

**Alexandria Library Talking Book Service
Beatley - Central Branch
5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
703-746-1760 Voice or 703-746-1790 TTY
Application for Library Service**

1. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers (including area code):

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Birth Year: _____

Gender: M F

Alternate Contact Person

Name: _____ Phone (include area code): _____

Address: _____

Veterans: Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States. Preference for service is given, by law, to veterans.

2. Certification and Eligibility:

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.

National Library Service (NLS) requires certification of blindness, vision impairment, or physical impairment, by doctors of medicine, osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, caseworkers, 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 cases of reading disability, competent authority is defined as: doctors of medicine and osteopathy, who may consult with colleagues in associated fields.

I certify that the applicant is unable to read or use standard print for the reason(s) indicated. Check all that apply.

- Blindness** ~ Corrected Visual Acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, or a Visual Field of 20 degrees or less.
- Vision Impairment** ~ Inability to read standard printed materials without special aids and/or devices other than regular eye glasses
- Deaf/Blind** ~ Inability to hear speech and read standard printed materials.
- Physical Impairment** ~ Inability to read or use standard printed material due to physical limitations, e.g. paralysis, without arms or hands, extreme weakness.
- Reading Disability** ~ Organic Dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner.
- Moderate Hearing Impairment** ~ Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech.
- Profound Hearing Impairment** ~ Cannot hear or understand speech.

Name: _____

Title/Occupation: _____

Phone (including area code): _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Our audio books must be played on special equipment supplied by the National Library Service (NLS) and distributed by Talking Books. This playback equipment is supplied free to eligible persons, on extended **loan** for as long as our services are used. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with our services, it must be returned to the library.

3. Materials and Services Requested – check all that apply:

- Books recorded on Digital Cartridge with Digital Talking Book Machine
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- Magazines recorded on digital cartridge
- Braille – Books, Music and/or Magazines
- Information about services from the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI)

Books are loaned for **30-days**

Magazines are loaned for either **30 days or **7** days depending on whether issues are produced weekly or monthly.**

Accessories for Digital Talking Book Machines

- Amplifier
- Breath Switch
- Extension Levers
- Headphones
- Headphone Adapter
- USB Flash-Drive AT-Port (also known as an Elbow)

You will receive a bi-monthly publication, **Talking Book Topics** and/or **Braille Book Review**, which list available new titles. Please check **one** preferred format:

- Large Print Digital Cartridge Braille

4. Preferred Service:

- Send only the specific titles I request. Do not select for me.
- The library may select titles for me in addition to any selections that I make.

5. Reading Preferences:

- No Strong Language No Explicit Sex No Violence

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology/Self-Help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Creed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers __F__NF | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Government/Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> History - US | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| Add Grade Level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> History – World | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Non-Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage and Screen |
| Add Grade Level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic Novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking/Homemaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/Supernatural | <input type="checkbox"/> War |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry | |

Other: _____

List your favorite Authors: _____

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

Call us if you have questions or other requests: 703-746-1760

**Please ensure the next page is facing outward and then fold, staple
and drop in the mail**

**FREE MATTER for the Blind or Handicapped
E040 Domestic Mail Manual, Section 135**

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