



AccessText Network Update

AHEAD Annual Conference
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Agenda

- AccessText Overview
- Publisher Perspective
- DSS Perspective

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The AccessText Network

A publisher-sanctioned portal for colleges to request textbook files and permissions on behalf of post-secondary students with print-related disabilities.

- Established by the Association of American Publishers
- Operated by the University System of Georgia
- Initial funding from Pearson, Cengage, McGraw-Hill, Wiley, WW Norton, Elsevier, Macmillan, and CQ Press

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AccessText Features

- Sign up once to access multiple publishers
- Simple web-based request system
- Obtain publisher files faster
- Timely publisher files means less scanning
- Easily track requests and create useful reports
- Support available from publishers and AccessText staff

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AccessText Advisory Committee

- 12 committee members
 - 7 DSS representatives
 - 5 Publisher representatives
- 2 alternate DSS members
- Two year term for DSS members ends February, 2011
- Send DSS member nominations to:
membership@accesstext.org

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Since AHEAD 2009

- July '09: Began accepting membership applications
- August 24: Application launches!
- September: Over 500 DSS members
- January '10: 10,000th request processed
- March: F.A. Davis Company joins AccessText
- May: Over 800 DSS members
- June: Accepting memberships for FY11

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Beta Year Stats

- 820 DSS Members
- 4 Alternate Media centers representing 200 schools
- Eight active member publishers
- 16,000+ requests processed
- Average 4 day response for publisher files
- 80% PDF files

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Publisher Perspective

- AAP Critical Issues Task Force (CITF)

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DSS Perspective

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DSS Membership Process

- Complete Online Form
- Watch Orientation Video
- Receive Access to the Application
- Start Making Requests!

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Who can sign up?
- How much does it cost?
- Which students are qualified?
- Can I request a file before the student has purchased the book?
- Can I keep files for use by other qualified students?
- What formats can I request and what will I receive?
- How will I receive files and how long does it usually take?
- What if a title I need isn't in the system?

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Upcoming Services

- Hosted File Exchange
- Federated Search

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What To Do Now

- Sign-up or Renew Membership online
- Visit us at Exhibit Hall Booth 48
- Join our Mailing List

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The AccessText Network

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Thank you!


