

## Options for Getting Textbooks in Alternative Format: “Self Service”

### What do we mean by a “self -service” option?

Most electronic devices (laptop, tablet, smartphone) have the capability to read aloud text that appears on the screen. If a textbook is available for purchase in digital format, students may be able to use a built-in or free text-to-speech program to have the book read aloud.

#### Advantages:

- x The book can be accessed in alternative format as soon as it's downloaded (no need to wait for Disability Services to provide the book in MP3).
- x Voice and speaking rate of the text-to-speech program are adjustable.
- x Most text-to-