



## Tales 2 Go Audiobooks: Desktop/Laptop Access Instructions

AEA 11 is excited to announce the addition of Tales2Go audiobooks to the Mackin VIA ebook site, [www.mackin.com/via](http://www.mackin.com/via). Tales2Go is an award-winning product that streams thousands of titles from leading publishers and storytellers to desktop/laptop computers. You'll find popular titles and some old favorites. All have professional narration.

**ACCESS:** This initial subscription is just for elementary and junior high/middle schools. High school access may be added later.

1. Log in to the VIA ebook website, [www.mackin.com/via](http://www.mackin.com/via), and enter the school online database username/password. You do not need to choose your school in the top box.
2. Click Databases and you'll see the Tales2Go logo, click on the logo, then Read Now.

**CLASSROOM DESKTOP COMPUTERS:** If your classroom has just a few desktop/laptop computers that students share, you may want to create a system for students to track their reading usage. Some elementary schools in Minnesota that have used Tales2Go for a while use a log system. They have a notebook by the classroom desktop/laptop and the students log the title of the story and the minute that they stopped their reading.

**ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP SCHOOL:** If each student has their own laptop they will also log in with the school online database username/password. Because they will be listening from their personal laptop, the students can create bookmarks and maintain a list of favorites.

**HOME:** We encourage students to access Tales2Go from their home computer. Be careful how you advertise to parents (i.e. website, newsletter), as you don't want to publicly share the school username/password.

**SPANISH:** Do a search for Spanish and you'll find 23 titles. More foreign language titles will be added next school year.

**WHY:** Audiobooks have been used in classrooms for decades because listening builds critical listening, comprehension and fluency skills. Oral language precedes written language (i.e. developmentally), making listening an important component of language acquisition. In fact, there are reading methods such as The Daily 5 that include listening as a component of reading instruction. Also, the Common Core Standards spell out specific Listening and Speaking skills required of all primary grade students.

Tales2Go will be another effective resource to support literacy instruction. Some students may want to check out the book from the school or public library and follow along as they listen to the book. If you are looking for audiobooks that also include the text, don't forget BookFLIX, TrueFLIX, and the audiobooks (cassette or CD) and accompanying books available for checkout from AEA11.

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