

DAISY Standard

- Default standard used by libraries serving persons with disabilities around the world
- The DAISY Consortium has 106 members in 35 countries

EPUB 3 Key Accessibility Features

- Enriched semantic structure
- Support for synthesized speech pronunciation
- Navigation document that allows readers to quickly move through the structure of the book
- Support for synchronized audio and text enabled through "Media Overlays"
- DAISY and EPUB Standard are converging
- Reading experience already enjoyed by the many readers of DAISY Digital Talking Books around the world

The DAISY Consortium and EPUB 3

- The DAISY Consortium has played an integral part in the development of EPUB 3
- The DAISY Consortium fully endorses this specification
- Plans are underway to implement EPUB 3 as a distribution format as quickly as possible
- The DAISY Consortium will advocate for EPUB 3 content which has the features and functions necessary to make the publication fully accessible

To-Do List

- Updates to open source tools
- Best Practice Guidelines
- Improvements to EPUB-check
- Sample materials and technique documents
- Develop a mechanism to determine conformance levels in both reading systems and content

Opportunities

- New partnership opportunities will emerge for DAISY Members and Friends as they have the expertise to evaluate both content and players for accessibility
- Increased number of DAISY reading systems potentially moving into the mainstream
- A single standard will meet the information and reading needs of all consumers