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An Accessible Online Library

Bookshare® is an online library which is a resource for people with a print disability. Bookshare® is free for qualified U.S. students of any age and schools through an award from OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education). Non-students and other organizations pay a low fee. The books cataloged on this website have many accessibility features. If you cannot read tradi-

tional print books, Bookshare® can help. This website offers the world's largest collection of accessible titles. As a result, people of all ages, as well as schools and many organizations around the globe can access the books they need for school, work, career advancement, skill development and the simple love of reading in formats that work for them.

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How are Books Accessible on Bookshare®?

- Books can be read through text-to-speech software
- Words can be highlighted
- Books can be read directly from an Internet browser
- Digital Braille or enlarged fonts are available

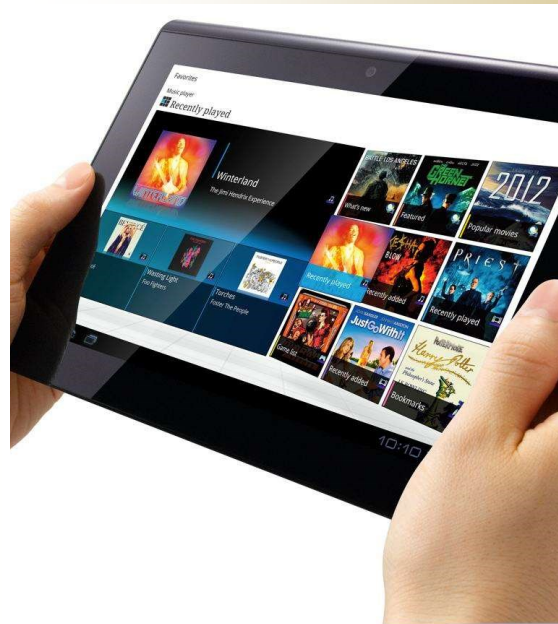
Who Qualifies for Bookshare®?

In order for you to become a member, an expert must confirm that you have a print disability that prevents you from reading traditional print materials. Anyone in the world with a qualifying print disability may join. To qualify, you must have one of the following:

- A visual impairment
- A physical disability that significantly affects use of printed materials
- A learning disability that significantly affects use of printed materials

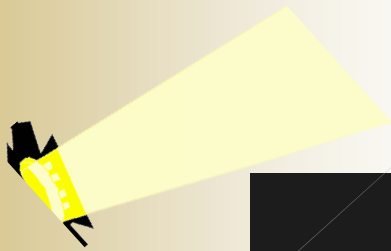
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Agency Spotlight

GentleBrook fosters independence through Employment Readiness, Vocational Services, Supported Employment and Residential Services.

GentleBrook offers assistance to people with Developmental Disabilities through their Employment Hub, Supported Employment and Residential Services. They have a store and café. The Café offerings include: fresh roasted coffee, specialty drinks, a farm-to-table salad bar, freshly made sandwiches, soups, and desserts. The Front Porch Store has items for sale such as furniture and country craft items made by artisans with disabilities. The Front Porch Store and Café is located at 936 W. Maple Street in Hartville, and is open daily.

Other offerings by GentleBrook include:

- Senior Living Services**
- Event Center & Banquet Hall**
- Greenhouse and Nursery**
- Sports Training Center**

More information about GentleBrook can be found on their website: www.gentlebrook.org

GentleBrook

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PAC Meeting

The SST8 PAC Meeting for this month is February 10, 2016 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Topic is: **Self-Advocates: Navigating the System Through our Eyes.** Facilitator: Rachel McMahan Queen, PhD, Outreach Director-Kent State University.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please email Alice Doyle at: aliced@cybersummit.org.



Upcoming Events

- **March PAC Meeting** - March 9, 2016, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Topic: The Early Years
- **SST8 Camp Book** to be released mid-March.
- **April 16, 2016—Summit County Transition Expo at Ohio Means Jobs**, 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave., Akron, OH. 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Admission is free.
- **SST8 Awards Luncheon** by Invitation to be held on May 6, 2016.

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