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Bureau of Special Education FY'18 Memo #33

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To: Superintendents of Schools  
Special Education Directors

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Educational Improvement  
Bureau of Special Education

Re: Bookshare In-Depth Professional Development Workshop

The New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), Bureau of Special Education (Bureau) is sponsoring "**How Bookshare Can Help Your Students with Reading Barriers**", an in-depth professional development workshop presented by Christine Jones from Bookshare.

When: The "How Bookshare Can Help Your Students with Reading Barriers" workshop will be offered on the following days and times:

- Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Tobey Building Conference Room
- Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Tobey Building Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, Tobey Building Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018, 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Tobey Building Conference Room

Workshop Summary: To succeed and become lifelong learners, students with dyslexia, reading disabilities, visual impairments, or other reading barriers need materials in formats other than print. Come and learn about Bookshare (bookshare.org), the world's largest e-book library for people who need to read differently. Brought to you by the nonprofit Benetech (benetech.org), Bookshare is free for all qualified U.S. students of any age, thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). More than 500,000 members enjoy access to Bookshare's extensive collection of 615,000 titles and read in ways that work for them. Members can listen to books in audio, following along with audio and highlighted text, or read in large type or braille, on Chromebooks, iPads/iPhones, MP3 players, other assistive devices and computers. See Bookshare books being read on several platforms and learn about the many recent improvements to Bookshare that make it easier than ever to use. You'll leave with the tools you need to help your qualified students become successful readers!

Suggested Attendees: Special education directors, special education teachers who work with students who have print disabilities, related services professionals who support students with print disabilities, library media coordinators/specialists, reading and writing specialists/teachers, education technology integrators,

About the Presenter: Christine Jones, MBA, is a Senior Education Program Manager at Benetech, a nonprofit focused on empowering communities with software for social good. She has nearly three decades of experience in nonprofit program management, education, and technology marketing. In her current role, she interacts extensively with professionals who support students with reading barriers. In addition to promoting Bookshare, a free e-book library for students who read differently, Christine partners with state education leaders and other organizations to bring about improved outcomes for these students. Christine earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Where: **Tobey Building Conference Room**, 45 South Fruit Street, Concord. Enter State office park on Industrial Drive across from Memorial Field and take first left onto Tobey Road, then right onto Brown Rd. Park in the Visitor Parking spaces or around the building in the overflow parking area. The overflow parking area is past the picnic tables, follow the roadway and it becomes the overflow parking lot. The Meeting Entrance is to the right of the Main Entrance. The door sits back from the sidewalk and there is a granite block with the words "**New Hampshire WORKS**" on it.

Registration: Please register using this link <https://goo.gl/forms/WzGoVxF6sL7g2HPn2>  
Registration is limited to 30 participants per session. Participants must bring a wi-fi capable device (laptop, Chromebook, or tablet). For questions about registration, please contact **Shari Silver** at [shari.silver@doe.nh.gov](mailto:shari.silver@doe.nh.gov) or **603-271-0818**