or organization, you become the Primary Contact. You:

- Manage the list of students or clients with print disabilities, called Members
- Manage the list of other staff, called Sponsors, who download books for Members
- Can also download books for Members

Enter basic information concerning the primary contact for this account.

Primary Contact First Name *	<input type="text" value="jashfyjash"/>
Primary Contact Last Name *	<input type="text" value="ashj"/>
Primary Contact Job Title *	<input type="text" value="ashj"/>
Phone *	<input type="text" value="5555555555"/>
Email *	<input type="text" value="demo@demo.org"/>
Confirm Email *	<input type="text" value="demo@demo.org"/>
Password (6-32 letters or numbers) *	<input type="password" value=""/>
Confirm Password *	<input type="password" value=""/>

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Organizational Membership



Primary Contact agrees to Bookshare's terms



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Terms of Organizational Agreement:

- ☒ Books for readers with "Qualified" print disabilities only
- ☒ Print disability, legal definition
- ☒ Book file sharing not allowed
- ☒ Consequences of copyright violation
- ☒ Sponsors – No Login Sharing!



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Organizational Membership

You are almost done!

Organization Information > Primary Contact Information > My Bookshare

Thank you for signing up for Bookshare.

There is just one more item required in order for you to provide Bookshare with your Primary Contact Information.

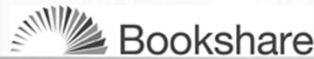
- Please print, fill out, sign, and return the Bookshare Organizational Membership Agreement.

Then, go to My Bookshare to get started while the Agreement is being submitted and processed.

[Download Agreement](#) [Go to My Bookshare](#)

Primary Contact prints, signs, and returns Organizational Membership Agreement

Go to My Bookshare



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Organizational Membership

My Bookshare

Organization Information > Primary Contact Information > My Bookshare

Welcome Karen Narvol

Get ready for back to school. Make sure your students are set up with new Student Logins and empower them to read assigned books on their own. Learn more! For more tips, tutorials, and training opportunities, visit our back-to-school resources page.

You may begin reading freely available books while your membership is being processed. Learn more about your account status.

Karen Narvol's Trainer Account





- 1. Add or Update Members
- 2. Add or Update Sponsors
- 3. Manage My Reading Lists
- 4. View Download History

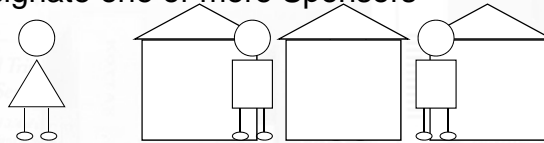
My Bookshare



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Organization's Primary Contact

-  Responsible for overall account management
-  Point of contact for the organization
-  Agree to terms
-  Designate one or more Sponsors



Primary Contacts:





Teacher, VI teacher, Special Education teacher, Special Education Director, Itinerant teacher, AT Specialist, Resource Specialist

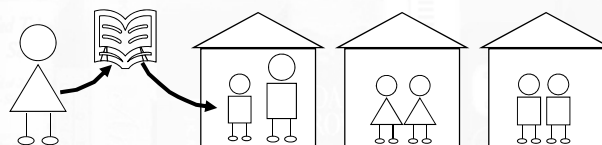


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Sponsors (Educators)

-  Download books for students (members)
-  Agree to terms
-  Maintain their rosters
-  Encourage Individual memberships



Sponsors examples:

Teacher, VI teacher, Special Education teacher, Special Education Director, Itinerant teacher, AT Specialist, Resource Specialist, Librarian, Counselor, Administrative Assistant




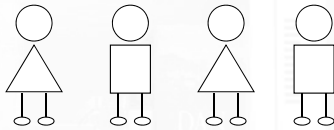
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Members (Students)

 Download books

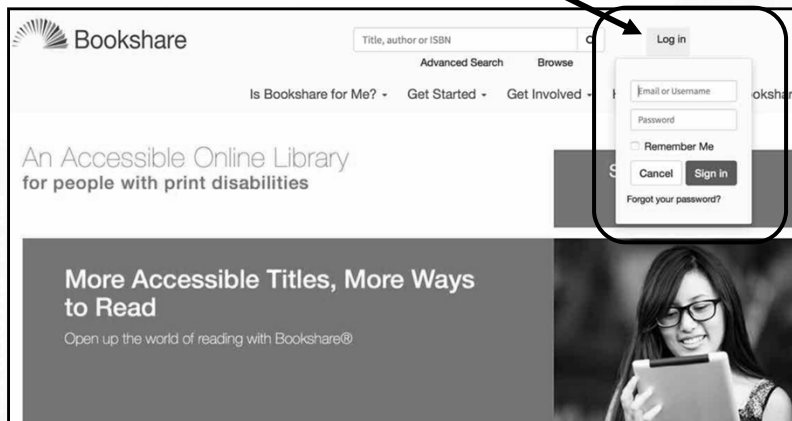
 Read Bookshare books using multiple formats, multiple software programs, and multiple devices



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Log in to Bookshare

A screenshot of the Bookshare website's login page. The page features the Bookshare logo at the top left, a search bar with the placeholder text "Title, author or ISBN", and navigation links for "Advanced Search" and "Browse". Below these are links for "Is Bookshare for Me?", "Get Started", and "Get Involved". The main heading reads "An Accessible Online Library for people with print disabilities". A large banner at the bottom says "More Accessible Titles, More Ways to Read" with the tagline "Open up the world of reading with Bookshare®" and an image of a woman using a tablet. A black box highlights the login form, which includes fields for "Email or Username" and "Password", a "Remember Me" checkbox, "Cancel" and "Sign in" buttons, and a link for "Forgot your password?". An arrow points from the "Log in to Bookshare" title to the "Log in" button in the highlighted box.

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Can't Find or Remember Your Password?

Forget your password?

- ☐ Use link
- ☐ Watch for email with new reset link

Check SPAM folder

If emails blocked, contact Bookshare <https://www.bookshare.org/contactUs>

Don't share!

If you don't have a log-in, use Demo Account:

Email: orgdemo@bookshare.org

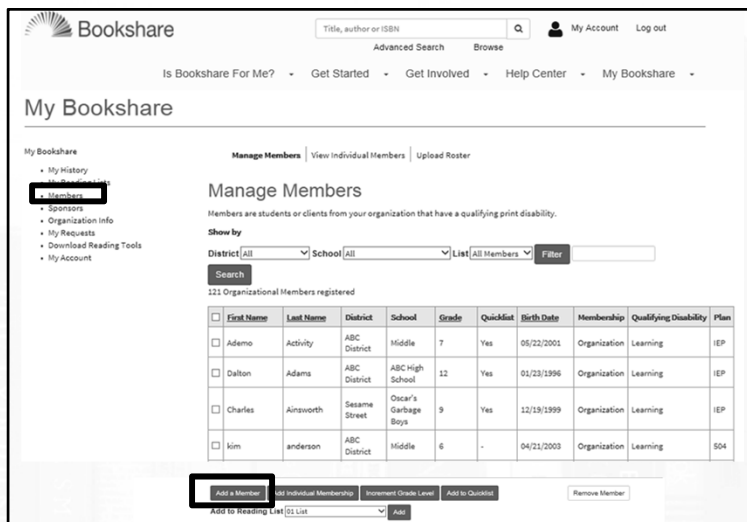
Password: demo480



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Member Roster



Manage Members

Members are students or clients from your organization that have a qualifying print disability.

Show by: District [All] School [All] List [All Members] Filter

121 Organizational Members registered

<input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Last Name	District	School	Grade	Quicklist	Birth Date	Membership	Qualifying Disability	Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ademo	Activity	ABC District	Middle	7	Yes	06/22/2001	Organization	Learning	IEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Delton	Adams	ABC High District	School	12	Yes	01/23/1996	Organization	Learning	IEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles	Ainsworth	Sesame Street	Oscar's Garbage Boys	9	Yes	12/19/1999	Organization	Learning	IEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	kim	anderson	ABC District	Middle	6	-	04/21/2003	Organization	Learning	SDA



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DEMONSTRATION: ADDING MEMBERS








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Individual Membership

Benefits:

-  Download books and install free reading tools on home computer
-  Build reading skills and independence year-round
-  Can easily transition to postsecondary education and adulthood
-  Easy to sign-up or connect an existing membership
-  FREE for all students who qualify at school, sign them up!



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Request a New Individual Membership or Add an Existing Membership to Organizational Account

Manage Members

Members are students or clients from your organization that have a qualifying print disability.

Show by

District All School All List All Members Filter

Search

3 Organizational Members registered

	First Name	Last Name	Username	District + School	Grade	Quicklist	Birth Date	Membership	Qualifying Disability	Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demo	Student A	DemoStudentA	ABC District George Washington High School	12	Yes	03/24/1998	Organization	Physical, Visual	IEP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demo	Student B	DemoStudentB	ABC District Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School	6	Yes	06/20/2003	Organization	Learning	IEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demo	Student C		ABC District Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School	8	-	03/04/2001	Organization	Physical, Learning	IEP

Add a Member Add Individual Membership Increment Grade Level Add to Quicklist Remove Member

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Request a New Individual Membership or Add an Existing Membership to Organizational Account

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Manage Members | New Individual Members | Upload Router

Add Individual Membership

Organization: ABC District's Teacher Account
Name: Demo Student B
Birthdate: 06/20/2003
Disability: Visual
Plan: IEP

Option 1: Request a new Individual Membership

For members who currently do not have an Individual Membership:

- You may want to start out by adding a username and password to the Organizational Member's account so he or she can access books on Bookshare Web Reader, learn more.
- If the member also wants to read more independently, adding an Individual Membership to this account is the next step. Please complete the individual account information (completing this out online now, not on a paper form).
- For the quickest processing, you can email a link to the agreement completion form directly to the student's parent/guardian (for members under 18 years of age) or to the student if 18 years and older.
- You can also print instructions to send home to the parent/guardian or student by choosing the "Download" option. These instructions are printable and do not require a form that you are giving to the member/student.
- If any assistance in completing this form online or a paper form is required, please contact us.

First Name Last Name Grade Birth Date Option Email Address
Demo Student B 6 06/20/2003 Send email

☐ Send me a copy of the email

Option 2: Add existing Individual Membership to Organization

For a member who has already created an Individual Membership on their own, you can submit a request to link that account to your organization account. Please provide the email address associated with that member's existing Individual Membership account.

Email of Individual Account

Comments for Membership (optional)

☐ I have received permission to link these accounts.

Send Request

Go back to Member's Profile

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**DEMONSTRATION:
REQUEST NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP,
ADD EXISTING IM TO OM**



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BOOKSHARE'S LIBRARY



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What is Available in the Bookshare Library?



Textbooks

- More than 4,200 NIMAC textbooks with images
- More than 7,000 non-NIMAC textbooks
- Contributions from universities and schools



Teacher-Recommended Reading



Special Collections

- New York Times Best Sellers
- Newbery Winners
- Caldecott Winners
- Young Reader's Choice
- Spanish books



Newspapers and magazines

- Available through partnership with NFB Newsline
- 270 national and regional newspapers and magazines



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Search or Browse

Search by
Title, Author, or ISBN

Advanced Search

Title, author or ISBN

Advanced Search

Is Bookshare For Me?

Browse by....

Author
Subject Category
Language
New Books
Most Popular Downloads
NIMAC Books
Special Collections
Newspapers / Magazines
Grade Level
Demo Books

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Advanced Search

Is Bookshare For Me?

Browse

Browse the collection

Not quite sure what you're looking for? Or looking to dig deeper into what you know you like? Browsing the collection can be a great option to uncover new treasures!

Browse all catalog records by:

- Author
- Subject category
- Language
- Grade level
- Demo books

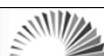
(Please note that not all records have all these types of information included -- there may be additional content available by other search techniques!)

Other browsable lists include:

- New Books
- Most Popular Downloads
- NIMAC Books
- Newspapers and Magazines (courtesy of the NFB Newsline)

Check out our Special Collections!

Includes New York Times Best Sellers, award winners, recommended reading lists, and special subjects of interest.



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Search Results

The screenshot shows the Bookshare website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "to kill a mockingbird" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are links for "My Account" and "Log out". Below the search bar, the "Search Results" section is displayed. It shows "Showing 1 - 25 of 66 results" and "Page: 1 2 3". The first result is for "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. The description states: "Harper Lee's Pulitzer prize-winning masterwork of honor and injustice in the deep south--and the heroism of one man in the face of blind and violent hatred, available now for the first time as an e-book. One of the best-loved stories of all time, To Kill a Mockingbird has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than thirty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father--a crusader unjustly accused of a terrible crime--

Search Tips

https://www.bookshare.org/cms/help-center/search?search_api_views_fulltext=search+tips

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DEMONSTRATION – BROWSE AND SEARCH

The screenshot shows the Bookshare homepage. The background features a blurred image of a city skyline. The Bookshare logo is visible at the bottom center. The page number "44" is in the bottom right corner.

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Action Plan for Session 1

- 📖 Find out if your school district/school has an Organizational Membership
- 📖 If not, designate a Primary Contact (PC)
- 📖 PC signs up school/district/IU for an Org Membership
- 📖 Identify qualified Members
- 📖 Add Sponsors and qualified Members to the organizational account
- 📖 Sponsors sign up qualified students for Individual Memberships
- 📖 Determine appropriate specialized formats, reading tools, and books for downloading



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Questions?



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Join us for Bookshare Webinar 2

January 21, 2016

Topics to be covered:



- ☐ Bookshare's specialized formats
- ☐ Downloading, saving, and extracting Bookshare files
- ☐ Options for reading Bookshare books



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