

**Sensory Service (Vision Impairment)**

# Using RNIB BOOKSHARE

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* Create physical braille or large print
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If you wish, you can access the [Bookshare training videos](https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/help-center/training-films). Registration can be done without watching the videos. However, these will help you to learn more about RNIB Bookshare.

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**This free app should be downloaded onto the devices that the student uses.** It allows the user to:

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* Perfectly synchronised text and audio lets you read with your eyes and ears
* Add a human sounding voice to text only titles
* Colours, text size and highlights to suit your visual needs
* Copy text from anywhere on your phone and hear it read
* Fully compatible with VoiceOver and TalkBack

[This RNIB Bookshare link explains more about the app and has videos of how it works.](https://www.rnib.org.uk/rnibconnect/easyreader-app)

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[Accessible reading app for Windows designed for students with dyslexia, low vision or blindness](https://yourdolphin.com/en-gb/products/education/easyreader-for-windows)