

BOOKSHARE Announcement

Does your school or local school system have a FREE Bookshare membership for your students with print disabilities yet? If not, you'll probably want to get one, so that you can get digital textbooks for your [qualified](#) students who also have IEPs. It's easier now because Maryland has named Bookshare as one of our Authorized Users of the [NIMAC](#), the central repository for U.S. K-12 digital textbooks. This means you can get digital textbooks for your students with qualified print disabilities and IEPs directly from Bookshare. As a Bookshare member, you can ask Bookshare for a student-ready digital textbook directly and get it in two weeks or less. You'll have a choice of formats, DAISY or BRF, which your students can read with most assistive technology software and hardware.

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The turn-around time when you ask Bookshare to convert a NIMAC book to a student-ready format is typically less than two weeks. Start by getting familiar with searching for books on [Bookshare](#) and in the [NIMAC](#) so that when you need textbooks, you know how to easily request them.

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