



Webinar: Bookshare International

# **Bookshare around the World, Accessible Books for Readers with Print Disabilities**



Join us for a webinar on Bookshare for those living outside of the United States and its territories. This webinar will be presented by Mario Oliveros, Bookshare's partner program manager and Viji Dilip, Bookshare's International program manager. Bookshare is the world's largest online library of accessible books for people with print disabilities and provides high quality books and assistive technology reading tools to its members.



Mario Oliveros

**Tuesday March 24, 2009**

23:00 (UTC) Coordinated Universal Time

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Saving Time

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Viji Dilip

Location: Webinar through the HumanWare weblink.

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The goal of this presentation is to share Bookshare's international efforts to increase access to digital books for people with print disabilities around the world. Mario and Viji will discuss Bookshare's growing international library of over 7,000 books and the benefits that come with a Bookshare membership.

Specifically, participants will learn:

- What is Bookshare?
- What is in the Bookshare library for international members?
- Where is Bookshare currently available internationally?
- What are the benefits of Bookshare membership?
- Who is eligible, what are the membership options, and how much does it cost?
- How are books read using assistive technology?
- How do you sign up?
- How do you get started reading books with Bookshare?
- How do we partner with Bookshare?

**Mario's Bio**

Mario Oliveros serves as the Partner Program Manager for Bookshare.org.

He has over nine years of hi-tech marketing and nonprofit experience, including outreach and development in higher education. At Bookshare.org, Mario manages partnership development, including marketing and outreach with parent organizations, assistive technology centers, assistive technology developers, and students. Mario earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Masters degree in the Social Sciences, both from the University of Chicago as well as a Masters degree in Public Administration from Baruch College, City University of New York with a focus on nonprofit leadership as a National Urban Fellow.

#### Viji's Bio

Viji Dilip serves as the International Program Manager for Bookshare.org. Viji Dilip was responsible for launching Bookshare in India in October 2008. With a deep passion for bringing education and information to the print-disabled community, Viji joined Bookshare in 2007. Her unique combination of education and work experience in both India and in the U.S. has been a great asset in launching Bookshare International. Viji has over fifteen years of experience in the financial field working at the Skoll Foundation, Hewlett Packard and Price Waterhouse in India as well as Internet startup companies. She has an MBA from San Jose State University, a CPA degree from AICPA and is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Bookshare <http://www.bookshare.org/> is operated by Benetech <http://www.benetech.org/> a Palo Alto, CA-based nonprofit technology development organization. Bookshare offers people with print disabilities over 46000 titles of which over 6,800 have international permissions and are available in accessible formats including Braille, large print and synthetic speech. People with print disabilities include readers who are blind or have low vision, have learning disabilities or a mobility impairment that prevents them from reading a traditional printed book.

A seven point digital management plan including encryption, watermarking, and fingerprinting ensure that the copyrighted books are available only to qualified members and stays within the community.

Global permissions have been obtained from several publishers including O'Reilly Media, Scholastic and Baen books, Harper Collins, Shared Books, F+ W Media and many more.

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ClassMate Reader 101 - Transferring material onto your ClassMate Reader  
Presented by Brenda McBride  
Tuesday, March 31, 2009  
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Discussion will include how to transfer material from the internet, scanned information and word documents. If you have any specific questions please send Brenda an email at [Brenda.mcbride@humanware.com](mailto:Brenda.mcbride@humanware.com) .

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Date and time to be announced.

If you are interested in this presentation please notify

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