Bookshare: Accessible Books in a Multimedia World
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I am turning it over to Cherie Miller.

Thank you - We are here in California and am joined with Robin Seaman.
Director of Content Acquisition.

First we want everyone on the Eastcoast - we want you to know we are all thinking a lot about you and hope that things get back to normal for you soon.

Today we will talk about Bookshare.

We know some of you are new at this and some are very familiar.

We all welcome questions. Type them in the chat box and we will try to answer them as best we can as we go along, and also at the end.

Bookshare Agenda

What is Bookshare?
(speaker reading power point slide)

What we offer?

It is separated by OSEP

The main focus is on increasing Spanish languages now.

We have 37 university partners across the country. These are schools that share scans with us.

They contribute in Rtf and we can put them into Bookshare.

This is where you will find quality.

Start with advanced search when you are looking for a book on Bookshare.

Kindle is not accessible for our books at this time.

We know and have heard that there are some people who know how to get around this, but we do not right now. The answer is no.

Any questions about mobile devices?

Does the app highlight text?

Yes the ReadtoGo app does
The GoRead app does not

To clarify, a sentence is highlighted as well as a word within the sentence, on ReadtoGo

GoRead highlights the entire sentence.

I am working with student right now at Dakota State - they are trying to figure out a way to make this ...
I know if a student has their own membership, it is perfect.
I need to talk more with Dakota State and I will get back to you.

Bookshare is continually coming up with new ways
There is a new Download process.
-Drop down lists for options
-Can download for multiple students at once, in multiple formats
-Sponsors can set format preferences for students who will become their default preferences
-Preferences can always be changed.

Our Mantra now is we want to see everything that is published, we want it to be completely accessible.

We want it to be able to be done:
Quickly
Cheaply

DIAGRAM is an acronym for Digital Image and Graphic Resources for Accessible Materials.
http://diagramcenter.org/development/poet.html

It is a 5 year Research and Development
We are the lead partner in this and partnering with WGBH Boston.
We are also working with US fund for DAISY.
The DIAGRAM Center has been established by the US Department of Education (Office of Special Education Programs) to make it easier, faster, and more cost effective to create and use accessible images so that students with print disabilities have timely access to the information they need.

Goal - is to have set of tools and guidelines to hand publishers so they can embed tools to make images and graphics accessible in the books.

We are talking to all and any content producers.

Our flagship tool is called *Poet*

*Poet* is an opensource tool that allows us to do crowd sourcing.

When you load a book, it explodes the book and in the left hand column, all images are projected. You are able to go in and notate whether an image must be described or not...If it can be left out.
It is an efficient way to display the scope of images in a book.

We are calling these image slams. We are having a lot of fun with this.

*Poet* - will link to a certain model. *Poet* allows you to create a single description. It will allow image describers and teacher annotations.
The content when embedded in a book, will make the educational experience richer for everyone.

Please embed this in your workflow and get image descriptions as soon as possible.

Poet will always be free...Never sold!

Our whole mission goal is promoting accessibility.

So where does a school find this?
www.Diagramcenter.Org

Go to the bottom of this site and you will see *poet*.

Anyone who wants to get the Diagram newsletter, please let us know. We will get it to you.

In terms of our work, we are the beta tester for the Poet tool, using Bookshare books.

So far, 30,000 images have been described.

If you have students who need some volunteer hours, please let us know. We have students all over the country.
It is great for students. It is something fun, useful and we can verify that.

Other thing about DIAGRAM Center - detailed matrices are available. There is a neat chart to help you understand what devices work with what readers.

Yes, we will post the entire presentation. It will be at
http://diagramcenter.org/development/poet.html

Our whole emphasis is making this whole experience as simple as possible.

It is magic for kids to be able to open the app, click on a book and download it immediately.

Do students need proof of purchase to access?? From Bookshare? No they do not at this time.

I am delighted to have more questions.

Here is our contact information. (see Contact us slide)

Bookshare is a piece of the Literacy Initiative.

Route 66 is a software program to teach adult early readers how to read. It was developed by Karen Ericson, out of University of NC.
It is age appropriate. Not Dick and Jane, but more adult.

If any of you serve adult early readers, check out www.route66literacy.org

We are the largest software provider for human rights around the world.
We are the leading project management software.

We bring free tools to our commitment to literacy.

Anyone with a print disability needs to be served.

No, there are no pdf formats offered at this time.
Pdf's are not accessible. They create too much of a challenge.

We encourage you to e-mail or call us. Also please feel free to call me at the number on the slide.

We do not have Word Files
Our books are in DAISY
We are also converting our collection to epub3 - which is merging with DAISY

You can buy the ReadtoGo app but, in order to download a Bookshare book we do need verification of student's disability.

If student is looking at freely available book, we have 120,000.
Anyone can look and read on ReadtoGo app, and you do not have to have a membership.

There are reasons that publishers are comfortable with that is they are comfortable with us.

If colleges offer Kurzweil v13, you can download books from Bookshare directly from there! Great feature.

We have step by step instructions for students to download.

We have a few more minutes.

Robin Seaman -
Cherie Miller - I interface with students and postsecondary institutions

Another focus of ours is making math accessible.

If you are interested in this, we welcome your involvement.
We had a webinar on how to do - it was a basic webinar. It was impressive to see how complex graphics charts and maps were described.

We will also send you that link out.

I have your information Jessica and we will be in touch with you.

Kane just said he is posting a recording link.

Yes, a joint webinar with all three of the groups would be very helpful.

If you can't find a book in Bookshare, search access text accessible text finder. They will search 8 different sources.

How do I request a book?

On home page, go to Contact Us. Scroll down and there is a place in the drop down to request a book.

Open the software and open the account and you can find your book from there.

Thank you all who sat with us through this. We are delighted to work with you.

Thank you and Goodbye.

http://www.bookshare.org/contactUs

Recording link and slides are located in the Archives:
http://accesstext.amac.gatech.edu/wiki/index.php/ATN_webinar_series

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