

# Council of Citizens with Low Vision International.

## Let's Talk Low Vision show notes Episode 2022 # 1

**Recorded:** Tuesday January 18, 2022

**Topic:** Melt those winter chills by curling up with your TV remote or a good book. We will have four experts presenting on Audio Described TV and various book sources such as Audible, Bookshare, Kindle, and more!

### **Guest Speakers:**

1. Carol Richardson chair of the Audio Description Project:
2. Anthony Camdela, BookShare Outreach Coordinator: and Penny Reeder, long time user of BookShare:
4. Brian Charlson: Retired Vice President of Technology, Carroll Center for the Blind, Vice president of Library Users of America.
5. Paul Edwards, President of Braille Revival League. Both have expertise with Kindle, Audible, Overdrive and other resources.

### **Audio Recording**

This file and the audio recording of the discussion are available at

<https://cclvi.info/book-resources>

### **Audio Description Project:**

<https://adp.acb.org/>

### **Audio TV Description:**

<https://adp.acb.org/tv.html>

### **Streaming Services:**

<https://adp.acb.org/streaming.html>

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## **Victor Reader Stream:**

<https://store.humanware.com/hus/victor-reader-stream-2.html>

## **BookShare:**

<http://www.bookshare.org>

(650) 352-0198

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## **Bookshare Presentation**

### **Slide 1**

Reading Solutions for Individuals with Print Disabilities

### **Slide 2 (Tony and Vanessa)**

Introductions

- Tony Candela – Outreach Coordinator Greater NYC area
- Vanessa Lombardo – Outreach Coordinator Greater NYC area

### **Slide 3 (Tony)**

At Issue:

- Reading is fundamental to learning
- Many people need reading materials in formats other than standard print
- Why is reading important?
  - Strengthens your brain
  - Builds your vocabulary
  - Increases quality of life

### **Slide 4 (Tony)**

The Solution: Bookshare!

What is it?

It's an ebook library that makes reading easier.

People with reading barriers such as dyslexia, blindness, and physical disabilities can read in ways that work for them.

### **Slide 5 (Tony)**

Bookshare Offers...

- 900,000+ titles!

All are available in multiple formats,  
including audio, braille & highlighted text

- Books for assigned and pleasure reading
  - textbooks
- Books for upskilling (how-to books)

- Adult Membership - \$50.00 per calendar year
- K-12 and College students

covered under grant from Office of Special Education Programs

- Customized reading on nearly any device

### **Slide 6 (Tony)**

Who Qualifies?

- Kids in elementary and high school
- College students
- NLS-NY and Learning Ally can qualify you
- Competent authority
- Blind, Dyslexic, physical limitations
- Copyright Law
- Marrakesh Treaty

### **Slide 7 (Tony)**

Types of Devices

- Reading Tools Wizard
- Laptop
  - Web reader (read now button)
  - iBooks
- Smart Phone or Tablet
  - Voice Dream Reader app (\$14.99)
  - Dolphin Easy Reader app
  - Capti Voices app
- Assistive Technology Device
  - Braillenote
  - Victor Reader Stream
  - NLS player

### **Slide 8 (Tony)**

Partnerships

- NYPL Partnership – Andrew Heiskill Library
- Also in partnership in the Albany Talking Book and Braille Library
- Contact the library at [talkingbooks@nypl.org](mailto:talkingbooks@nypl.org) or call general # (212) 206-5400
- Same as Downloading from BARD

## **Slide 9 (Tony)**

### Get Help and Support

- Take advantage of online training and resources:
  - Help Center: get answers to common questions
  - Learning Center: videos and how-to guides
- Ask the Bookshare user community
- Get live help via phone (1-650-352-0198) or email, M-F, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. PT
- Connect with Bookshare on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube

## **Slide 10 (Tony)**

### Bookshare Book Club and Webinar Series

- <https://blog.bookshare.org/2020/03/solve-mystery-bookshare-book-club/>
- <https://www.bookshare.org/cms/help-center/learning-center/webinars>
- Reading For All:
  - Parts 2 and 3 October 20th and November 10th

## **Slide 11 Tony**

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### **Kindle:**

[https://www.amazon.com/b/?node=6669702011&tag=mh0b-20&hvadid=78546389742659&hvgmt=e&hvbm=be&hvdev=c&ref=pd\\_sl\\_6itck04yqx\\_e](https://www.amazon.com/b/?node=6669702011&tag=mh0b-20&hvadid=78546389742659&hvgmt=e&hvbm=be&hvdev=c&ref=pd_sl_6itck04yqx_e)

### **Audible:**

<https://www.audible.com/>

**Learning Ally:**

<https://learningally.org/>

**Over Drive:**

<https://www.overdrive.com/>

**Voice Dream Reader:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/voice-dream-reader/id496177674>

**Federal Communication Commission:**

<https://www.fcc.gov/>

**FCC Complaints - People with Disabilities:**

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/204231424-Accessibility-Complaint-Filing-Categories>

**Audio Description Complaint:**

<https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/4412582232980-Need-Help-with-an-Affordable-Connectivity-Program-ACP-or-Emergency-Broadband-Benefit-EBB-complaint>

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[https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket\\_form\\_id=38824](https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=38824)