Providing Accessible eBooks and Braille for Students and Young Adults
Hello

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Some Quick Facts

• 24% of adults with visual disabilities did not finish high school, as compared with only 10% of adults without a disability

• 7% to 23% of secondary students with learning disabilities received very below-average scores on academic performance, compared to only 2% of students in the general population

• Hundreds of millions of people around the world cannot access the nearly 95 percent of all published knowledge that is “locked” in printed form
Imagine If......
Problem and Common Misconception

DIGITAL ≠ ACCESSIBLE
The Bookshare Global Collection

- World’s largest library of accessible materials, with 625,000 members
  - More than 600,000 titles, including pleasure reading, textbooks, periodicals
    - ~425,000 available in every country in the world
    - Adding ~5,000 titles per month
  - 5 different, accessible formats, including:
    - Audio
    - Electronic Braille
    - DAISY (“karaoke-style” reading)
    - And commonly-used formats like EPUB and Word
  - Books in 34 languages (and growing!)
  - Equivalent to > 3 Million unique SKUs
  - Requires Proof of Disability of visual impairment, blind, learning disability
We have books in English and many other languages:

- Arabic
- Basque
- Bulgarian
- Cantonese
- Chinese
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Marathi
- Polish
- Russian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

AND MORE!!!
Members in:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bermuda
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Micronesia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Norway
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Peru
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea
- Romania
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sudan
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tanzania

AND MORE!!!
Bookshare Around the World

In Progress:
- CELA
- RNIB Trade
- Middle East

On-deck for Rollout:
- Bookshare
- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Philippines, Kenya

AND MORE!!!
Why are these online libraries needed?

• Some people read differently:
  – Blind or Visually Impaired
  – Learning Differences (like Dyslexia)
  – Mobility Impairment
• They require different formats of books
• Some countries have only a few books for people with disabilities. This is the “Book Famine.”
• Countries who have created repositories of these books find them very costly to create, maintain or improve
• Most countries do not have funding to share books with other countries despite Marrakesh
Global Bookshare

- Marrakesh makes it legal to copy books exclusively for use of people who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled
- Can share those books to other Marrakesh Treaty ratifying nations (~80 by the end of October)
- Imagine if you have to service each international book request individually...
- Global Bookshare automates the distribution of books directly to the reader on a worldwide basis
- Our goal – any book, anytime, anywhere, on the device of your choice, with no delay
Thank you.
### 3 Options to employ Bookshare Technology

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