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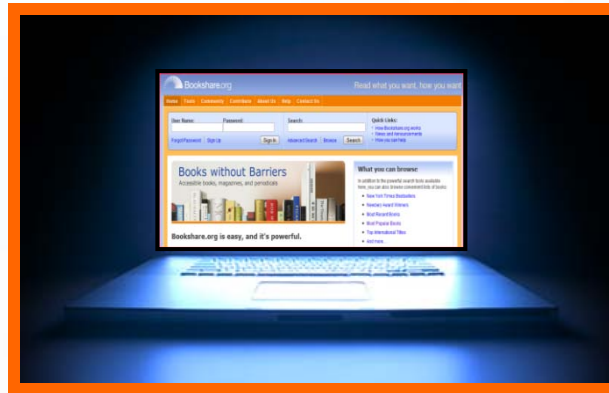
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📖 An online library of accessible media for readers with print disabilities

☐ Over 61,000 members

☐ Over 7,000 schools and other organizations

- Including 650 US colleges and universities!

☐ Over 60,000 titles

☐ Almost 2,000 books added every month

☐ More publisher relationships

Bookshare believes that people with print disabilities should have the same ease of access to books and periodicals that people without disabilities enjoy.
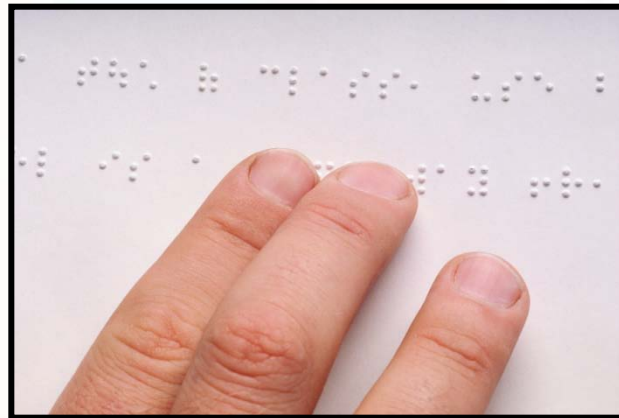
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Read Books in the DAISY Format
(Digital Accessible Information System)

📖 Flexible, versatile file format

📖 Multi-modal reading on a computer

- ☐ Visual presentation and/or synthetic speech

📖 Easier to navigate

- ☐ Chapters, paragraphs, and pages

📖 Like HTML, plus some extra tags

📖 Convert and play on MP3 player

📖 www.daisy.org
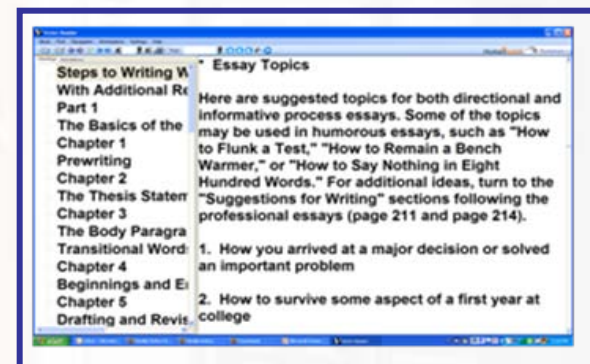
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(Braille Ready Format)

- Use notetakers or refreshable Braille displays
- Download books to embosser
- Order hardcopy Braille books online through partnership with Braille Institute

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How does Bookshare Benefit You?

📖 Free for qualified U.S. students through OSEP

📖 Easy to use

📖 Growing library of educational materials

📖 Free reader software

📖 Compatible with a wide range of assistive technology

📖 Helps students get the materials they need to be successful in school

Who is eligible?

| Disability	Description	Examples of Certifying Professionals
Visual Impairment (VI)	Blind or low vision.	School Affiliated: Teacher of the Visually Impaired Special Education teacher Learning disability specialist School psychologist Resource specialist College Disability Service Provider Medical Professionals: Family doctor Ophthalmologist Optometrist Physical therapist Neurologist Psychiatrist Clinical psychologist Other Certification: Certification from the National Library Service and RFB+D
Physical Disability (PD)	Disability that affects one's ability to read print, such as 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 had an IEP).	

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What is the Difference between an Individual and Organizational Membership

Individual Membership

Organizational Membership
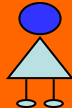
- Access to Bookshare **at home** on evenings, weekends, summer vacation. Access anywhere there is a computer or AT hardware!
- **Student downloads** for herself / himself.
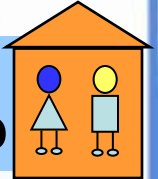
- Access to Bookshare **at school** for classroom reading.
- **Staff** downloads books on behalf of student.

Bookshare encourages getting both memberships to get full access and maximum benefit!
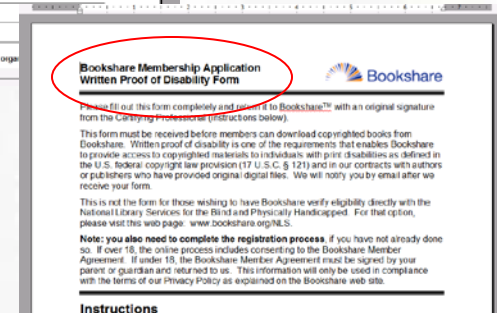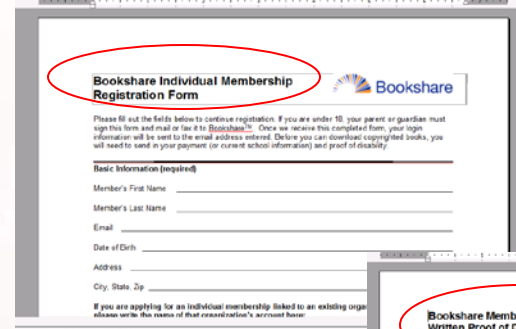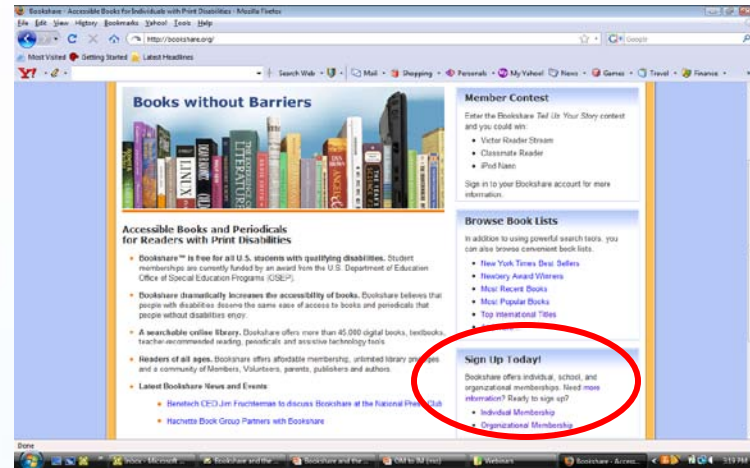
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Going on to Postsecondary

"If I am continuing on with postsecondary education, how do I maintain my Bookshare membership?"

- ☐ Use the summer months to prepare for your new school.

- ☐ You will want to have an Individual Membership:

  You can sign yourself up (students under 18 need a parent or guardian's permission) or your school can help you get an Individual membership.

  Your new postsecondary school might have an organizational membership; you can be added to that.

- ☐ Notify Bookshare membership

  – Contact us at groupaccounts@bookshare.org

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Signing up is Easy!

📖 Step 1 – Go to *Sign Up Today* on the booksahre website; fill in your contact information.

📖 Step 2 – Sign and mail/fax the user agreement.

📖 Step 3 – Mail or fax your proof of disability.

📖 Once Bookshare gets all of your paperwork we will send you a welcome email within 2 business days. This will include your user name and password.

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Get Set Up, Then Get Your Book

📖 FREE Reading Tools
- ☐ Victor Reader Soft, Bookshare Edition
- ☐ READ:OutLoud, Bookshare Edition
- ☐ Acapela voices

📖 Find book, select Member (organizations)

📖 Download book – unzip required

📖 Now, Read:OutLoud for Macintosh users is available.

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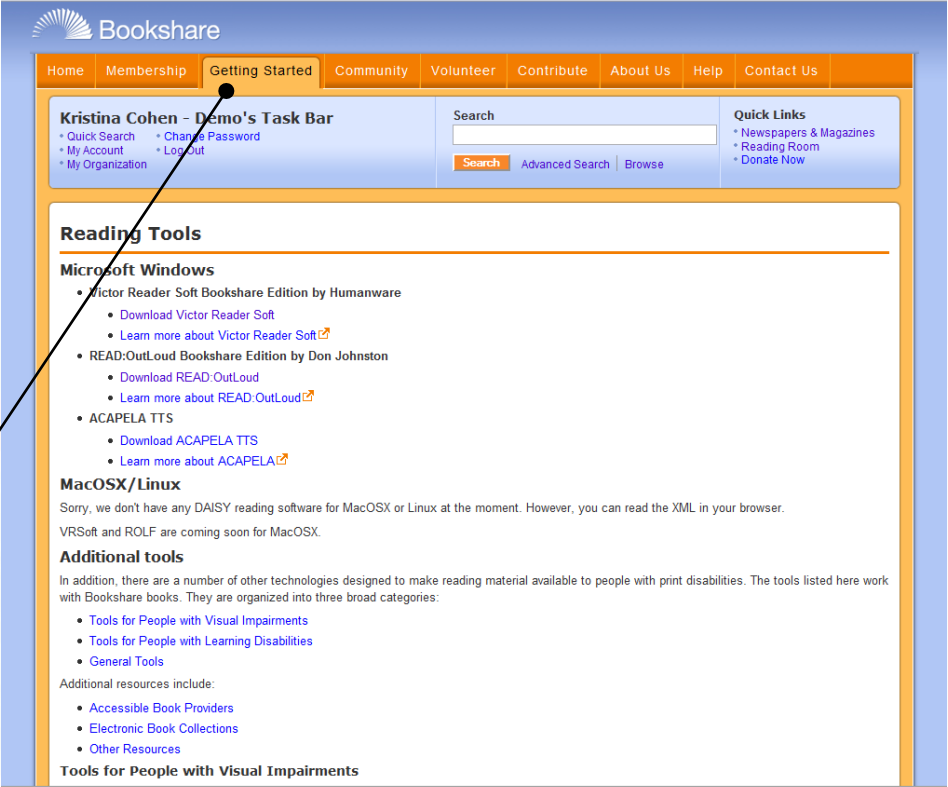
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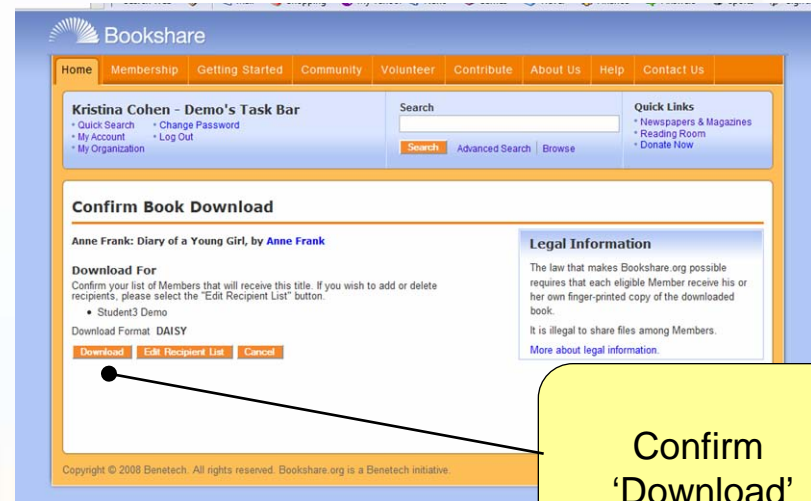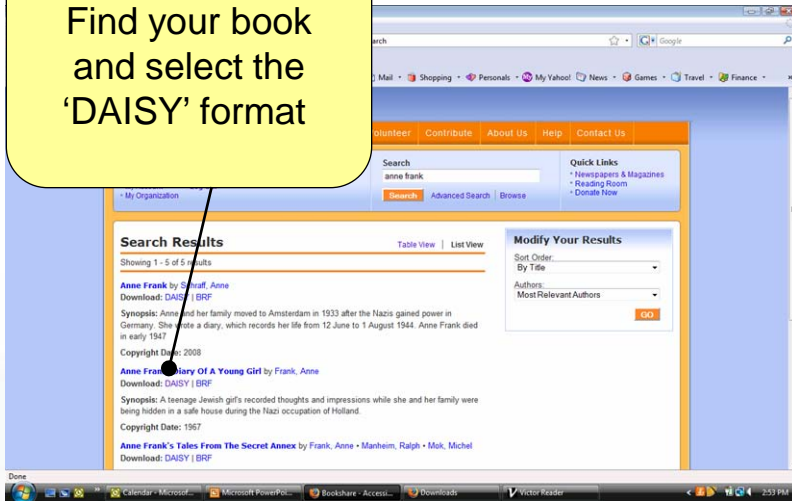
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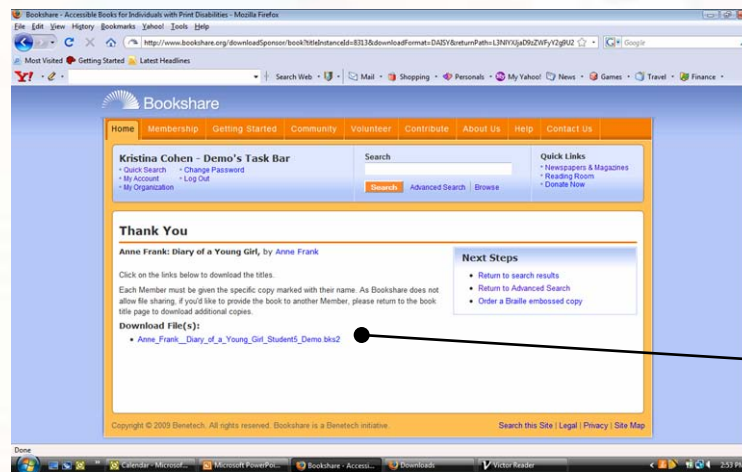
Open Book in Victor Reader Soft

Find your book and select the 'DAISY' format

Confirm 'Download'

Select 'BKS2' file

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Enter your 'Download Password'

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Bookshare Library

📖 **Textbooks**
- ☐ Growing number available from NIMAC, publishers and schools

📖 **Teacher Recommended Reading**

📖 **Special Collections**
- ☐ New York Times Best Sellers
- ☐ Newbery Winners
- ☐ Caldecott Winners
- ☐ Young Reader's Choice
- ☐ Spanish books
- ☐ Dramatic Works

📖 **Publisher Partnerships**
- ☐ Chapter books from Scholastic
- ☐ Over 600 technical books from O'Reilly Media
- ☐ New partnerships with Hachette Book Group, Perseus Books, Harper Collins, and Random House. Also university presses.

📖 **Periodicals**
- ☐ Available through our partnership with NFB Newsline
- ☐ 150 national & regional newspapers and magazines

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What to do when you can't find a book-

📖 Look through other resources
- ☐ RFBD
- ☐ National Library service
- ☐ Find the alternative media center on campus - talk with Disability service office for appropriate steps
  - ◇ Purchase the book for chopping and scanning
  - ◇ Not able to share scanned files without publisher permission
  - ◇ If the book is already scanned on campus you still need to have proof of purchase (receipt)

📖 Textbook request – contact us – it can take up to a month or longer.

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Compatible AT Hardware

📖 Any AT hardware supporting text-based files

- HumanWare VictorReader Stream
- HumanWare ClassMate Reader
- BookCourier and BookPort
- Braille displays like the BrailleNote
- ICON™
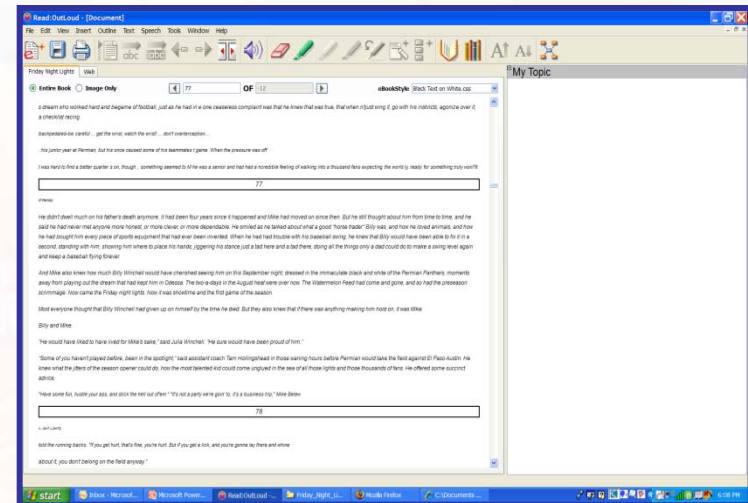- MP3 players (educator or Member can convert)
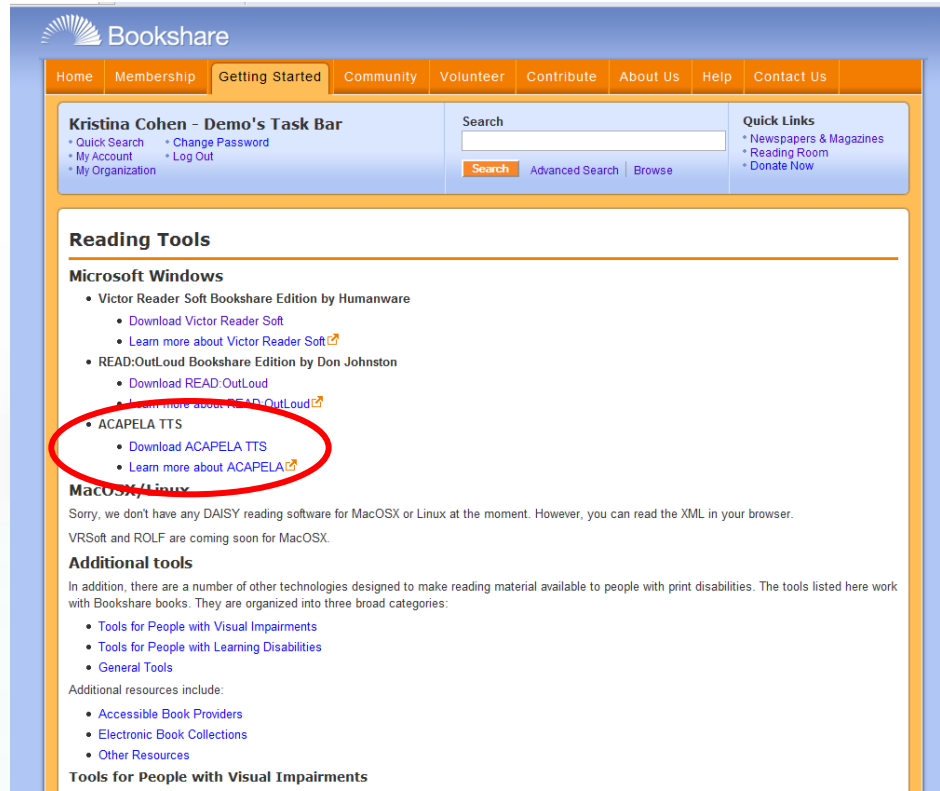
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- **Victor Reader Soft 2.5 Bookshare edition – now free**
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- WYNN
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•Study tools to assist in the learning process

•Built-in text-to-speech, works with e-text, and NIMAS files

•Plays DAISY 2.x, DAISY NISO, NIMAS, MP3, WAV, ogg vorbis, WMA, TXT, RTF, HTML, and XML file formats

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Study Tools

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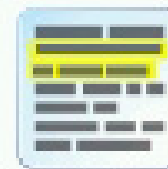
- Bookmarks

- Text Notes

- Dictionary

- Voice Notes
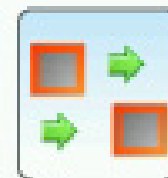
Advocacy on the transition process:

& Students might consider contacting the Disability Resource Offices first, as they explore post-secondary opportunities.

& If you a student is not continuing on to post-secondary education, what happens to the Bookshare membership?

& When does a student contact the DRO offices? When does a student start to research schools? The sooner the better!
  - Plan in-person meetings to look at schools.
  - Consider bringing copies of high school files including any assessment reports and write ups on the accommodations provided during high school.
  - Tip: Have at least four copies of the paperwork for home, high school, post-secondary and personal/reference use.

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Resources for students in transition:

University of Montana website:
 "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in high school any more"
http://life.umt.edu/dss/name/toto

University of Washington site: College Preparation Resources for Students
http://www.washington.edu/doit/Resources/college_prep.html

K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities
(published by the Princeton Review and in the Bookshare Collection!)

Peterson's Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or AD/HD (Profiles of LD Programs at More Than 900 Two- and Four-Year Colleges inthe US and Canada)

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Not Returning To School

If a student is **not** continuing on for post-secondary education, how do they maintain their Bookshare membership?

- ☐ Students have the summer to access Bookshare.
- ☐ Student should notify Bookshare membership
  - ◇ Contact us at: www.bookshare.org/contactUs
    (select "Membership and Registration")
  - ◇ $75 Qualified non-Student - first year
    Breakdown: $25 one time set up fee for qualified non student +$50 yearly membership
  - ◇ Once a student again, membership is FREE!

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Questions? Contact Us

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📖 University Program Manager: Cherie Miller **Universities@bookshare.org** **or** **Cheriem@benetech.org**

📖 Send us an email: **http://www.bookshare.org/contactUs**

📖 Request a book: **http://www.bookshare.org/about/findBooks#RequestaBook**

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HumanWare – Future Presentations

📖 Webinars

📖 Registration needed

◇ Educational Therapist November 18th

◇ Postsecondary presentation December 1st

◇ ClassMate Reader 101: Where to find content ? December 3rd

◇ http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/about_us/webinars_and_professional_development

Thank you for attending.

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