



Application for Free Library Service - Individual  
Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled  
State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program



Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Primary Phone:

E-mail:

The information provided on this application is confidential and will not be released except as provided for in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code, The Public Records Act.

**Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.** By law, preference in lending reading materials and equipment is given to honorably discharged veterans of the United States military.

**Certification of Eligibility - Must be completed for all applicants**

Eligible users must be residents of the United States or American citizens living abroad. Please specify the primary reason why you are unable to read standard print:

**Blindness.** Corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, or a visual field of 20 degrees or less.

**Visual Disability.** The inability to read standard print with correction such as eyeglasses or lenses, and regardless of optical measurement.

**Physical Disability.** Physical limitations that make it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

**Reading Disability.** A perceptual or reading disability of sufficient severity.

**Deafblind.**

**Please note:** Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

**To be completed by certifying authority (as defined above)**

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

I certify that the applicant is eligible for services due to the reason indicated on this form.

Signature:

Date:

**Parental Acknowledgment for National Library Service (NLS) Services and Devices  
Required for Applicants Who Are Minors (Under 18 Years Old):**

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I acknowledge that my child will receive services and equipment and that my child will have access to the entire NLS catalog of reading material. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

Name:

Email:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Relationship to Applicant:

**Library Services Requested**

Library materials and equipment are delivered and returned through the mail free of charge. Please select the services that you would like to receive from any of the following options.

**Talking books sent by the Library and a player to read them**

**Braille books**

**Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD).** Downloadable audio and braille materials for use through a mobile app on your smart personal device, such as a phone, speaker, or tablet or on a personal computer from the BARD website.

**Optional Player Accessories and Specialized Equipment**

Specialized equipment is available upon request to patrons who use refreshable braille displays, a breath switch or for those readers who are hard of hearing.

**Headphones for private listening**

**Additional Library Services**

Access to our online catalog is available upon request, along with magazines, reference services, technical support and training on the use of BARD or library equipment.

**Reading Preferences. Select one:**

**I wish to have books sent regularly.** Books will be replaced as they are returned to the Library. The Library will send books based on your reading interests and from your requests. Requests and reading interests can be updated by contacting the Library.

**I wish to receive only books that I request.** You will need to contact the library and make requests. A bimonthly audio catalog and access to an online catalog are available to help with book selection. No books will be sent unless there are requests on file.

**I wish only to download my reading materials.** No reading materials will be mailed to you unless you request them. Instead, you will download all of your reading materials using BARD rather than having items mailed to you.

Reading Interests

**Please Note:** If you chose to have books selected for you, then the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check the types of books or subjects you prefer. You may also write your reading interests in the spaces provided below.

I am willing to accept books that contain: (Check all that apply)

|                  |     |    |
|------------------|-----|----|
| Sex:             | Yes | No |
| Strong Language: | Yes | No |
| Violence:        | Yes | No |

**Note:** Bestsellers often contain descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adventure                | Ethnic Interest            | Philosophy               |
| Aging and retirement     | Specify:                   | Poetry                   |
| Animals and wildlife     | Fantasy                    | Politics and government  |
| Autobiographies          | Folklore                   | Psychology and self-help |
| Bestsellers fiction      | Health and medicine        | Religion                 |
| Bestsellers non-fiction  | Historical novels - U.S.   | Specify:                 |
| Bible and bible stories  | Historical novels - World  | Religious fiction        |
| Biographies              | History - U.S.             | Romance                  |
| Biographies - Presidents | History - World            | Romance - Amish          |
| Biographies - Actors     | Horror                     | Science                  |
| Books made into movies   | Humor                      | Science fiction          |
| Business and economics   | Inspirational              | Sea stories              |
| Children and young adult | Light/wholesome stories    | Short stories            |
| Grade:                   | Literature                 | Sports                   |
| Classics                 | Music appreciation         | Spy and espionage        |
| Computers                | Mysteries                  | Supernatural and occult  |
| Cookbooks                | Mysteries - light and cozy | Suspense                 |
| Cooking and home         | Native American interest   | Thrillers                |
| Crafts and hobbies       | Nature                     | Travel and geography     |
| Current events           | Ohio interest              | War                      |
| Disability               | Personal finance           | Westerns                 |

Other reading interests:

Favorite authors:

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

**Someone we can contact on your behalf to help with your library service if needed:**

Name:

Phone:

**How did you learn about this service?**

**Person who is completing the application on behalf of the applicant:**

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone:

### **Lending Agreement**

**It is the responsibility of the library user to:**

- 1. Be responsible for all materials and equipment borrowed on their account.**
- 2. Notify the library of any changes to account information.**
- 3. Read and return books within six weeks.**
- 4. Borrow or download at least one book or magazine per year.**
- 5. 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.**

**By submitting this application, the applicant understands the policies as described.**

**For questions or to return completed application:**

**Ohio Library for the Blind  
and Print Disabled**

**17121 Lakeshore Boulevard  
Cleveland, Ohio 44110**

**Phone: 216-623-2911**

**In-State Toll Free: 1-800-362-1262**

**By E-mail: [olbpd@cpl.org](mailto:olbpd@cpl.org)**

**By Fax: 1-216-623-7036**

**OR**

**State Library of Ohio  
Talking Book Program**

**274 E. First Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43201**

**Phone: 614-644-6895**

**In-State Toll Free: 1-800-686-1531**

**By E-mail: [tbooks@library.ohio.gov](mailto:tbooks@library.ohio.gov)**

**By Fax: 1-614-995-2186**

**Equipment assigned (To be completed by Agency):**