Assistive Technology Resources

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Audio Book Resources

- The Public Library
- *Learning Ally – [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org)
- *Bookshare – [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)
- Recorded Books – [www.recordedbooks.com](http://www.recordedbooks.com)
- [www.booksontape.com](http://www.booksontape.com)
- Apps: Audible; iBooks; Learning Ally; OverDrive; Audiobooks
  
  * Individual membership restricted to those who have a demonstrated learning disability, visual impairment, or physical disability that makes it difficult to read using traditional print. Organizational memberships available.
eBooks

• Google Play Books
• Kindle App
• iBooks

eBooks Supported by Audio

• “Read Along” books on iBooks and OverDrive

• Text-to-speech technology to read printed text
Text-to-Speech Resources

• Free software built in on devices
• PC – Microsoft Office Programs:
  1) Next to the Quick Access Toolbar, click Customize Quick Access Toolbar
  2) Click More Commands

3) In the Choose commands from list, select All Commands
4) Scroll down to the speak command and select it.
5) Click Add.
6) Click OK.
7) You can hear text spoken by highlighting the text you want to hear, then clicking the Speak command.
Text-to-Speech Resources

• iPad or iPhone:
  1) Settings → General
  2) Accessibility

3) Speech
4) Select Speak Screen

5) Swipe down with two fingers from the top of the screen to hear the content of the screen.

Example: Using Speak Screen with iBooks
Text-to-Speech Resources

- **Adobe Reader – Read Aloud feature**
  - PC:
    1) Click View
    2) Read Out Loud
    3) Click Activate Read out Loud
    4) Go back to View, Read Out Loud for additional options

Text-to-Speech Resources

- Natural Reader – web and app
- Capti Voice Narrator – web and app
- Read2Go app – corresponds with Bookshare
- Voice Dream Reader app
- Speak It! Text to Speech app
- ClaroSpeak app
- Kurzweil – Commercial purchase
- Project Gutenberg - [www.gutenberg.org](http://www.gutenberg.org)
- Optical Character Recognition (OCR) – converts scanned images/pictures into readable text format
  - Example: Readiris app
Speech-to-Text Resources

- Built in on devices:
  - Windows: Start → Control Panel → Ease of Access → Speech Recognition
  - Apple products:
    - Dictation: Settings → General → Keyboards → Enable Dictation
    - Siri
- Easy Spelling Aid app
- Dragon Dictation app
- Dragon NaturallySpeaking
- Voice Typing in Google Docs (only available in Google Chrome)

Additional Technology Tools

- Notability app – notetaking; recording lectures
- American Wordspeller app – allows student to look up words based on the way they sound
- Google Chrome Extensions:
  - Read and Write for Google
  - Visor
  - Readability
  - Speak It!
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