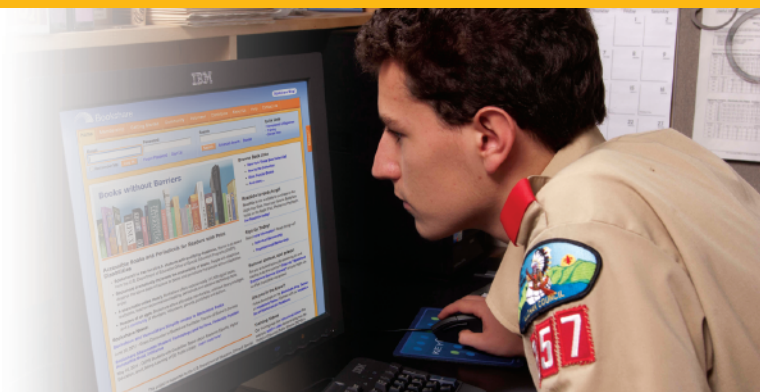


# Bookshare in Scouting



“Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts has been a wonderful environment for my son, who has a print disability. Having the material tailored to someone like himself will be wonderful.”

— Cecile Seth; ASM, Troop 63

### Accessible Scout materials all in one place!

Scouting is a rich and rewarding life experience. One important part of becoming a Scout is reading Scout books and manuals. From hiking and camping to reading and citizenship, Scouting materials provide valuable lessons. Through a partnership with Bookshare®, Scouts, unit leaders, and parents with qualified print disabilities can get accessible versions of their Scouting materials all in one place!

Bookshare is an online library of accessible e-books that allows readers with print disabilities to listen to books, see words and hear them read as they are highlighted on a screen, read in Braille, and much more! Bookshare has more than 100,000 books, including Scout materials, which can be read on desktop computers, laptops, Apple iPads, iPhones, iPod touches, MP3 players, and other assistive technology. Memberships are FREE for U.S. students; non-students will get a \$25 waiver for their setup fee and pay just \$50 annually. All members receive free reading software.

### Access Scout Materials with Bookshare

Using Bookshare:

- Helps Scouts, unit leaders, and parents to read
- Provides easy access to Scout publications all in one place
- Helps Scouts keep pace with their peers
- Makes Scouting more accessible and meaningful

### Open the World of Scouting!

Bookshare gives access anytime to:

- **FREE memberships** for all U.S. students of any age with qualified print disabilities
- **\$25 setup fee waiver for non-students** (use promo code: SCOUTS)
- **Extensive collections** of books and periodicals:
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- **Digital books** that can be read using a computer, most assistive reading devices, Apple iPad, iPhone, and iPod touch, or converted to an MP3 format.
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## Bookshare

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- Download and install free reading tools from the “Reading Tools” section under “Getting Started” on the Bookshare website.
- Find Scout books by searching or browsing for books on the Bookshare website.
- Tell your child’s teacher about Bookshare! Schools join Bookshare for free, and your child can get books, including textbooks, at school. Have your school sign up at **www.bookshare.org**.

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## Who Is Eligible for Bookshare?

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Physical Disability (PD)	A disability that affects one’s ability to read print, such as the inability to hold a book or turn pages.	
Learning or Reading Disability (LD) that affects the ability to read print.	<i>Severe enough learning disability with a physical basis.</i>	



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