

## Accessible Books for Children of All Ages Yvonne Locke

As parents and professionals we understand the importance of literacy and reading for all children. For children with visual impairments, it is sometimes challenging to find books that are appropriate in a format that is accessible to them. Below is a list of online resources for electronic books in a variety of formats. Electronic books are books that are accessed through the computer and can be produced in large print, Braille, and/or audio format. Some of these resources are free, some charge a subscription fee, and some require purchases of individual books. Check with your local library to find out about their electronic book resources.

In addition, BESB has electronic books available for all levels. For students with multiple impairments, we also have audio books created in PowerPoint that can be easily activated with a switch. For more information about accessible books, please contact Faith Horter at [faith.horter@ct.gov](mailto:faith.horter@ct.gov). Have fun checking out the following resources with your child:

- Accessible Book Collection  
[www.accessiblebookcollection.org](http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org)
- Book Share  
[www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)
- One More Story  
[www.onemorestory.com](http://www.onemorestory.com)
- Special Education Technology British Columbia  
[www.setbc.org](http://www.setbc.org)
- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
[www.tsbvi.edu/braille/braillebooks.htm](http://www.tsbvi.edu/braille/braillebooks.htm)
- Tumble Books  
[www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)