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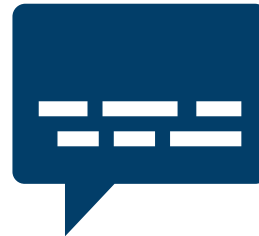
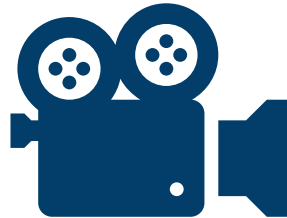
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- ▶ What to Expect
- ▶ Set Yourself Up for Success
- ▶ Troubleshooting Tips

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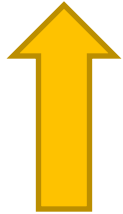
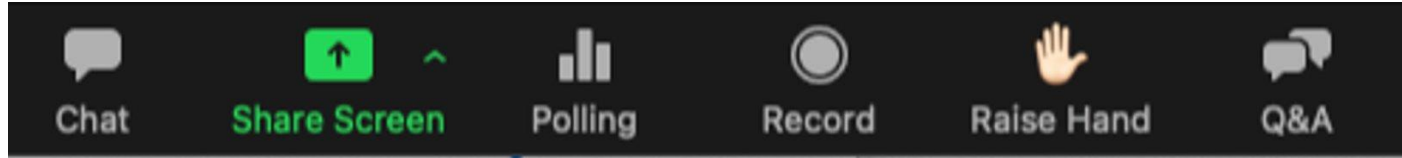
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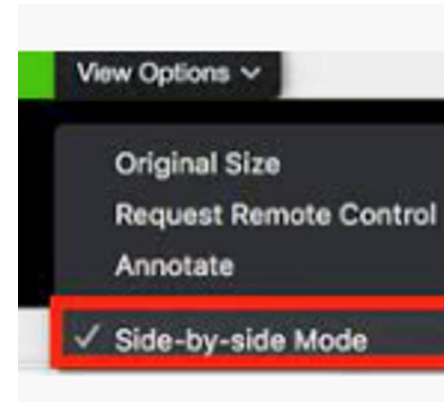


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Digital books: How to find and read eBooks!

Why didn't anyone show me this before....
It would have made my life so much easier!

Do you know someone who:

- Gets easily distracted?
- Has difficulty reading, writing
- Is chronically late, disorganized

Let's Chat

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Joan Green



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Let's Chat

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Special Guest

Phoebe Sullivan

Brand new SLP who helps in my practice behind the scenes

Let's explore this new generation of (assistive) tech!

- ▶ Learn what's possible
- ▶ Match individual needs with features
- ▶ Give it a try and adapt as needed



There's nothing like getting immersed in a great book!



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But not everyone is able to experience the pleasure of “traditional” reading.



What are eBooks?

Definition




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e-book

Dictionary Thesaurus

e-book noun

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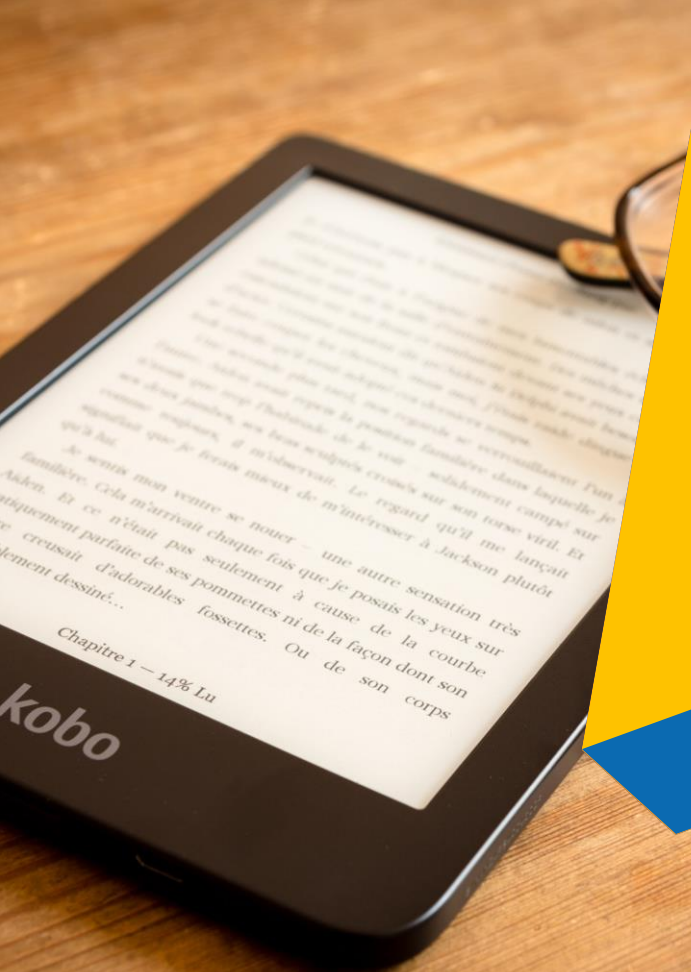
Definition of *e-book*

: a book composed in or converted to digital format for display on a computer screen or handheld device

First Known Use of *e-book*

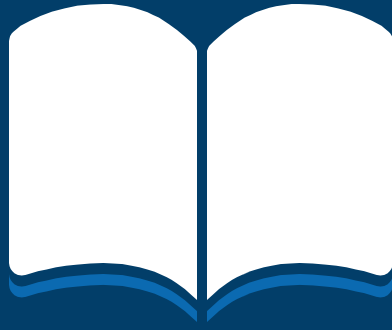
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eBooks

- ▶ Benefits & Limitations
- ▶ Features
- ▶ Devices
- ▶ Formats
- ▶ Apps
- ▶ Library
- ▶ Websites



Benefits of ebooks

Why bother using ebooks?

Who can they help?





Light and portable-
backpacks and trips

Reading supports- Text-to-
speech & narration

Definitions



Download quickly- almost
instant gratification

Fine tune visuals- font type
and size, brightness

Reduce clutter &
Environmentally friendly



Limitations of eBooks



May be more difficult to
recall specific details

You don't "feel" the book and progress
or see the cover on shelves

More screen time



Perceived as harder to
annotate/ mark up

Need access to a device/
internet

May have monthly costs
associated

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Devices



Devices- eReaders vs multi-purpose tablets

Most dedicated eReaders are about 6", use e-ink, are black and white and cost \$100-\$150 USD

- ▶ **Kobo Clara HD**- Best for library books
- ▶ **Amazon Kindle Paperwhite**- best value
- ▶ **Onyx Boox Note Air**- Best for annotating documents
- ▶ **Barnes and Noble Nook**

<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-ereaders>

Devices- eReader vs multi-purpose

Multi- purpose devices

- ▶ iPad by Apple
- ▶ Kindle "Fire" by Amazon
- ▶ Samsung Galaxy Tab and other Android Tablets
- ▶ PC, Macs and Chromebooks
- ▶ Echo Show by Amazon

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Ebook Formats

Mobi (.mobi)

ePub (.epub)- most widely supported, Fixed vs reflowable

Amazon Kindle eReader (.azw)

Text document (.txt)

PDF (.pdf)

HTML (.html)

- ▶ Post by Jordan Wahl, July 2018

<https://learn.g2.com/what-is-an-ebook>

Audio Book Formats



Remember these? Records, cassette tapes, CDs 😊

.mp3 (MP3) This is the final format for most audiobooks



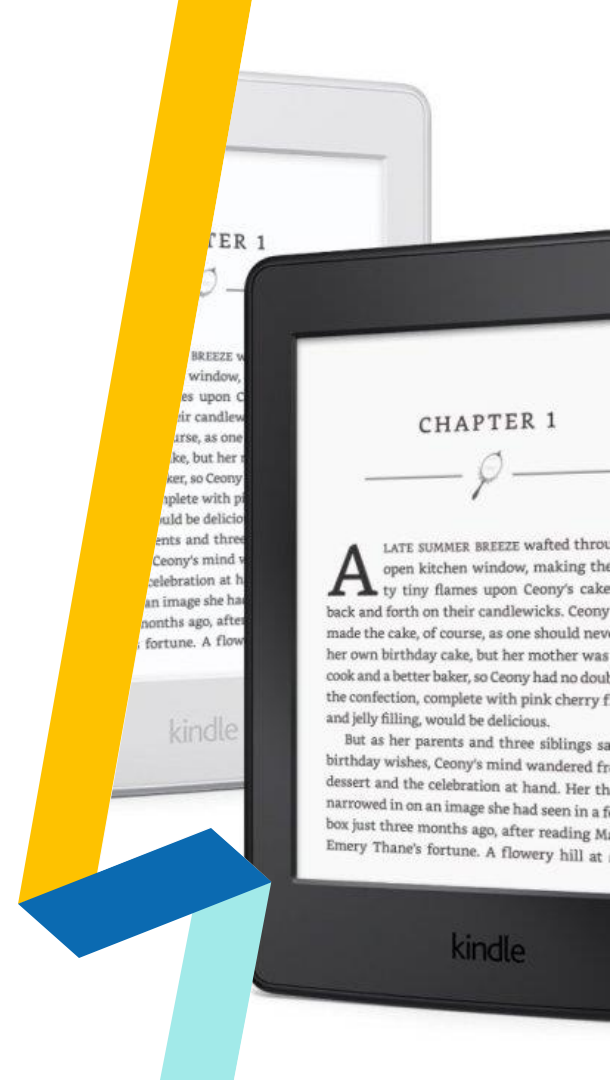
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Kindle by Amazon

- ▶ A variety of dedicated devices
- ▶ Apps for all operating systems
- ▶ Very popular
- ▶ Unique format
- ▶ Some people use this term generically for “eReader”



Amazon Kindle Devices

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Kindle Kids Edition



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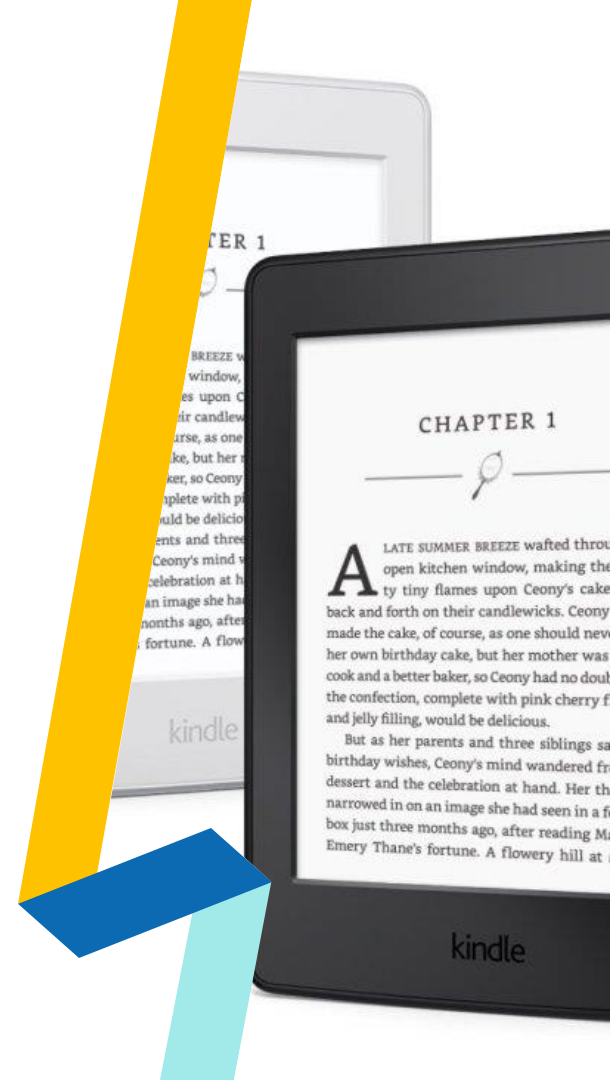


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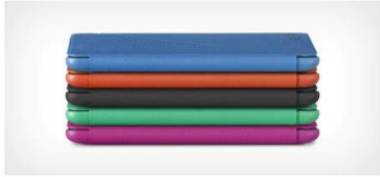
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Screen Size	6" glare-free	6" glare-free	6" glare-free	7" glare-free
Storage	8 GB	8 GB	8 GB or 32 GB	8 GB or 32 GB
Resolution	167 ppi	167 ppi	300 ppi	300 ppi
Front light	4 LEDs	4 LEDs	5 LEDs	25 LEDs
Weeks of battery life	✓	✓	✓	✓
Audible (via Bluetooth)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parental Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓

Kindle by Amazon

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- ▶ Great online digital browsing
- ▶ Tells you percentage finished based on reading speed
- ▶ First kindle ebooks- 2007
- ▶ Now about 9 Million!



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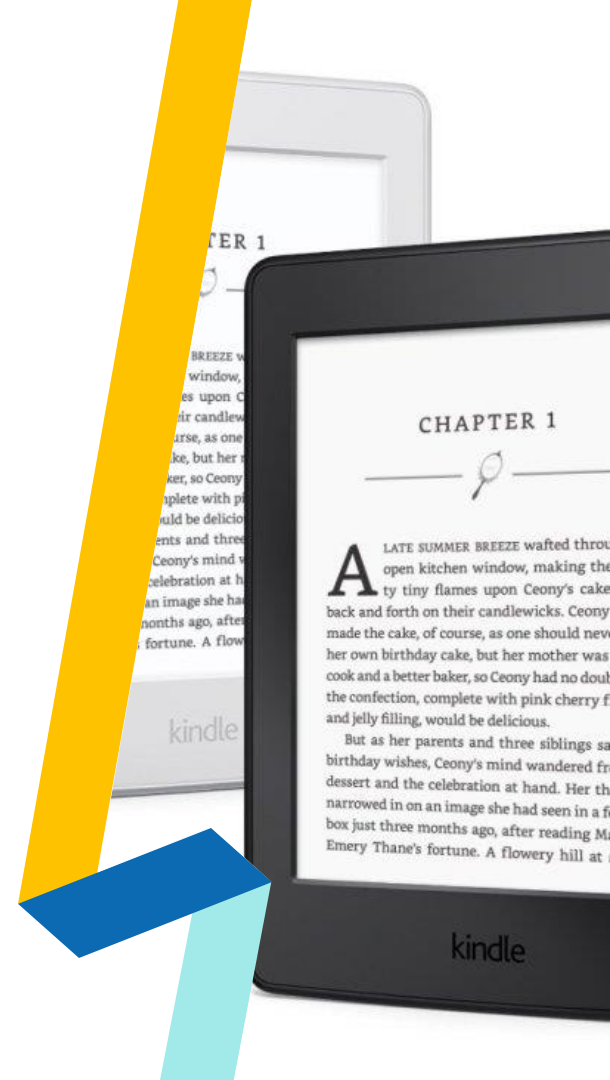
Kindle Accessibility Features

- ▶ Adjust font size, type, weight, screen brightness, margins, line spacing, and colors
- ▶ Large display option
- ▶ Kindle Reading Ruler
- ▶ **Immersive reading with Text to Speech is only available on (Kindle) Fire and in Kindle Apps not on the Kindle eReaders – big negative**



Kindle Oasis

- ▶ Dark mode
- ▶ Waterproof
- ▶ Great battery life
- ▶ Buttons to use to turn page rather than swipe
- ▶ Can listen to books using Audible



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💾 8GB of storage

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New



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iPad mini



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(Kindle) Fire vs. Android Tablet

- ▶ Major differences
- ▶ **Fire** tablet runs an Amazon customized version of the Android operating system. More limited.



- ▶ **Samsung Galaxy Tab** is a much higher end product –also more expensive. Can download a wider range of apps.

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Apps & Websites





Kindle App

- ▶ Download the app from any device's app store (iOS, Android, Windows or Mac)
- ▶ If operating system isn't supported, use the Kindle Cloud Reader.

<https://read.amazon.com/>



Notes and Highlights

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Kindle App

To highlight, select text in the book and choose a color.

Add notes by clicking “add note” in the highlight menu or in notebook

Create flashcards to actively learn new material

Tap on words for definitions and use vocab builder to help learn new words.



Reading and Listening with the Kindle app

Go to view options, tap the text-view icon in top right and then “**Send to Kindle**” to save web articles for offline reading.

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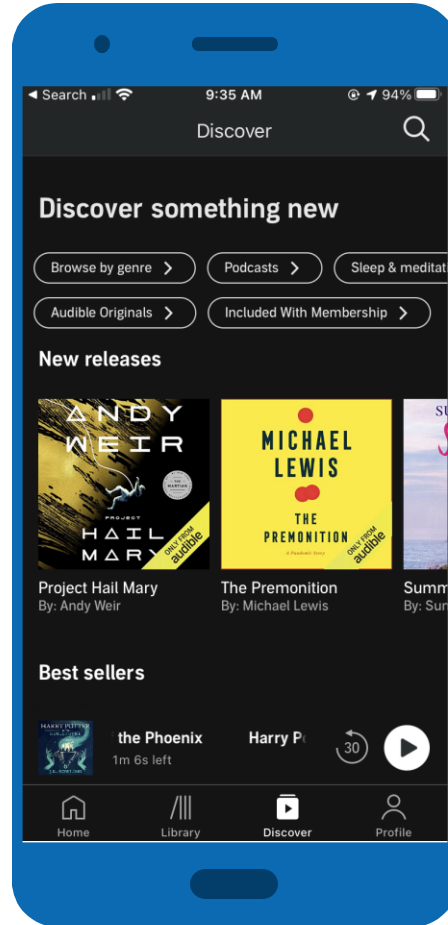
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- ▶ Easy to navigate
- ▶ Discover new titles
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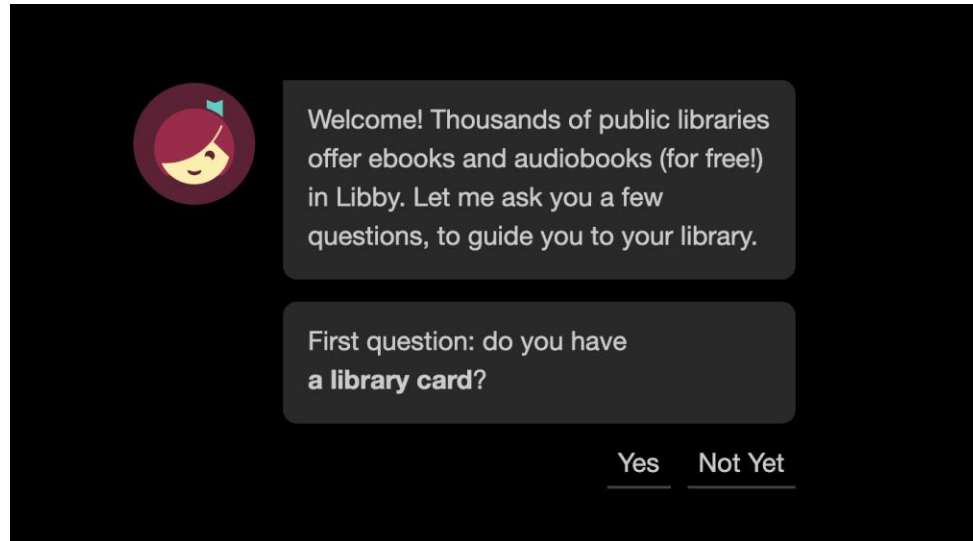
- ▶ App available on iOS, Android, and web browsers
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Libby Accessibility Features

- ▶ High contrast option
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- ▶ Change font size
- ▶ Native screen reader compatibility
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- ▶ Alternative text available



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Libby



<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>

Ebooks for People with reading barriers

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iBooks

Voice Dream Reader app

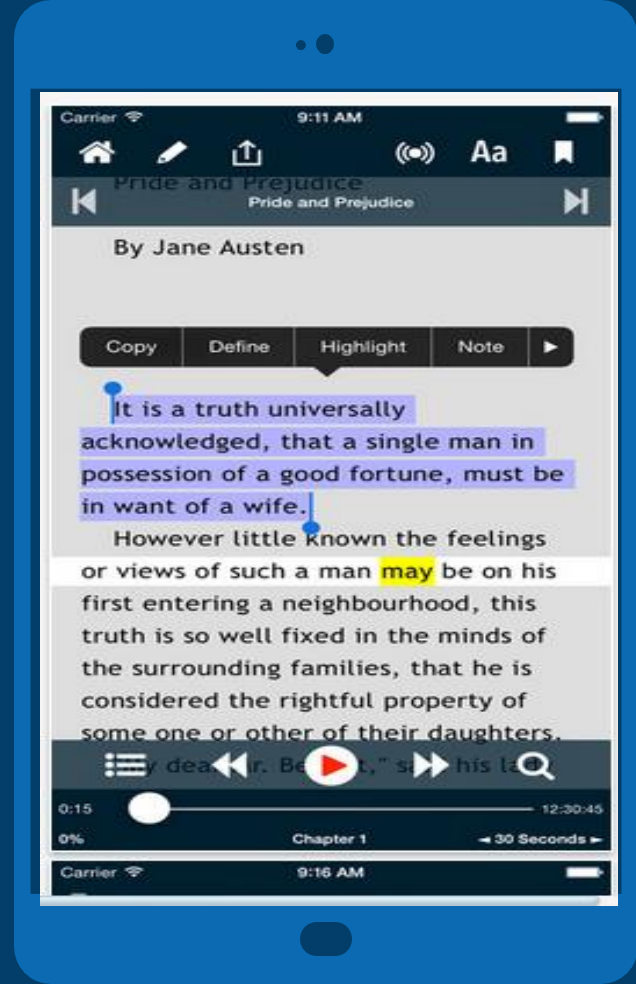
Voice Dream Reader

iOS and Android
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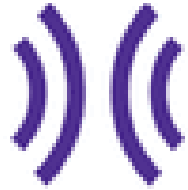
Voice Dream Reader

<https://www.voicedream.com/reader/>

See words synchronized with speech

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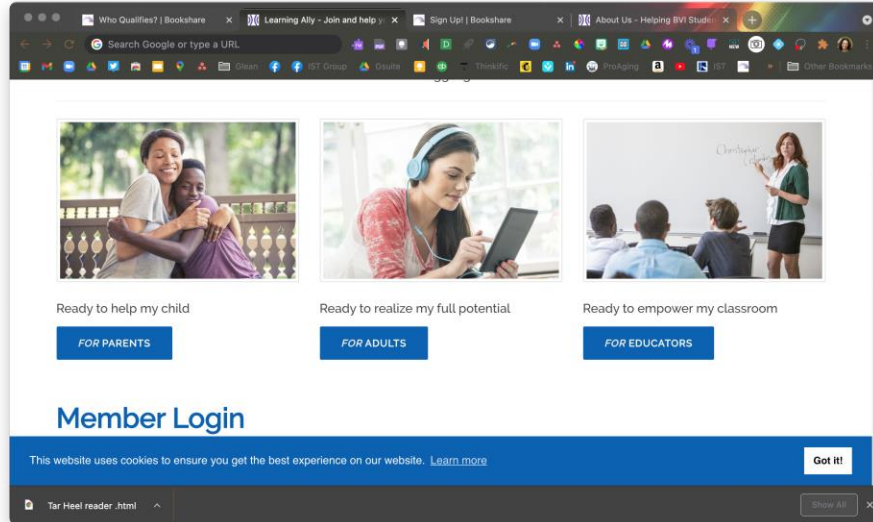
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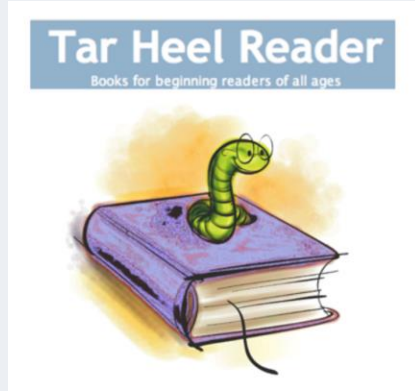
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<p>Petting All the Dogs NKSD ★★★★</p>  <p>14</p>	<p>Can You Eat That? Keilah Singleton ★★★★</p>  <p>9</p>	<p>I like dogs. Mrs Underwood ★★★★</p>  <p>11</p>	<p>Two Dogs During Summer NKSD ★★★★</p>  <p>9</p>





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Ready to get started?

Find a book

 Want

If You Give a Snake a Sandwich



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Books for beginning readers of all ages

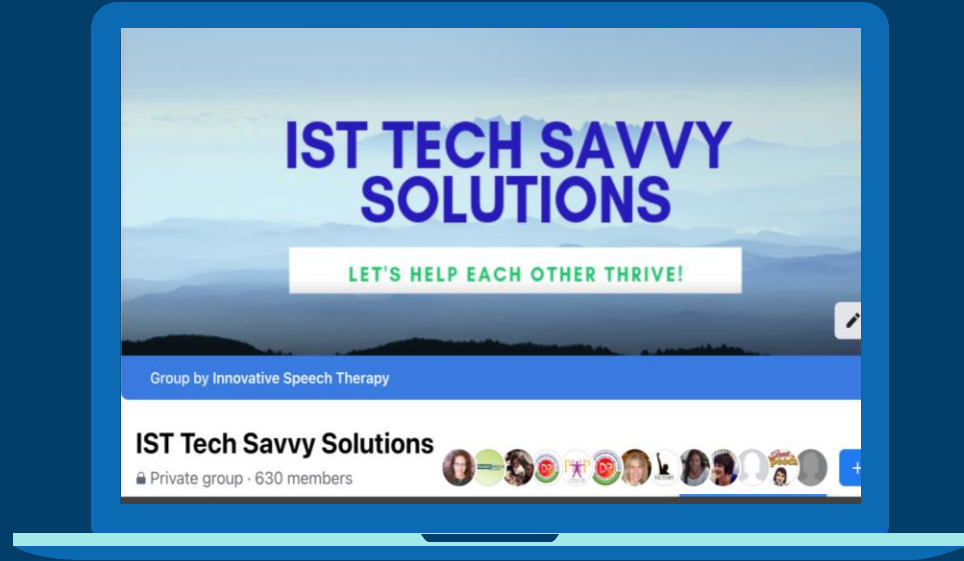


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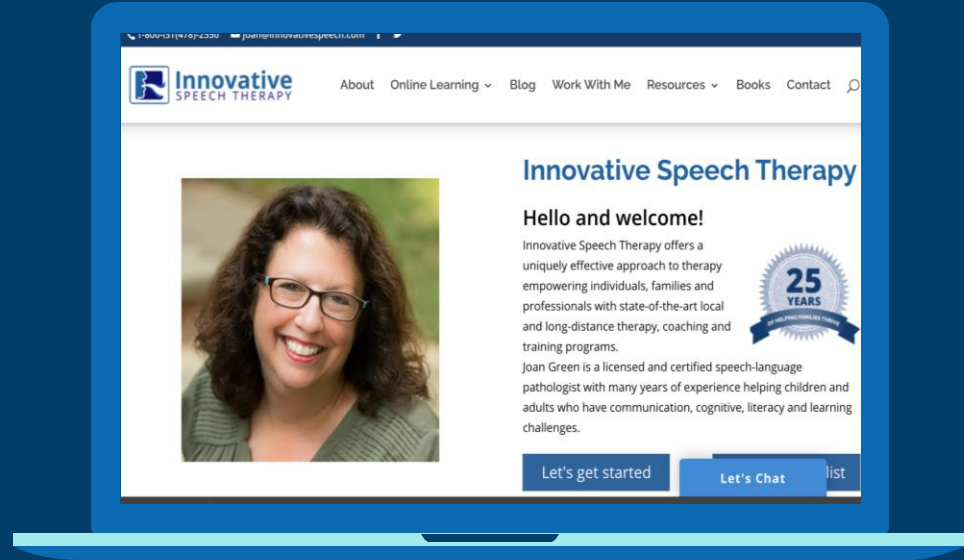
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