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We have all heard of the idea of Universal Design. This concept can be applied in a multitude of ways. The way I understand Universal Design is that when you make something, build something, design something, OR publish something, everyone should be able to use what you have produced. If everyone practiced this motto then everyone has access.

To apply this idea to publishers it is in my personal opinion that every book and textbook should come with an audio and/or text file. This is the concept of Universal Design. Thus everyone would have to buy a hard copy of a book which would include an audio and/or text file. This one book could then satisfy the needs of any buyer. The idea of Universal Design should become the standard, rather than allowing and accepting the minimal.