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# **RNIB Bookshare**

Open up a world of  
reading and education

# What is RNIB Bookshare?

RNIB Bookshare is a free online resource which provides UK curriculum materials in a range of accessible formats that can be adapted to suit the personal reading needs of learners.

The service enables learners who cannot read standard print, including those with vision impairment or dyslexia, to read the same books at the same time as their peers, giving them the same educational opportunities.

## **With RNIB Bookshare you can:**

- Access over 320,000 books; from early years to higher education.
- Access thousands of accessible images: curriculum subjects and leisure topics.
- Give your learners and staff access.
- Set up reading lists and assign books to your learners.
- Empower your learners to read on their own, using our free built-in reading tool designed for print-disabled learners.

## **RNIB Bookshare is free to join and use for:**

- Early years centres
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Sensory support teams
- Adult learning centres.

**Supporting print-disabled learners in the UK**

There is a small charge for schools based overseas.

## Accessible books

- Listen to books with high quality text-to-speech voices.
- Hear and see highlighted words on screen.
- Digital or hard copy braille and large print.
- Read directly from your browser.

## Accessible images

- Tactile images with Unified English Braille (UEB).
- Clear images with large print text.

## What formats are books available in?

- Built-in reading tool
- EPUB
- PDF

- Word
- DAISY with images
- DAISY text only
- DAISY audio
- MP3
- Unified English Braille (UEB)
- Standard English Braille (SEB)

## What formats are images available in?

- PDF

## Share your resources

You can add books to the collection in the following formats:

- RTF
- PDF
- EPUB

## Request books

Can't find the book you're looking for? Let us know and we'll do our best to add it to the collection. We work with publishers to make their electronic files available to print-disabled learners quickly through RNIB Bookshare.



# How RNIB Bookshare helped Charlie through his GCSEs

Charlie, a 16 year old from Lincolnshire, says RNIB Bookshare is “one of the best things to happen” and explains how “it has always been a massive help” in his successful journey through his GCSEs. When he was just a few months old, Charlie was diagnosed with optic nerve hypoplasia and nystagmus. His mother was diagnosed at the same time and, in addition, both Charlie and his mum have ocular albinism. Charlie was delighted with his nine GCSEs and is now studying for three A-levels.

“In year 11, when you are heading towards your GCSEs, you really, really want to be revising. Being able to do as much independent revision at home is amazing! Having that opportunity to do that is actually a great help for any student, whether they have vision impairment or not. Many fully sighted students are able to revise whenever they want to but for vision impaired students, it’s much, much harder, especially if you need large text, like I do myself.”

“It would have been almost impossible if I didn’t have RNIB Bookshare. It’s being able to work as independently as possible and I think that’s what Bookshare gives any vision impaired student the ability to do.”

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