



# Making Literacy Accessible for All

*Access to literacy should not be a privilege, but a basic human right. Yet today, there are millions of people who are denied this right because they cannot read text, see images, or manage traditional books due to disabilities. Benetech strives to make literacy accessible to all by leveraging technology to remove the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from reading and learning.*

## Providing New and Better Ways to Read

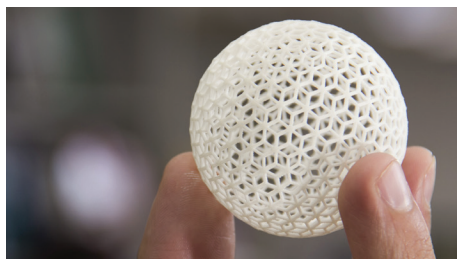
At Benetech, we put people with disabilities at the center of our work. We have developed a deep understanding of the challenges that people with disabilities, such as blindness, visual impairment, severe dyslexia, and physical disabilities, face when they try to access traditional printed material. We collaborate with a global network of partners to build technologies and processes that are changing how people with disabilities learn today and in the future.



### Bookshare

#### *Making Reading Accessible*

Bookshare is the world's largest library of accessible ebooks and lets people with visual, physical, and learning disabilities like dyslexia read in ways that work for them.



### DIAGRAM

#### *Building New Paths to Accessibility*

DIAGRAM is a research and development center that creates tools, standards, and best practices to support different learning needs.



### Born Accessible

#### *Creating Accessible Books from the Start*

Born Accessible is a partnership with publishers and content creators to help them build accessibility into books when they are first created.

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# Changing How People with Disabilities Learn Today and in the Future



- Online library with accessible titles for school, career, and pleasure
- Supports people with visual, physical, and learning disabilities
- Listen to books, follow along with highlighted text, read in braille, and more
- Read on a computer, tablet, mobile phone, or MP3 player
- Free for qualified U.S. students and schools

***"Bookshare is a door opener... I wouldn't have been able to make it this far. I would have probably been held back in the third or fourth grade."***

- Student with a learning disability



- R&D center that creates tools, standards, and best practices to support different learning needs for complex subjects
- Supports people across a wide spectrum of disabilities
- Engages diverse communities and disseminates knowledge to advance the field of accessibility

***"For the first time, I know what a double helix means."***

- Adult with visual impairment using a 3D STEM model



- Partnership with publishers and content creators to build accessibility into newly created books
- Provides tools and templates to help publishers build in accessibility
- Provides consultation to publishing supply chain

***"As we see with curb ramps, closed captioning, and Siri — all of which make the world accessible for people with disabilities — the push to ensure that every book is born accessible stands to revolutionize the way content will be consumed by all."***

- Director of Content Acquisition, Benetech

## Who Is Benetech?

Benetech is a nonprofit technology company that builds solutions to address big social challenges neglected by for-profit companies. Our work has transformed how over 400,000 people with disabilities read, made it safer for human rights defenders around the world to document crimes against humanity, and equipped conservationists to protect ecosystems and species in more than 150 countries.

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