

Application for free library service: Institutions

Mail application to: State Library of Louisiana, Talking Books and Braille Library, 701 N. 4th St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. Fax application to: 225.342.6817. For further Information call: 800.543.4702 or 225.342.0035

Please print or type

Name of Institution: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Parish: _____

Contact name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Extension: _____

Cell phone: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Number of readers unable to read standard print material who will be served.
Individuals can be included in more than one category:

_____ Talking book readers _____ Large print readers _____ Braille readers

_____ By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans.
Please indicate the number of readers who have been honorably discharged
from the Armed Forces of the United States.

Type of Institution

- Hospital Public Library Nursing Home Correctional Facility
- Public or Private School (Each new student must be individually certified using the **Certification for Eligible Student** form. This is only done **one time per student**. A listing of all student names and disabilities must be provided **each school year** on the **Annual Student Listing** form. Please note that in the case of a student with a reading disability, certification must be made by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.)
- Other _____

Books, equipment and other services

Please check the box for any item or service you wish to receive:

- Talking Books on digital cartridge and a digital player**
Select one of the players below.
 - Standard: Has controls to play, stop, rewind, fast forward, and adjust the volume, tone, speed.
 - Advanced: Has additional controls to set and retrieve bookmarks and navigate through the book by chapter, phrase or bookmark.
 - High volume player and headphones (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for a separate application.)
- Large Print books** - Available in 14 point size type or above.
- Braille books** - Service is provided through Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled.
- NFB Newslines service** - Have local and national newspapers and popular magazines read to you over the telephone.
- Download service (BARD)** - Must have a computer with high-speed internet, and an email address. A refreshable Braille device is needed for digital Braille books. BARD app is available for Apple and Android devices.
- Online catalog service** - Register for a login to view your request list and reading preferences, do searches, order books and link to the BARD website. Access the entire collection of audio, large print and Braille books.
- Big Books** - Large format, illustrated children's picture books.
- Magazines** - Popular audio and Braille magazines on digital cartridge. You will receive the *Talking Book Topics* catalog that lists available magazines.
- Pillow speakers** - For readers confined to bed.
- Music** - Instructional recordings, Braille, large print music scores and magazines. (Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program.)

Return of Equipment

Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible patrons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used for reading recorded materials provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, please return it to the issuing agency.

Confidentiality

The information obtained on this application is required to establish eligibility for free library services. This application is a library record and as such, its information is considered to be confidential.

Reading preferences

Select the type of book service you desire (**check all that apply**).

- We want to select our own books.** I will send the library requests from catalogs, *Talking Book Topics*, *Braille Book Review*, or other sources.
- We would like the library to select books for us.** My reading interests are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal stories | <input type="checkbox"/> History, United States | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers, fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> History, world | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance, historical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers, non-fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries, cozy | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult | <input type="checkbox"/> True crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness and diet | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> War stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government and Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |

Please send me books every:

- Day Week Bi-weekly Monthly Upon request

I **do not** wish to receive books that contain:

- Explicit sex Extreme violence Frequent profanity

The reading level most appropriate for me is:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 6-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 3-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 2-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 9-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 4-7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades Pre K-2 |

My preferred language for reading is: English Other _____

Other reading interests or favorite authors:

- How did you hear about our service? Friend/Family Internet/Social Media
- Radio Ad TV Ad Other Ad Consumer/Support Group Event/Expo
- Librarian Lighthouse for the Blind School Vocational Rehab Center
- Other Occupational Therapy Healthcare Professional Veterans Affairs
- Other (specify) _____

To be Completed by a Certifying Authority

See definition of certifying authority below

I certify that this institution serves persons who are unable to read standard print material because of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitation. I further certify that the reading material will be used by such persons only.

Please print or type:

Name of Administrator: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

Street : _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Agreement

It is the responsibility of this institution to:

1. Keep track of the materials being used by eligible residents of the institution.
2. Return books within the 30-day loan period or call to renew.
3. Notify the library of contact name, address, phone number or email changes.
4. Take reasonable care of materials and machines.
5. Return all equipment to the library when it is no longer being used.

I understand the above responsibilities and agree this institution will follow them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A scanned or faxed signature is acceptable.

Definition of "Certifying Authority"

In cases of **blindness, visual impairment or physical disability**, certifying authorities include doctors of medicine or osteopathy, optometrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, professional staff of hospitals, institutions and public agencies (e.g., social workers, counselors or rehabilitation teachers). 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.

In the case of a reading disability, the certifying authority must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines. In this case, include either the **Certification for Eligible Student** form (for schools) or the **Certification of Eligibility** form (for other institutions).