

How to Use Bookshare with Kurzweil

Windows - Transcript

Introduction

In this video I will be showing you how to download and read Bookshare Textbooks in Kurzweil. Let's get started!

Step 1 - Searching for Textbooks

Now that you have a Bookshare account, you can begin searching for and downloading your textbooks from Bookshare. This gives you the opportunity to read them in programs like Kurzweil.

1. Search For Your Textbook

- To search for a textbook in Bookshare, click in the search bar at the top of the window.
- Type in either the title, author, or ISBN of your textbook.
 - The ISBN is a 10 or 13 digit number usually found within the first few pages of your textbook.
 - Sometimes Bookshare doesn't recognize the ISBN, so I would suggest searching by title or author first
- When you've typed in the book info, click the little magnifying glass and Bookshare will search for your textbook.
- If your textbook is not available, a no results page will show up.
 - If this is the case, you can always check the author, title, or ISBN number you typed in to make sure it was correct.
- If your book is available, search results will appear.
- When these results show up, scroll down to find your textbook.
- Then, click the link that is the title of your book.
- This will open up a new webpage that has details about your textbook.

2. Download Your Textbook

- Click the drop down menu that is located next to the "Download" button.
- When the menu opens, select either "Daisy with Images" or "Daisy Text Only".
- Then click the "Download" button to the right of the drop down menu.
- This will take you to a new page that shows the progress of your download.
- You will see the status of your download where it says "Status".
- When it is ready, Bookshare will send you an email stating that your textbook is ready for download.

- When the status of your download is labeled “Available”, click the word “Available”.
- Your File Explorer will open.
- The downloaded folder will be a zip folder.
- I would suggest saving the folder in your downloads for now.
- When you’re ready, click the “Save” button.

Step 2 - Reading Bookshare Textbooks in Kurzweil

Your book is now downloaded! But we need to take a few extra steps to make it readable in Kurzweil.

1. Extract Files to Another Folder

- Click on your File Explorer option, which is the folder icon on your taskbar.
- When the window opens, click the “Downloads” folder, and look for the zip file with the title of your book.
- When you have found it, double click to open the file, then click the “Extract all Files” button on the top toolbar.
- A new window will open up.
- Click the “Browse” button to choose where to store your textbook files.
- I would suggest clicking on the “Desktop” option.
- Next, click the “Make New Folder” button at the bottom.
- Rename the folder to be the name of your textbook.
- When you are finished, click the “OK” button.
- Then click the “Extract” button at the bottom of the window.
- A new window will open with your textbook files showing.
- Go ahead and close this window.

Now I will show you how to open your textbook and read it in Kurzweil.

2. Open Kurzweil

- To begin, lets open Kurzweil by clicking the Kurzweil Icon on your desktop.
- After clicking the icon, the first thing you will be asked to give is your Kurzweil username and password. If you have questions about this username and password, please contact Disability Services by emailing disabilityservices@byui.edu.
- When you’re ready, go ahead and type in your username and password.
- Then, click the “Login” button.
- Kurzweil will then open.

3. Find your Textbook Folder

- Once Kurzweil opens, click the “Read” tab in the top left hand corner.
- This will open the reading area of Kurzweil.
- Click the “Open” button in the left toolbar, to open your File Explorer.
- When the window opens, navigate to where your book is located. In this case I put my textbook on my desktop.
- Once you have found the folder for your textbook, double click to open it.
- As you can see, all the files we saw earlier have disappeared, and the only one left is the one we want to open in Kurzweil. You will know it is the right file because it has “.opf” as the extension to the file. This file format is what Bookshare uses for their textbooks.
- When you’re ready, double click on the file, and the book will open up in the kurzweil reading area.

4. View Bookmarks For Your Textbook

- Bookshare usually divides up the book into chapters or sections for you.
- To access these divided chapters or sections, click the bookmark button on the top horizontal toolbar.
- Once you do this, a new window will pop up and you will see the different chapters or sections of your textbook.
- Automatically Kurzweil will select to list the chapters or sections in alphabetical order.
- If you choose Reading Order however, it will list them in numerical order which is the order you would see in the actual book.
- Once you select a chapter or section to read, click the “Go To” button. And Kurzweil will take you directly to that chapter.

5. Begin Reading Your Textbook

- Now you can click where you want to start, and then begin reading by clicking the play button.
- And that’s how you read a Bookshare textbook in Kurzweil.

Conclusion

Thank you for watching this tutorial! You can learn more about Kurzweil by going out to our website at: www.byui.edu/disabilities then search for the Kurzweil Tutorials link.