

# OverDrive Library eBook Accessibility Program (LEAP)

OverDrive is proud to introduce the Library eBook Accessibility Program, or **LEAP**. LEAP offers a free membership with Bookshare to print disabled patrons of OverDrive partner libraries. Qualified patrons can download up to 20 accessible eBooks each month for a full year at no charge! The catalog of accessible eBooks is presently more than 60,000 titles.

## What is OverDrive LEAP?

LEAP is the result of a partnership between OverDrive and Bookshare, a non-profit agency that provides timely eBook access to individuals with print disabilities. LEAP will provide accessible eBooks to print disabled U.S. public library patrons serviced by OverDrive. OverDrive is funding LEAP to qualifying patrons at no cost to libraries and at no cost to patrons.

## How does OverDrive LEAP work?

Patrons with LEAP memberships are provided a user account at Bookshare.org. Bookshare hosts more than 60,000 digital books, textbooks, newspapers and magazines – available in DAISY and BRF formats. These can be used with a variety of accessible devices and free desktop software. The Bookshare catalog is growing each month, accumulating thousands of new titles. However, it is not the identical collection of eBooks that OverDrive supplies to your library.



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**Important information about signing up:**

- Bookshare is available to individuals who have qualifying disabilities, and proof of disability will need to be submitted before services begin. Please watch for your welcome email for information on submitting your library information to Bookshare as proof of disability.

## Who can participate in OverDrive LEAP?

LEAP is open to all patrons of OverDrive eBook libraries. Patrons will need to complete a form for Bookshare to enable their free LEAP account.



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## How do patrons register for OverDrive LEAP?

Libraries that offer LEAP will have LEAP messaging and links displayed on their OverDrive-hosted digital book catalog. Patrons are provided information on how to enter their library card number and enroll in LEAP.

## What does it cost to participate in OverDrive LEAP?

There is **no cost** to your library and **no cost** to the patron for participating in LEAP! Each patron's subscription at Bookshare will be paid by OverDrive for a full year.