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TO: Local Educational Agency Digital Rights Managers

FROM: Indiana Center for Accessible Materials (ICAM)

SUBJECT: ICAM Offers Local Educational Agencies Access to Recording for the Blind and Dyslexia (RFB&D) Repository

The Indiana Center for Accessible Materials (ICAM) is pleased to announce that the PATINS Project, a grant initiative from the Indiana Department of Education/Office of Differentiated Learners, has entered into an agreement with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, to provide greater access to instructional materials for students who have a certified print disability. All Indiana schools have access to these RFB&D materials through the ICAM. This access is available through the ICAM at no cost to Indiana local educational agencies and covers textbooks and trade books (novels).

Indiana's education administrators, general and special education teachers, and families will find the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic to be of particular importance to qualified print disabled students who need access to audio file alternate format(s) of standard print instructional material.

This statewide initiative is intended to assist local educational agencies as they strive to support the individual reading accommodations needed for students. The accessibility to the library and teacher resources will enable your district the greatest amount of flexibility in providing reading related accommodations to your students at school.

Frequently Asked Questions

Please read the following FAQs for more information regarding how to access the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) library for your district and for other valuable information about RFB&D and available training opportunities.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. How does a school district access the ICAM provided *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic*?

A. Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Access will be available to Indiana's school districts through a superintendent designated ICAM Digital Rights Manager (DRM) who is registered. The Digital Rights Manager (DRM) will be able to acquire access to auditory files for ICAM registered students. Those files will be available to students through district acquired hardware and software approved to operate the RFB&D audio files. **Navigate your browser to <http://www.icam.k12.in.us> . The library link is located on RFB&D page on the Tools and Download Tab. Access to RFB&D to make requests is available to the DRM in the "select title" step of the ICAM request process. The DRM will need their additional RFB&D login and password as well as the material information from a completed ICAM form 3A and B.**

Q. What are some of the unique features of *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) Access*?

A. Unique features of RFB&D Access are:

- Taps into a variety of reading comprehension strategies to support learning across the curriculum;
- Provides access to general education curriculum materials for all struggling readers, including print disabled students with Individual Educational Plans; and
- Complies with federal education regulations that require students with an identified print disability have access to educational curriculum materials.
- DAISY enabled downloads for seamless navigation.

Q. Which students are best served by accessing the RFB&D program?

A. This program is designed to meet the needs of certified students with a print disability who require an accessible audio format of standard print material as a result of the case conference committee decisions.

Q. Will Section 504 students be able to access RFB&D through the ICAM?

A. At this time no, however the local educational agencies with students that are on a section 504 plan may access the RFB&D library by paying for a membership or using their pre existing membership.

Q. What type of reading supports does *RFB&D Access* provide?

A. *RFB&D* allows the student struggling with all reading strategies to listen to text by audio format(s) and therefore provides access to the text content. *RFB&D* is also effective for students with physical disabilities who cannot hold or turn pages of a standard print book.

Q. Can *RFB&D Access* be used by the student at home?

A. The local school corporation may choose to send one of their eligible cd copies that the local educational agency has produced for home use with an approved hardware or software. **Note:** Downloads can be burned to CD and synced of the approved hardware devices an unlimited amount of times.

Q. What are the accessible technologies needed for students to access audio files from *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D)*?

A. *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic Access* will run on the following authorized hardware and software:

- Victor Reader Stream, Wave, and Classic
- Classmate
- Victor Reader Software
- Dolphin Easy Reader Software
- Eclipse Software

Q. Are the *Read:OutLoud Universal Access* and the *Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic* compatible?

A. No, at this time they are not as Read Out Loud only reads digital files.

Q. What file formats can be utilized with *RFB&D Access*?

A. The RFB&D files are DAISY formatted files that are delivered in audio files

Q. What can we expect for size of the files received and will some bandwidths be affected?

A. Audio files are larger than TXT. files. Some commonly used files can have sizes about 471 mb and larger so downloading a file may affect the bandwidth before the file is converted into a student accessible format.

Q. What if my district already has a site license with RFB&D?

A. The ICAM agreement can expand your access of to ANY print disabled student, in a variety of school environment.

Q. What if my school district already has a Victor Reader Stream(s)?

A. The ICAM agreement will allow you to send those into RFB&D to receive the UAK key. Please contact Ellen Gallagher (egallagher@rfd.org) at RFB&D for instructions.

Q. Where can I get more information and training on this software?

A. A Getting Started Tutorial live webinar is available to DRMs on the following Tuesdays at 3PM(EST)

September 22

September 29

October 6

October 13

To sign up for one of the trainings at www.icam.k12.in.us the information is located under the News and Update There is a an RFB&D Tab located on the Tools and Download Tab with further information and recorded trainings at the ICAM website.

A. Contact your PATINS Regional Site Coordinator for assistance and on-site training opportunities. Visit the PATINS web site for Regional Site Coordinator contact information <http://www.patinsproject.com>