

Application for Free Library Services: Individuals

Tennessee Library for Accessible Books & Media

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Complete this application and send it to the above address.

Print or Type:

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

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (Primary) _____ Telephone (Alternative) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____ Preferred Pronoun _____

Email Address _____

Give the name and phone number of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period. This person should not live at the same address.

Name _____ Telephone _____

☐ Check here if you've been honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces.

According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically disabled 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.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading regular printed material. See definitions under eligibility criteria on page 2. Check only one box.

☐ Blindness ☐ Physical Disability ☐ Deaf-blindness
☐ Visual Disability ☐ Reading Disability

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment?

☐ Moderate—some difficulty ☐ Profound—cannot hear or understand speech

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading materials are confidential except for those portions defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-8-102.

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

The following persons are eligible for service provided they are 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 disabled 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

Certifying authorities include 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.

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 page 1.

Print or Type:

Name _____

Title and Occupation _____ Organization _____

Street Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Reading Preferences

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request. By selecting this I acknowledge that I must provide the Library with the titles I wish to receive.
- ☐ I wish to have books selected for me.
- ☐ I wish to both have books selected for me and to add my own titles as I choose.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> General Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/> General Nonfiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern Authors
<input type="checkbox"/> Biographies	<input type="checkbox"/> History – U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> History – World	<input type="checkbox"/> Spy
<input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Fiction*	<input type="checkbox"/> Horror	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspense
<input type="checkbox"/> Children’s Nonfiction*	<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel
<input type="checkbox"/> Cookbooks	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology & Self Help	<input type="checkbox"/> War Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Romance	<input type="checkbox"/> War Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Westerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Government, Law, & Politics	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

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

***Reading Level:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten to 3rd Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd to 4th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd to 6th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> 4th to 7th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 5th to 8th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 6th to 9th Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	

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

Strong language:	Violence:	Descriptions of sex:	Unrated:
<input type="checkbox"/> Some is okay	<input type="checkbox"/> Some is okay	<input type="checkbox"/> No explicit descriptions	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not send any materials not rated for content
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Some is okay	
		<input type="checkbox"/> None	

Books, Magazines, and Materials: Please check the box for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive.

- ☐ Audio Books and Audio Magazines (player provided)
- ☐ Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
*Separate Online Application and Email Address Required
- ☐ Braille Books and Braille Magazines
- ☐ Large Print Books

Accessories for Digital Talking Book Player

- ☐ Amplifier (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for a separate application)
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Pillow Speaker (issued solely to readers confined to bed)
- ☐ Breath Switch

For Music Materials: Contact the National Library Service Music Department at nlsml@loc.gov or 1-800-424-8567. (Note: Recorded music is not available through this program.)

Return of Equipment: Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to registered persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used for reading recorded material provided by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, the Library of Congress, and its cooperating libraries, please return it to the Tennessee Library for Accessible Books & Media.

How did you hear about our service? (Please pick up to three.)

- ☐ Veterans Affairs
- ☐ Health Care Provider
- ☐ Vocational Rehab
- ☐ Friend/Family
- ☐ Public Library
- ☐ School
- ☐ Support Group
- ☐ Event
- ☐ TV Ad
- ☐ Radio Ad
- ☐ Other Ad: _____
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Other: _____