

Bookshare®

Special Education Professionals Check-In
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What is Bookshare®?

Bookshare is an e-book library that intends to make reading accessible and easier for students with print disabilities.

It is **free** for students who qualify through a grant provided by The US Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Why Bookshare®?

Reading is a critical skill. When students cannot decode words, see text, or physically manage a book, reading and learning can be difficult.

These students need access to the same materials at the same time as their peers and in a format that works for them.

Bookshare lets students read their way. They can access a huge library of e-books on devices they already use and can customize the reading experience to accommodate their specific learning needs.

Bookshare® Makes Reading Easier

Readers can experience Bookshare e-books many different ways:

- Listen to books with high quality audio
- See text and follow along with word-level highlighting
- Adjust reading speed, font, and color
- Enlarge font size
- Read in Braille
- Add bookmarks and notes

Bookshare® Includes Over a Million Titles

- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Textbooks
- Children's Books
- Study Guides
- Career/Technical training
- Many books are available in languages other than English

Bookshare® Features and Devices

Accessible on:

- Computers, laptops, and tablets
- Chromebooks
- Smartphones
- Smart speakers
- Braille devices
- Assistive technology devices

Who Qualifies for Access to Bookshare®

Free for US students with qualifying disabilities (Funded by US Department of Education/OSEP)

K-12 public, charter, and private schools, colleges and universities, trade schools, homeschool environments, Perkins School for the Blind, and Hadley School for the Blind.

For Whom Bookshare® Is Intended

Individuals who have a qualifying:

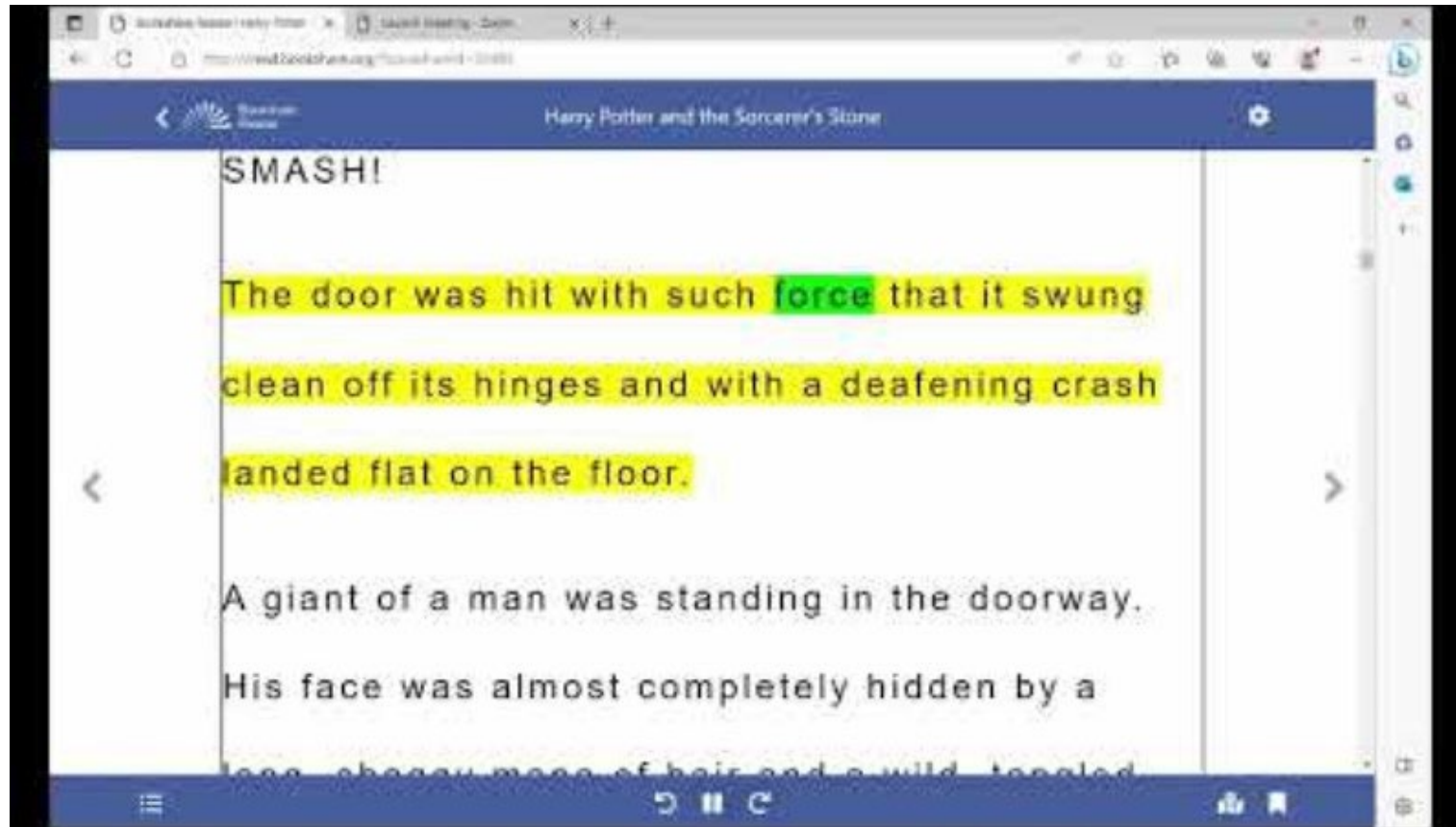
- learning disability: Specific Learning Disability (SLD), dyslexia
- visual impairment: blindness, low vision
- physical disability: cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury

Who Determines Eligibility

Qualifying Professionals In Schools

- Assistive Technology Professional
- Dyslexia Specialist
- Learning Disability Specialist
- Librarian
- Physical or Occupational Therapist
- Reading Specialist
- Resource Specialist
- Special Education Teacher
- School Psychologist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)
- Other professionals with appropriate experience

Student Perspective



“AT for Dyslexia: What Works” (ADE ESS Resource)

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AT for Dyslexia: What Works

Change the way text LOOKS

- Immersive Reader Chrome Extension
chrome.google.com
Use Immersive Reader on Websites
- Immersive Reader in Microsoft Word/PPT/TEAMS/Edge Browser/One Note

Change the text COMPLEXITY

- NewsELA
newsela.com
Access & Equity | Newsela
- News in Levels
newsinlevels.com
News in Levels * World News for Students of English
- Simple Wikipedia

Have the text read ALOUD

- Bookshare- Getting Started
YouTube
Getting Started with Bookshare
- Bookshare
bookshare.org
Who Qualifies?
- Bookshare

General Resources

- WCASS Guide (Updated 2021)
WCASS Guide: How to Provide Students with IEPs Access to their Grade Level Curriculum through Text to Speech
PDF
WCASS Guide Final
- iPad Apps for Learners with Learners with Dyslexia (Updated 2023)
callscotland.org.uk
iPad Apps for Learners with Dyslexia - A3, portrait
- Apps for Dyslexic Learners- updated 2023
iPad Apps for Learners with Dyslexia/ Reading and Writing Difficulties

ADE AT Resources

- Contact us, find out about our trainings, and get on our mailing list
azed.gov
Assistive Technology (AT)
- ADE AT Loan Library
adeatloan.org
ARIZONA Technology Access Program
Arizona Department of Education | Assistive Technology Short Term Loan Library | Welcome
- AT Consideration Guide
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Bookshare® Resources and Tools

- [Getting Started with Bookshare](#)
- [Video Tutorial: What to Expect Signing Up for an Organizational Account](#)
- [Bookshare Learning Center](#)
- [Bookshare YouTube channel](#)
- [Bookshare Blog: San Diego Sets the Bar High for Serving Special Education Students](#)

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Thank you!
