

# Reading: Digital books



## What is it?

Digital books, also known as e-books, are electronic versions of traditional printed books that are read using digital devices such as e-readers, tablets, smartphones, or computers. These books are typically available in digital formats, and can be downloaded, purchased, or accessed online.

## Why use it?

Digital books enhance accessibility by allowing customization to meet diverse learning needs, such as adjusting font size, color contrast, and using text-to-speech features. They support differentiation by providing multiple formats, including text, audio, and multimedia, catering to different learning styles and proficiency levels. Personalization is facilitated as educators can tailor content to match students' reading levels, interests, and cultural backgrounds. By integrating digital books, educators foster inclusive environments where all students, regardless of their abilities or challenges, can access and engage with the curriculum, thus aligning with UDL principles and promoting equitable access, engagement, and independence.

## How to use it?

Educators can start by selecting digital books that align with their curriculum and cater to diverse student needs, levels, interests, and cultural backgrounds. Features such as adjustable font sizes, color contrasts, and text-to-speech functions should be utilized to improve accessibility. Interactive elements like embedded videos, animations, and quizzes can be incorporated to boost engagement and participation.

## Examples we use in Bellevue School District

- [Sora](#)
- [Epic](#)
- [KCLS](#)
- [NewsELA](#)
- [Pebblego](#)
- [Tumble Books](#)

