

# Bookshare and the Post-Secondary Student: Making the Transition

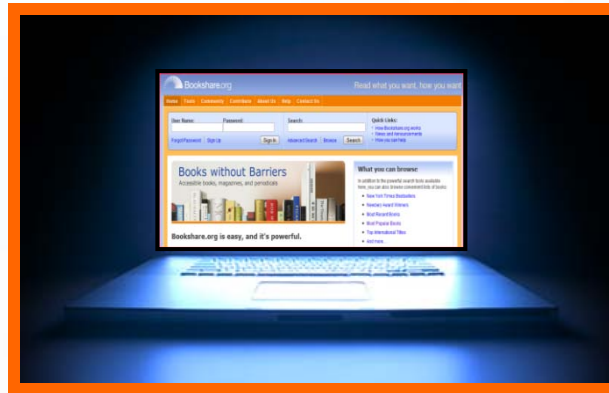


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# Bookshare Today









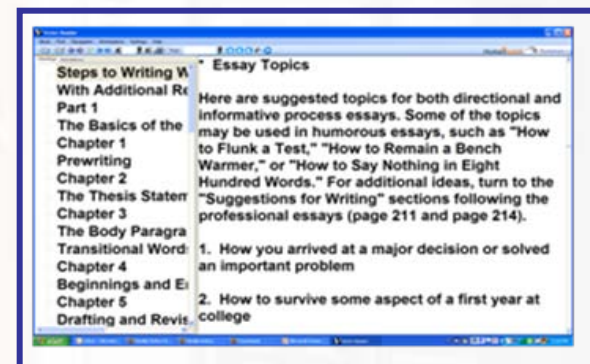
An online library of accessible media for readers with print disabilities

- 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.***

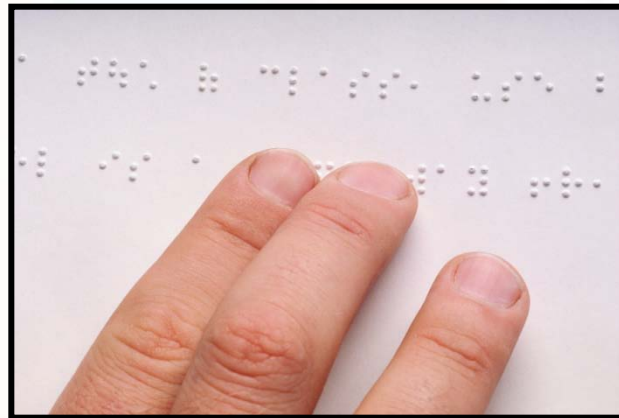
# Read Books in the DAISY Format (Digital Accessible Information System)

-  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](http://www.daisy.org)



# Read Books in the BRF Format (Braille Ready Format)

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



# 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

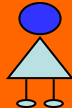




# Who is eligible?

Disability	Description	Examples of Certifying Professionals
Visual Impairment (VI)	Blind or low vision.	<p><u>School Affiliated:</u>            Teacher of the Visually Impaired            Special Education teacher            Learning disability specialist            School psychologist            Resource specialist            College Disability Service Provider</p> <p><u>Medical Professionals:</u>            Family doctor            Ophthalmologist            Optometrist            Physical therapist            Neurologist            Psychiatrist            Clinical psychologist</p> <p><u>Other Certification:</u>            Certification from the National Library Service and RFB+D</p>
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).	

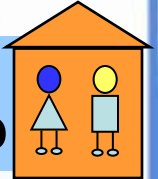
# What is the Difference between an Individual and Organizational Membership



## Individual 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.

## Organizational Membership



-  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!







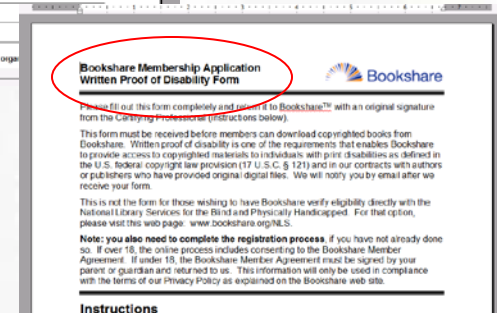
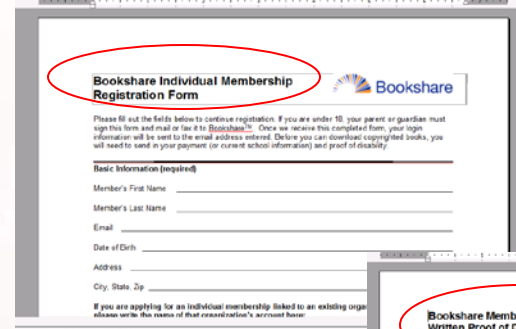
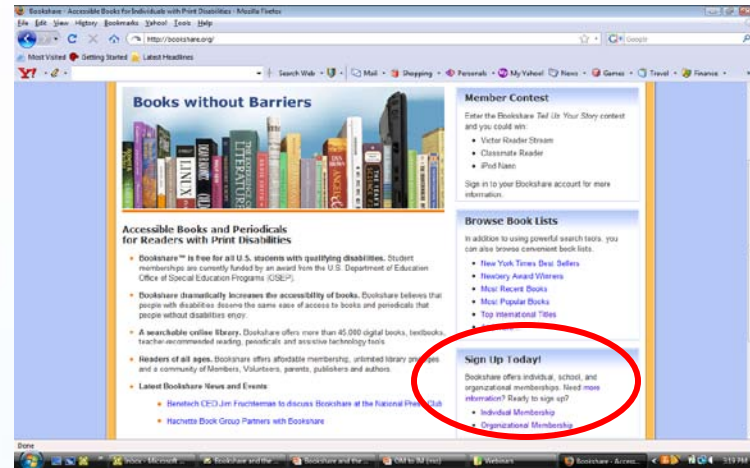
# Going on to Postsecondary

“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](mailto:groupaccounts@bookshare.org)

# 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.





# 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.



# Read Book in Victor Reader Soft

Preferences - Bookshare - Accessible Books for Individuals with Print Disabilities - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Yahoo! Tools Help

http://www.bookshare.org/myPreferences?tab=preferences

Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines

Search Web Mail Shopping Personals My Yahoo! News Games Travel Finance

My Account Home My Information Volunteering Preferences My Book History

### Preferences

**Edit your preferences**

Please send me the Bookshare email newsletter.

Yes  No

Please block adult content. [\(What is adult content?\)](#)

Yes  No

Please show books with any quality, including lower scan qualities in search results (Choose "No" to show books with excellent or above quality.)

Yes  No

Preferred Language

**BRF Format Preferences**

Size and format

Braille grade

**Download Preferences**

Please download BKS2 Format. [\(What is BKS2?\)](#)

Yes  No

Change your Download Password. [\(What is Download Password?\)](#)

You must specify a Download Password:

Select 'BKS2 Format' only for VRSOFT

Set up 'Download Password'

Done

Calendar - Microsof... Microsoft PowerPoi... Preferences - Books... 2:46 PM

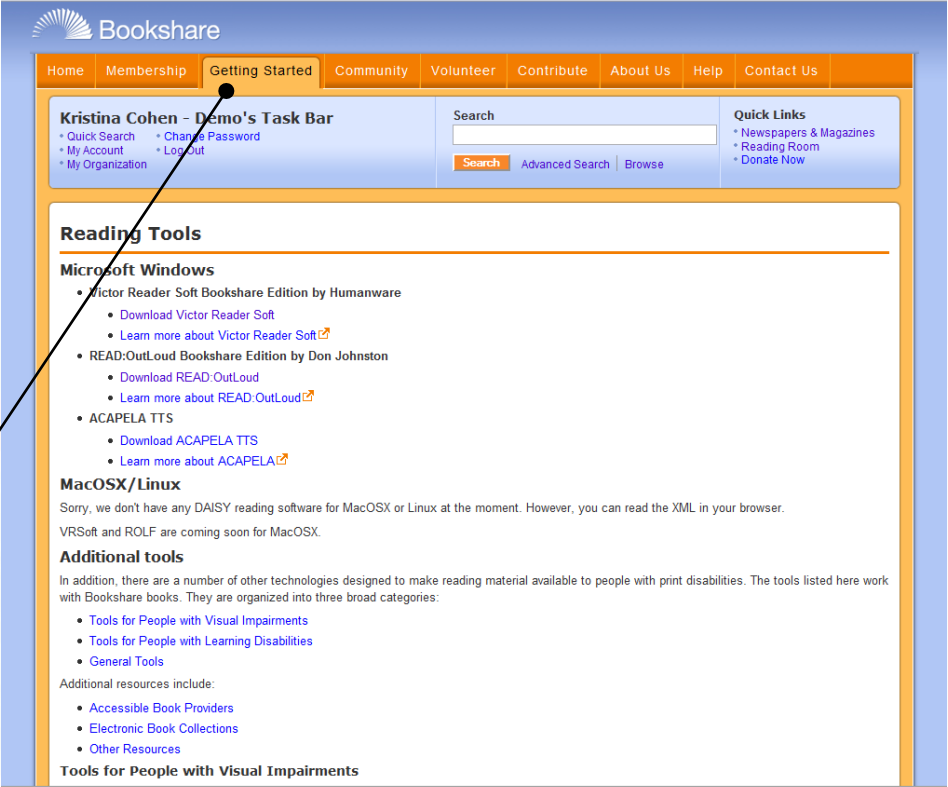
# Download Victor Reader Soft

Victor Reader Soft is software that enables multimodal text and audio reading. Members can download for free.

Go to 'Getting Started' and Select 'Reading Tools'

Select 'Reading Tools'

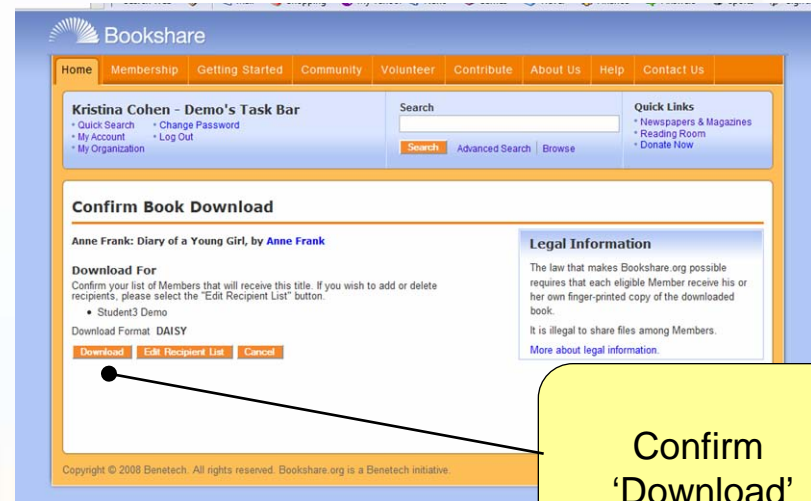
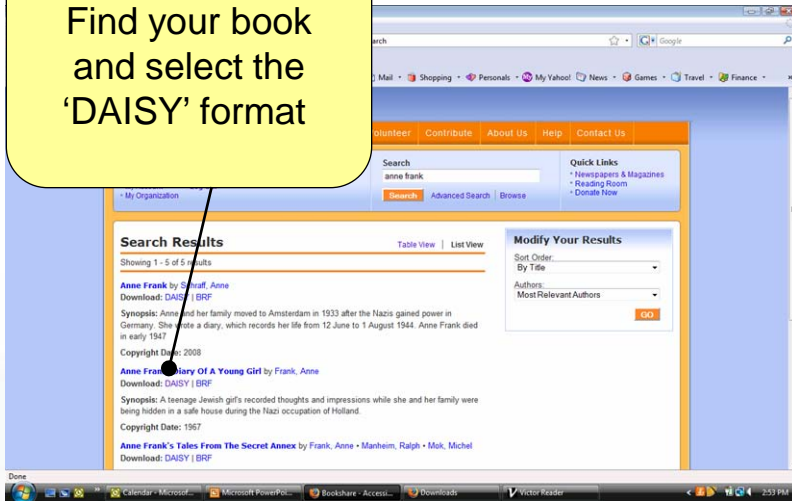
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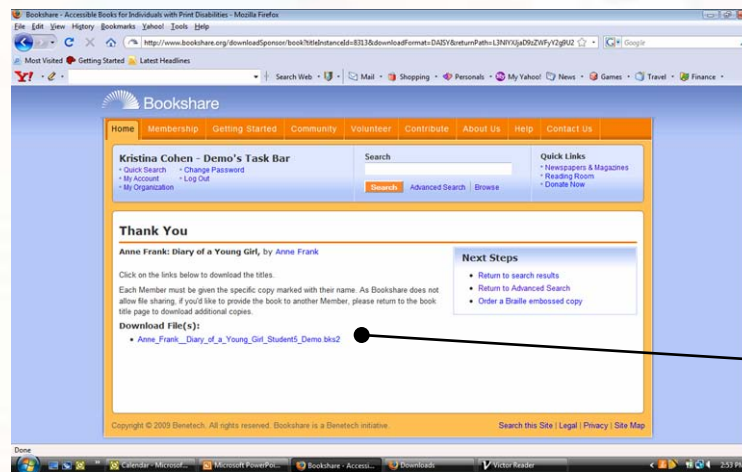
The screenshot shows the Bookshare website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Membership, Getting Started, Community, Volunteer, Contribute, About Us, Help, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there is a user profile for Kristina Cohen with links for Quick Search, My Account, My Organization, Change Password, and Log Out. A search bar is located on the right side of the page. The main content area is titled 'Reading Tools' and is divided into three sections: 'Microsoft Windows', 'MacOSX/Linux', and 'Additional tools'. The 'Microsoft Windows' section lists three categories of software: Victor Reader Soft, READ:OutLoud, and ACAPELA TTS, each with a 'Download' link and a 'Learn more' link. The 'MacOSX/Linux' section contains a message stating that no reading software is currently available for these operating systems. The 'Additional tools' section lists various technologies designed to make reading material accessible to people with print disabilities, categorized into 'Tools for People with Visual Impairments', 'Tools for People with Learning Disabilities', and 'General Tools'. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the Bookshare logo and the text 'Tools for People with Visual Impairments'.

# Open Book in Victor Reader Soft

Find your book and select the 'DAISY' format

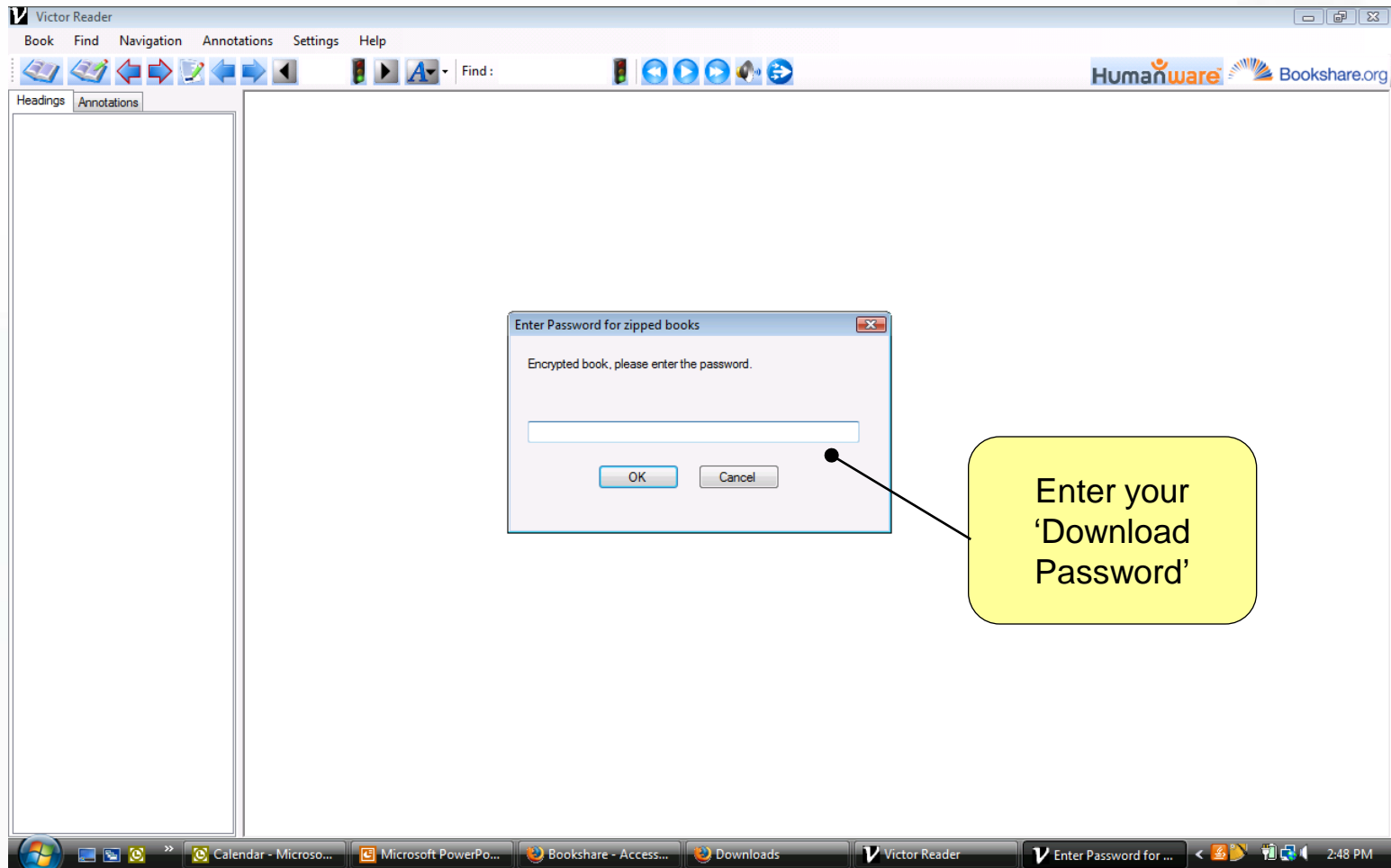


Confirm 'Download'



Select 'BKS2' file

# Read Book in Victor Reader Soft



# Read Book in Victor Reader Soft

The screenshot displays the Victor Reader software window. The title bar reads "Victor Reader". The menu bar includes "Book", "Find", "Navigation", "Annotations", "Settings", and "Help". The toolbar contains various navigation icons and a "Find:" search box. The "Annotations" tab is active, showing a table of contents on the left and the main text on the right. The table of contents lists pages xi through 14. The main text area shows the following content:

working still for peace. Reading it is a rich and rewarding experience.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT xiii Anne Frank

THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL xiv I hope I shall be able to confide in you completely, as I have never been able to do in anyone before, and I hope that you will be a great support and comfort to me. 1

On Friday, June 12th, I woke up at six o'clock and no wonder,- it was my birthday. But of course I was not allowed to get up at that hour, so I had to control my curiosity until a quarter to seven. Then I could bear it no longer, and went to the dining room, where I received a warm welcome from Moortie (the c

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the following open applications: Calendar - Microsoft..., Microsoft PowerPoi..., Bookshare - Accessi..., Downloads, and Victor Reader. The system tray on the right shows the time as 2:49 PM.



# 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



# 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.

# 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)



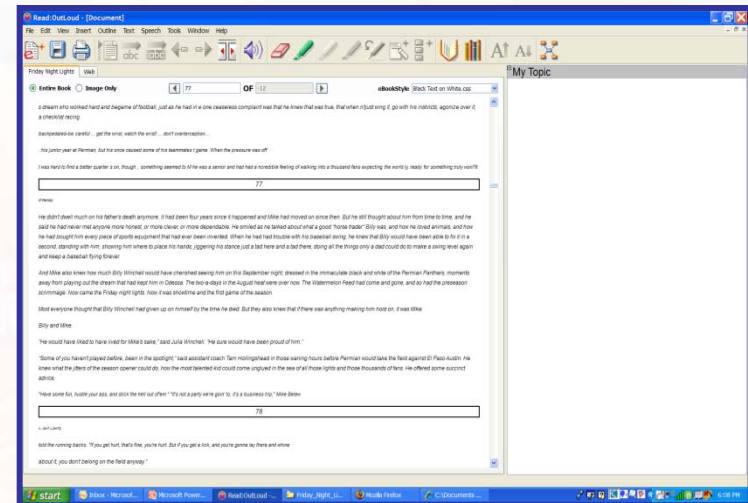
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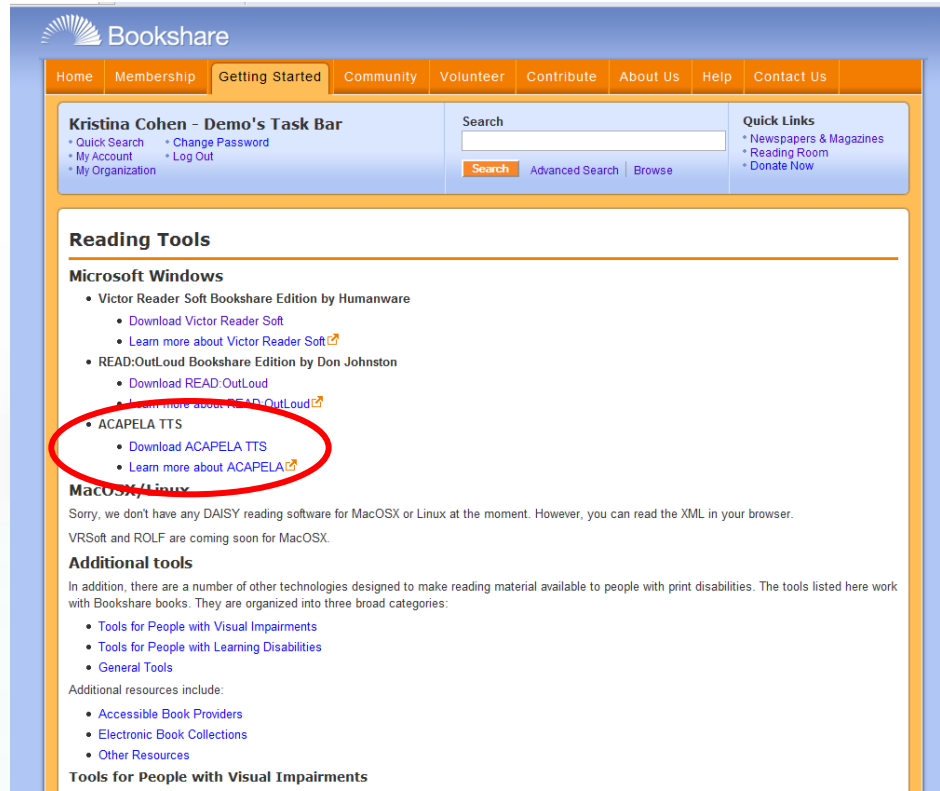
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- ❑ **Victor Reader Soft 2.5 Bookshare edition – now free**
- ❑ **READ:OutLoud Bookshare edition – now free**

- ❑ Kurzweil 3000, 1000
- ❑ WYNN
- ❑ OpenBook
- ❑ Window-Eyes
- ❑ JAWS
- ❑ ZoomText
- ❑ TextHelp



# Download Acapela Voices



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The main content area is titled "Reading Tools" and is divided into sections for Microsoft Windows, MacOSX/Linux, and Additional tools. The "Microsoft Windows" section lists several tools, with "ACAPELA TTS" circled in red. The "Additional tools" section provides information about other technologies and lists links for Tools for People with Visual Impairments, Tools for People with Learning Disabilities, and General Tools.

**Microsoft Windows**

- Victor Reader Soft Bookshare Edition by Humanware
  - [Download Victor Reader Soft](#)
  - [Learn more about Victor Reader Soft](#)
- READ:OutLoud Bookshare Edition by Don Johnston
  - [Download READ:OutLoud](#)
  - [Learn more about READ:OutLoud](#)
- **ACAPELA TTS**
  - [Download ACAPELA TTS](#)
  - [Learn more about ACAPELA](#)

**MacOSX/Linux**

Sorry, we don't have any DAISY reading software for MacOSX or Linux at the moment. However, you can read the XML in your browser. VRSoft and ROLF are coming soon for MacOSX.

**Additional tools**

In addition, there are a number of other technologies designed to make reading material available to people with print disabilities. The tools listed here work with Bookshare books. They are organized into three broad categories:

- [Tools for People with Visual Impairments](#)
- [Tools for People with Learning Disabilities](#)
- [General Tools](#)

Additional resources include:

- [Accessible Book Providers](#)
- [Electronic Book Collections](#)
- [Other Resources](#)

**Tools for People with Visual Impairments**

# The ClassMate Reader! HumanWare

- Portable
- Synchronized text and audio digital book player
- 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



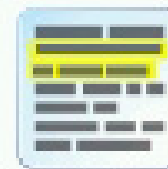
# Study Tools

- Highlighting
- Bookmarks
- Text Notes
- Dictionary
- Voice Notes

## Study Tools



Highlighting



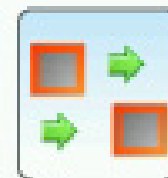
Highlighting  
Settings



Text Note



Bookmark



Navigate  
Markings






Dictionary



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# 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.



# 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](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 in the 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](http://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!

# Questions? Contact Us



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Send us an email:  
<http://www.bookshare.org/contactUs>



Request a book:  
<http://www.bookshare.org/about/findBooks#RequestaBook>

# HumanWare – Future Presentations

 Webinars

 Registration needed

- ◇ Educational Therapist November 18<sup>th</sup>
- ◇ Postsecondary presentation December 1st
- ◇ ClassMate Reader 101: Where to find content ?  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  
- ◇ [http://www.humanware.com/en-us/about\\_us/webinars\\_and\\_professional\\_development](http://www.humanware.com/en-us/about_us/webinars_and_professional_development)

**Thank you for attending.**

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# Thank you attending.

## Contact

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