# Tools for **Differentiated Instruction**

EBSCO offers several tools to support differentiated instruction in elementary, middle and high school classrooms, both through the searching process and in the delivery of content itself.

## Text-to-Speech for HTML and PDF Articles

Powered by ReadSpeaker, EBSCO's Text-to-Speech feature helps struggling readers, auditory learners and those developing English-language proficiency. Text-to-speech, which reads articles and passages out loud, also provides teachers with an alternative content delivery option.

Text-to-Speech is available in EBSCOhost, Explora and EBSCO Discovery Service. By clicking the headset icon in the Tools Menu, users can:

- Listen to a full-text article
- Download the audio to an MP3 file
- · Adjust volume and playback speed

#### Coming soon:

- Set preferred speaking accent (American, Australian or British)
- Highlight passage to have read aloud (as opposed to whole article)

## **Lexile Reading Levels**

The Common Core State Standards promote increasing text complexity to help students build on literacy success and challenge themselves with more complex texts. Several EBSCO databases include Lexile measures, or reading levels, in citation information. Key benefits of Lexiles:

- Provide educators with an estimate of the result's reading difficulty and the approximate grade-level reading ability required for comprehension
- Suit the needs of students with varying reading abilities and interests
- Provide alternative choices to accommodate individualized education programs (IEPs)

### **Multilingual Support**

The EBSCOhost and Explora interfaces can be translated into multiple languages to support multilingual users and English Language Learners. The interfaces themselves can be translated into 30 different languages, and HTML full text can be translated into more than 100 languages.

