

Implementation and license terms

SensusLibrary is available as a standard version and as customized implementations. A standard version of SensusLibrary is subject to a fixed one-time implementation and license fee and an annual support and maintenance fee.

A customized implementation of SensusLibrary is subject to a one-time license fee and an annual support and maintenance fee. Based on a requirement specification, a fixed implementation price can be quoted.

Standard versions as well as customized implementations of SensusLibrary can be hosted by Sensus or implemented locally on hardware and software provided by the client. Hosting is subject to an annual hosting fee.

In order to have access to the SensusAccess conversion capabilities from within SensusLibrary, a subscription to the SensusAccess service is required.

Access to a library meta database may be subject to additional cost.

About Sensus

SensusLibrary is developed by Sensus ApS, a research-based consultancy organization with more than 25 years of experience in digital accessibility and inclusion technology. Based in Denmark, Sensus ApS is also the developer of SensusAccess and the award-winning RoboBraille® service.

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digital library for alternate media





SensusLibrary at a glance

SensusLibrary is a digital library for alternate media such as digital Braille, audio books in MP3 and DAISY format, e-books, movies and more. In principle, anything that can be stored in a file can be managed by SensusLibrary. In addition to digital assets, SensusLibrary can manage tangible assets such as tactile maps and illustrations.

The standard implementation of SensusLibrary includes four different types of users: Primary users, secondary users, administrative users and guest users. Primary users need to qualify for access in accordance with the copyright legislation of the country or region in which the library is implemented.

Secondary users are defined as relatives, teachers and professionals working with the primary users. Each secondary user must be linked to a primary user in order to be granted access. Administrative users include alternate media professionals and system administrators. Guest users can browse the library but only access non-copyrighted material.

SensusLibrary search and retrieve

SensusLibrary consumers may search the digital library using both simple and advanced search functions. Once a particular title has been located, users can review available alternative versions and order an electronic copy.

SensusLibrary supports two direct delivery methods and one indirect: Smaller files can be delivered directly through email whereas larger files need to be retrieved via download. Alternatively, the user can select to have documents delivered through the automated alternate media conversion service, SensusAccess, thus expanding the available formats beyond what is actually stored in the library. SensusLibrary can also manage tactile illustrations and other tangible assets, informing the system administrator in case users request copies of these to be sent by ordinary mail.

If a piece of material is not available in alternate format, users can place a request and be notified when it becomes available. Volunteers are also able to contribute digital material into the library.



SensusLibrary is a digital library for alternate media. As a companion to the SensusAccess alternate media conversion solution, SensusLibrary allows educational institutions, rehabilitation centers, disability organizations and resource centers to create and manage digital libraries for people with print impairments.

A demonstration version of SensusLibrary is available at www.SensusLibrary.com. Please contact Sensus to have your own demonstration account created.

Administrators must approve such contributions before they are made available in SensusLibrary.

Alternative media producers and administrators can create new titles and upload available alternatives of these titles to SensusLibrary. Rather than having to type substantial amounts of meta data, available meta data can be retrieved from library databases by merely supplying the ISBN number of the title. The American version of SensusLibrary is integrated with the US Library of Congress meta database through the Z39.50 protocol.

To prevent abuse and copyright infringement, all activities are logged and material is made available to users with strict stipulations on acceptable use.

Implementing SensusLibrary

SensusLibrary can be used in a variety of contexts and for multiple purposes. As examples, SensusLibrary may be implemented as a digital library for an educational institution, rehabilitation center or disability organization.

SensusLibrary may also be used as a platform for collaboration amongst multiple institutions, such as universities and community colleges in a region, or special schools in a country. Furthermore, SensusLibrary can be used as the foundation for internal repositories of alternate media at academic institutions or the solution may be used to extend the capabilities of existing libraries, learning management systems, online platforms or document repositories.

Integration to SensusAccess

SensusLibrary is tightly integrated with the SensusAccess alternate media conversion service.

Consequently, documents from the library can be converted on-the-fly by SensusAccess to meet the alternate media requirements of print impaired users.

The SensusLibrary/SensusAccess integration is also available as a component for implementation in learning management systems, online platforms, digital libraries and document repositories.