



# Providing Accessible eBooks and Braille for Students and Young Adults



# Hello

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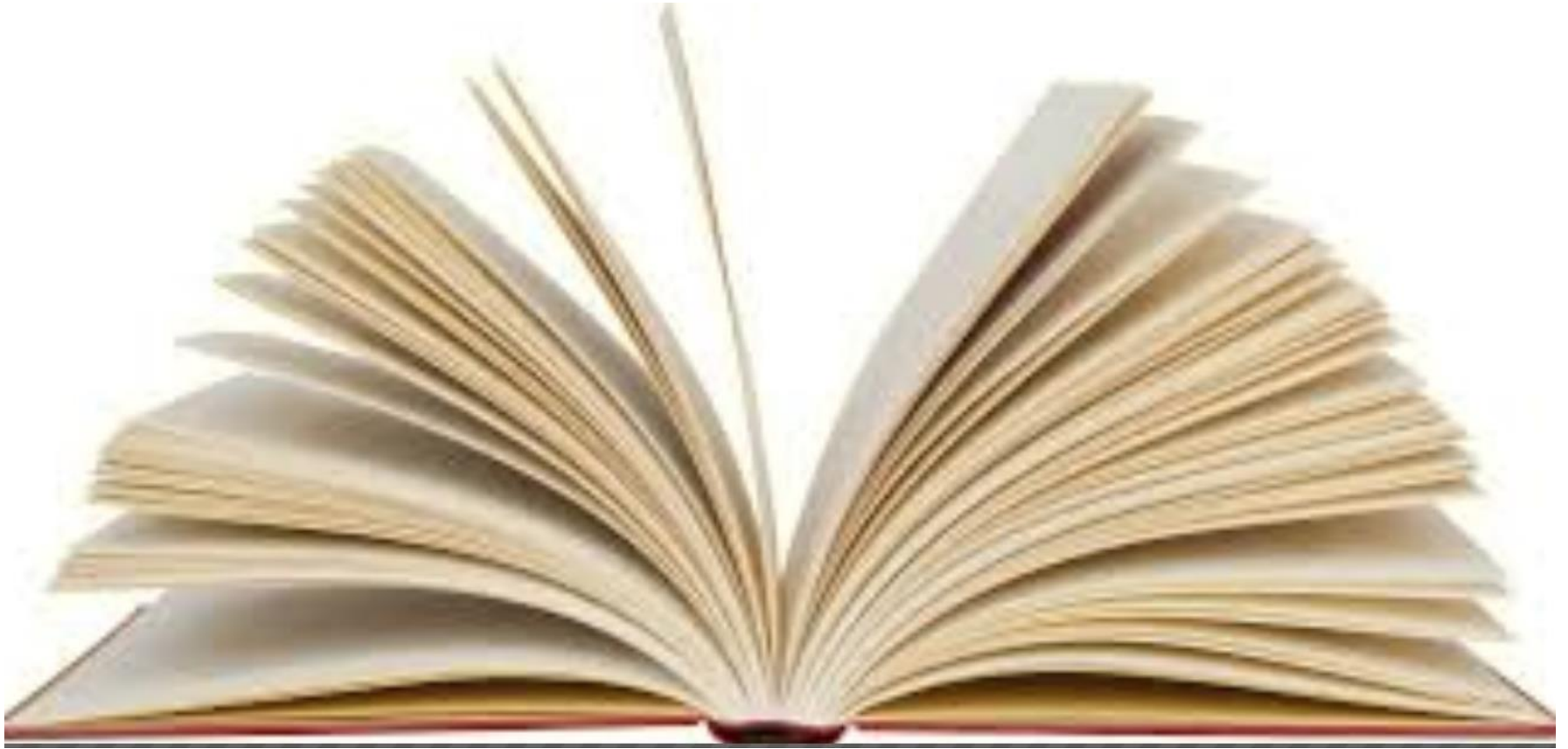
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# Some Quick Facts

- 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**

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**ACCESSIBLE**

# Bookshare



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## An Accessible Online Library for people with print disabilities

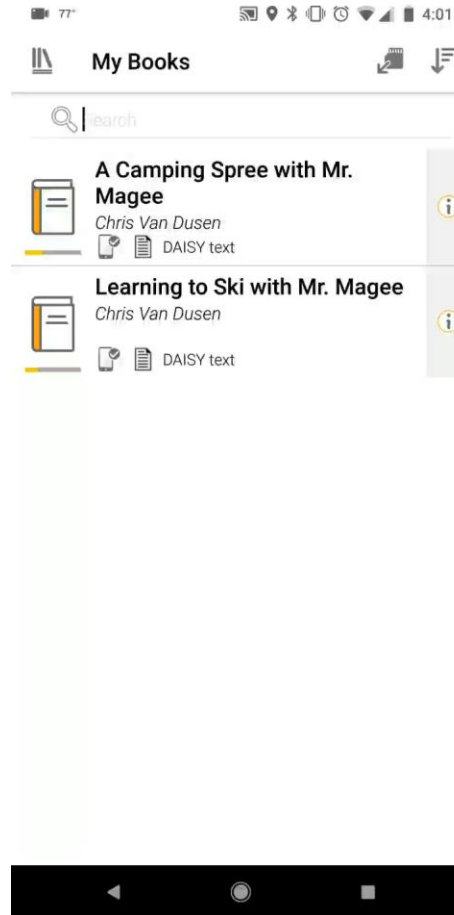
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# Reading Application



# 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



# Book Languages

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!!!

# Bookshare without Borders

## Members in:

- Argentina
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- Denmark
- Ecuador
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- 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-track for Rollout:

Bookshare  
Bangladesh, Bhutan,  
India, Nepal,  
Pakistan, Sri Lanka,  
Mauritius,  
Philippines, Kenya

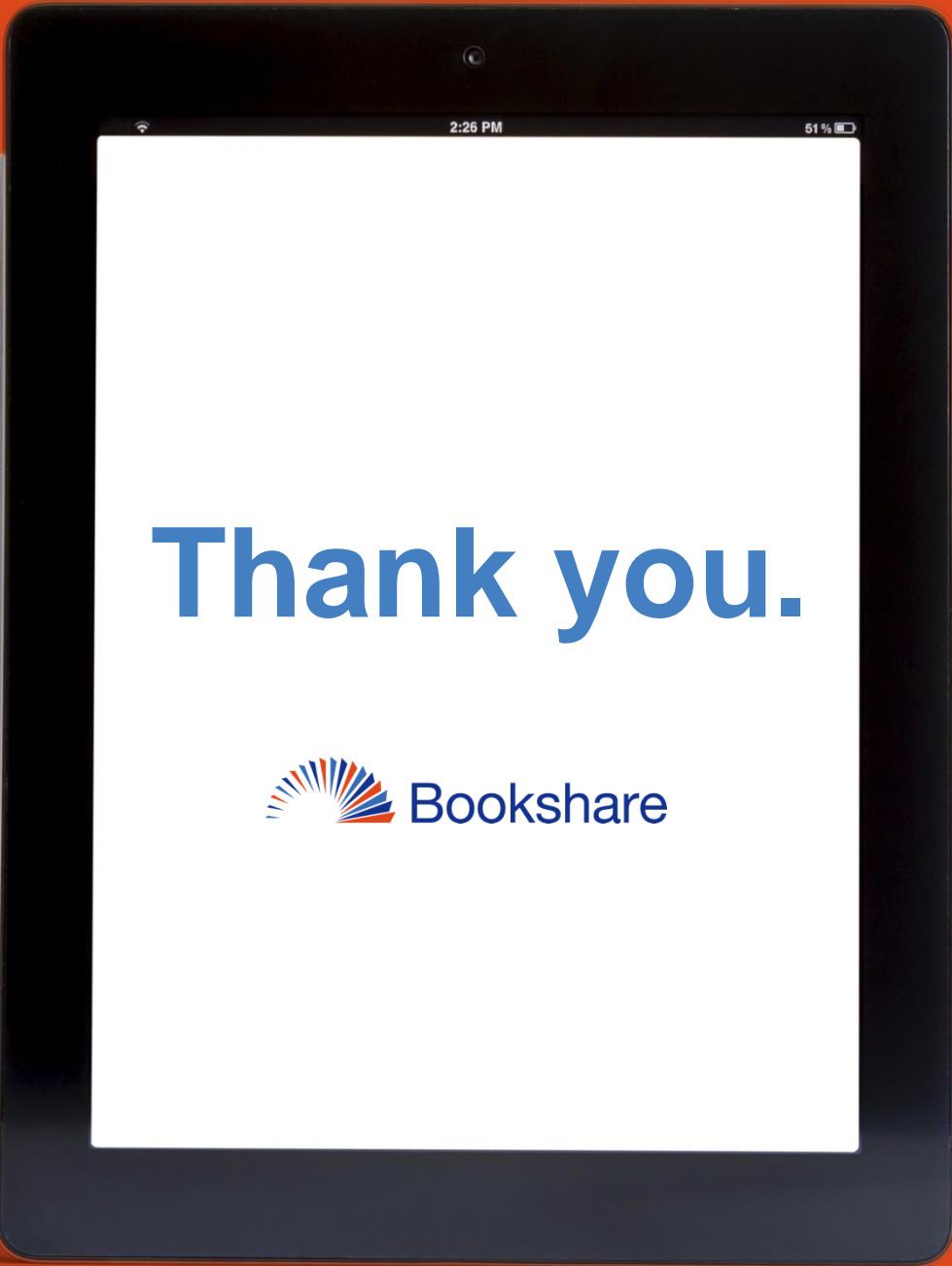
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# Why are these online libraries needed?

- 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



# 3 Options to employ Bookshare Technology

	Bookshare International Site	Sponsored Bookshare Site	Private Library
Access to Global Collection	Yes	Yes	Yes
Localized Language Website	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reduced Librarian Workload (for int'l export + import)		Yes	Yes
Look & Feel of Website		Yes, Branding	Yes
Repository of Accessible Titles for your collection			Yes
Member Information (PII) stored locally			Yes