

Don't miss out on a **FREE** online reading resource: <https://tarheelreader.org/>

### What is Tar Heel Reader?

Tar Heel Reader is a collection of free, easy to read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. It was developed by Dr. Karen Erickson of the Center for Literacy and Disability Studies in the Department of Allied Health Sciences and Dr. Gary Bishop of the Department of Computer Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Tar Heel Reader books are easily accessible through computers and iPads and through a variety of interfaces including touch screens, switches, and custom overlays. Tar Heel Reader was originally designed to allow students with significant challenges to have access to a large collection of books. [CHECK IT OUT!!!!](#)

### Who could benefit from this? All students!!!!

- Younger students as it reads the text to them, allows for preferred topics, and creates independence.
- Older students who need age appropriate topics, but on an appropriate reading level.
- Students who need to access books through AAC options. (ex. switches)
- Students who love to access the iPad. Tar Heel Reader books provide another avenue for teachers to engage students with preferred topics in a book format online.
- Students who like to write and publish their own stories.
- Students who need access to additional reading experiences.

### Tar Heel Reader:

- Works with guided access on the iPad. (Meaning you can lock the user in the app.)
- Works with a variety of switches. (You might need a switch interface.)
- Allows you to make your own books with your own photos.
- Can be used to write simple social narratives in book format.
- Has a wide variety of books already created.
- Has free registration. (Registration is not required, but if you want to save and access your favorite books you will need to register.)
- Books can be translated into other languages.
- Books can be dropped in to [iBooks on the iPad](#).

[Tar Heel Overview](#)

[YouTube Video: Tar Heel Reader Creation and Why?](#)

[YouTube Video: Using Tar Heel Reader to Meet Standards.](#)

[YouTube Directions to Use on iPad.](#)

[How to put Tar Heel Reader on the iPad.](#)

[YouTube Video: Example of a Student Made Book and Instructions](#)

[Tar Heel Reader frequently asked questions and how to get a free access code to register.](#)

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