

Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library

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Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

Please complete this application and send it to the Taylor Community Library.

Please print or type:

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ County: Wayne State: MI ZIP: _____

Telephone (Daytime): _____ Date of birth: _____

Telephone (Evening): _____ Gender: Male Female

E-mail address: _____

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Please check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading regular printed material. See definitions under eligibility criteria. Check only one box.

Blindness **Physical handicap** **Deaf-blindness**

Visual handicap **Reading disability**

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities 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.

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading materials are confidential except for those portions defined by local law as public information. To find out the extent to which the information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, consult the Braille and Talking Book Librarian at the Taylor Community Library.

Eligibility of Blind and Other Physically Handicapped Persons for Loan of Library Materials

The following persons are eligible for service: Residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad.

1. 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.
2. Other physically handicapped persons are eligible as follows:
 - (a) Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of regular printed material.
 - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use regular printed material because of physical limitations.
 - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent reading regular printed material in a conventional manner.

Certifying authority:

- In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" includes doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or private 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.
- In the case of a 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 (Definitions of certifying authority are listed above.) I certify that the named applicant requesting library service is unable to read or use regular printed material for the reason indicated on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or type:

Name _____

Title and occupation _____ Organization _____

Street address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers

Veterans. According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials.

Institutions. Institutions such as schools, residential care facilities, hospitals, and other establishments regularly attended by blind and/or physically handicapped individuals may borrow special format reading materials and playback equipment solely for the use of persons certified as eligible, who must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment provided by NLS.

Reading Preferences

Check A or B

- A. Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request.
- B. I wish to have books selected for me.

Note: If you wish to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check up to 10 boxes of the types of books or subjects you prefer. You may also write your reading interests in the space provided below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology and self-help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals and wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion, creed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies | <input type="checkbox"/> Government, law, & politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career and job training | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's fiction:
Grade level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> History—U.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's nonfiction:
Grade level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> History—world | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Music appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage and screen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking and homemaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> War and war stories |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult and supernatural | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry | |

Other preferences: _____

Check this box if you wish to receive books in English language only.

If you wish to receive books in other languages, list the languages: _____

I do not wish to receive books that contain (check all that apply):

- Strong language Violence Explicit descriptions of sex

Books, Magazines, Materials, and Equipment Accessories

Please check the box provided for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive. (Consult the *Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories Provided on Free Loan to Eligible Individuals and Institutions*

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/playback.html>

for a full description of machines and accessories.)

Reading preferences:

- Talking Book and Magazine player
 Talking Book cartridges
 Talking Magazine cartridges
 Braille books
 Braille magazines
 Access to Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website

Accessories for talking book player:

- Amplifier (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; requires a separate application)
 Headphones
 Pillow speaker (issued solely to readers confined to bed)

Accessories for BARD users:

- USB right-angle adapter (to use your personal standard USB drives with your NLS Talking Book player)
or
 Cartridge cable (to connect your personal Talking Book cartridges to your computer)

Music materials:

- Music instruction on audiocassette
 Music instruction on digital cartridge
 Music magazines in braille
 Music scores in braille
 Music scores in large print

(Note: Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program. Please check your local public library for recreational music materials.)

Return of Equipment

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