

Individual Application for Talking Book and Large Print Library Services

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Free Library Service for Institutions

Please print and complete all pages of this application. Records relating to the use of library materials which contain names or other personally identifying details are confidential.

Application: Please print or type

Name (Last, Middle, First) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Birth date _____ Sex _____

Person to be contacted about your service if you can not be reached

Name _____ Telephone _____

Eligibility

Residency or U.S. Citizenship

Eligible readers must be residents of the United States, including the several states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia; or, American citizens domiciled abroad.

___ **Veterans:** By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Eligibility and Certification

Please check the primary reason that you are eligible to receive talking books.

___ **Blindness** *[See #1 below]

Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, *is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

____ **Visual Impairment** * [See #1 below]

Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority* as preventing the reading of standard printed material.

____ **Physical Disability** [See #1 below]

Persons certified by competent authority* as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.

____ **Reading Disability** [See #2 below]

Persons certified by competent authority** as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.

____ **Deaf-Blind**

In addition to any of the conditions above, do you also have a hearing impairment? If yes, indicate the degree of hearing loss:

____ Moderate (some difficulty hearing and understanding speech); ____ Profound (cannot hear or understand speech)

Criteria for Certifying Authority

1. *In cases of blindness, visual disability, or physical limitation, “competent authority” is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.
2. **In the case of reading disability from organic dysfunction, “competent authority” is defined as **doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy** who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

To Be Completed By Certifying Authority

I certify that the applicant named has requested library services and is unable to read or use standard material for the reason indicated above.

Name _____

Title/Occupation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Reading Preferences

Reading Materials

What type(s) of reading materials do you want?

___ Books ___ Magazines ___ Descriptive Videos ___ *Scores, instruction or magazines about music

In what formats would you like to receive these materials?

___ Recorded cassettes ___ Large Print ___ Digital Cartridge ___ Braille**

*Materials about music provided from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

** Braille Materials provided from the Perkins School for the Blind

Reading Equipment

Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with recorded reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the issuing agency.

Depending upon the formats specified above, we will lend you a standard cassette and/or digital cartridge player.

If you require any other specialized equipment or accessories, please specify

Frequency of Service

Most users are on a "return" system whereby each time they return a book we send another.

Check here if you would like to receive books on this system: ___

How many books would you like to receive on this basis? _____

Book Selection (check one)

___ The library may select books for me based on the reading preferences checked below.

___ Send only the specific titles I will request. Do not select books for me. (Note: You must borrow books regularly in order to remain active in the program and continue to use the equipment that has been loaned to you.)

Reading Content

Do you want: ___ Adult books ___ Young Adult Books ___ Children's Books (grade ___)

Check if you do **NOT** wish to receive books that contain:

___ Strong language ___ Violence ___ Descriptions of Sex

In which languages do you want to receive books? English Spanish French
Other (specify _____)

Fiction

- Adventure
- Animal Stories
- Bestsellers
- Black Interests
- Children's Stories Classics
- Family Stories
- Gothic Novels
- Historic Novels
- Humor
- Jewish Interests
- Maine Authors
- Modern Novels
- Mystery & Spy
- Occult/Horror
- Romance
- Science Fiction
- Short Stories
- War Stories
- Westerns

Non Fiction

- Adventure
- About Music
- Bestsellers
- Biographies
- Black Interests
- Business
- Cooking
- Current Events
- Disabilities
- Essays & Literature
- Fine Arts
- Government/Politics
- Health
- History
- Homemaking
- Humor
- Jewish Interests
- Maine Authors/subjects
- Occult/Paranormal
- Philosophy
- Plays
- Poetry
- Psychology
- Politics & Government
- Religion (specify)_____
- Science
- Sports
- Travel
- War

Please indicate any other type of books or favorite authors that interest you. Be as specific as possible.

Publications

If you apply for Talking Books, you will automatically receive the Talking Books Topics (bimonthly). Please check the reading format you prefer:

Large Print Cassette Computer disc