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Bookshare: Providing Accessible Materials to Students with Print Disabilities

This 7-part webinar series will be delivered as 1-hour sessions, progressing from a general introduction and orientation to Bookshare through more advance instructional strategies to access digital material. Participants must attend all days listed for each topic to receive credit. This Bookshare training series is collaboratively presented through the Assistive Technology (AT) and the Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Initiatives.

Bookshare: Overview and Downloading
January 11 & 21, 2016 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
(You must attend both webinars to receive credit.)
This two-part webinar provides participants with an introduction to Bookshare. During the first session, participants will learn about the essential features of Bookshare including: the Bookshare library, types of Bookshare memberships, signing up for Bookshare, qualification requirements, and Bookshare as a source of Accessible Educational Materials (AEM). During the second session, participants will learn how to utilize materials housed in Bookshare including: Bookshare's specialized formats, downloading and saving Bookshare books, and options for reading Bookshare books.

Bookshare: Accessible Education Materials (AEM) and Information Tools
February 16 & March 2, 2016 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
(You must attend both webinars to receive credit.)
This two-part webinar provides participants with information on specific Bookshare features and widely used assistive reading tools including: NIMAS (National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard) and NIMAC (National Instructional Materials Access Center), the legal requirements to provide Accessible Educational Materials (AEM), how to manage Bookshare member accounts, how to provide access to the Bookshare Web Reader through an organizational membership, and how to create and share Reading Lists with students. The second webinar will include: Reading Bookshare books using assistive reading tools, such as Kurzweil 3000, Read & Write Gold, and Bookshare Web Reader, and using the accessibility features of the programs, including text-to-speech synthesis, navigation options, and study skills tools, to support students' reading.

Bookshare: Life Long Learning
March 15, March 29, & April 12, 2016 (3:00 PM – 4:00 PM)
(You must attend all three webinars to receive credit.)
This three-part webinar will provide participants with information about decision-making tools that assist teams in the assessment process as well as the benefits of audio-supported reading in the context of "listening to learn," and how Bookshare membership can provide lifelong learning opportunities. Specifically, participants will learn about the AEM Navigator and AEM Explorer, Protocol for Accommodations in Reading (PAR), the SETT Framework, and PA's Guidelines for the Provision of Accessible Instructional Materials as decision-making tools. Participants will also learn how students can utilize audio-assisted reading to access curricular content and gain needed information using Bookshare books. During the third session, participants will learn about the importance of effective transition planning and how Bookshare membership can benefit students as they leave secondary school and move on to higher education, employment, and independent living.

Presenter:
Ms. Karen Narvol has 42 years of experience as an elementary school teacher, instructional technology specialist, and assistive technology consultant with school districts and intermediate units in Pennsylvania. She is currently working as an independent assistive technology consultant to Bookshare, Kurzweil Education, and Perkins School for the Blind.

Audience:
General and special education teachers including teachers of students with visual impairments, administrators, parents of children with print disabilities, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, assistive technology consultants, transition coordinators, service coordinators, paraprofessionals

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