

**BSBP Braille and  
Talking Book Library  
702 W. Kalamazoo Street  
P.O. Box 30007  
Lansing, MI 48909**

# **Application for Free Library Service for MDOC Inmates**

Audio books and Braille books are available to those who are unable to read standard printed materials as a result of blindness, visual disability or physical limitations. All records pertaining to this service will remain confidential, as required by the Michigan Library Privacy Act.

**(Please type or print)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Prison name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Gender M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

By law, preference in lending books and equipment is given to veterans. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

## **Which library services would you like?**

Talking Books and/or magazines and a talking book player

Braille books and or Braille magazine

## TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

- Blind:** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- Visual Disability:** Lacks visual acuity to read standard printed materials without special aids other than regular glasses.
- Physical Disability:** Unable to hold a book or turn the pages as a result of weakened muscle or nerve control due to strokes, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, polio, or other physical conditions that impair the use of arms or hands.
- Deaf-Blind:** Severe auditory impairment in combination with legal blindness.
- Reading Disability:** Organic dysfunction, such as dyslexia, of sufficient severity to prevent reading. **IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, an M.D. or D.O. who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines must certify**

- I certify that the prisoner named on page one is unable to use standard printed materials for the reason checked above.
- I have evaluated this prisoner for eligibility requirements and find that qualifications are not met under the definitions stated above.
- Special devices checked on page three are medically necessary.

**The certifying authority must be an MDOC medical staff member.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print information below.)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Title and occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Special devices approval by medical on page two**

- Amplifier/headphone system – solely for use by patrons with severe hearing loss. (You will receive a separate application form for this if authorized by medical staff.)
  
- Breath switch – solely for use by patrons with severe physical disabilities. (You will receive a separate application form for this if authorized by medical staff.)

## **Equipment Loan**

Inmates will be issued a cassette player and/or a digital player and any medically necessary devices checked above (if certified). Equipment is supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with recorded reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the issuing agency.

## **Book shipments**

Inmates are allowed to have up to 12 books at a time in both digital and cassette formats combined. Each book will be replaced by another on the next work day following the day it is checked back in at BTBL. Cassette books will only be sent if not available in digital format. Return books to BTBL as soon as you are done reading them to assure a steady flow. Expect delays for holidays. When you no longer have need for cassette books, you will be required to return your cassette player.

## **Magazine shipments**

All magazines you subscribe to will be shipped on one cartridge each month. You are required to return the cartridge to get the next issues. If you are getting a weekly magazine you will receive shipment more frequently. Subscriptions will be canceled if not returned within 3 months. Select your magazines by checking the box next to the titles on page 6 of this application.

## What is your preferred reading level?

- Adult
- Young Adult

## Will you accept books with . . .

Strong language?                       Yes     No     Some

Violence?                                 Yes     No     Some  
(Westerns and mysteries usually contain some violence.)

## Check the format you prefer for . . .

*Talking Book Topics*, a bi-monthly catalog of new recorded books

- Large Print
- Audio

*Braille Book Review*, a bi-monthly catalog of new Braille books

- Large Print
- Braille

## List your favorite authors

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# Check up to 10 of your favorite subjects

## Fiction

- Adventure ( Bestsellers,  Sea Stories,  Spy Stories)
- Christian Fiction
- Family ( Modern,  Traditional)
- Historical Fiction:  Foreign (country \_\_\_\_\_),  U.S. (era \_\_\_\_\_)
- Horror ( Bestsellers)
- Literature ( Classics,  Modern,  Folklore/Mythology)
- Modern Fiction
- Mystery ( Bestsellers,  Historical,  Legal Thriller,  Detective)
- Romance ( Bestsellers,  Historical,  Modern,  Traditional)
- Science Fiction ( Bestsellers,  Fantasy)
- War Stories
- Westerns

## Non-Fiction

- Adventure
- Aging
- Art/Architecture
- Biographies ( Bestsellers,  Celebrity,  Historical,  Political)
- Business
- Careers
- Cooking
- Social Issues
- Ethnic (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Disabilities
- Health (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- History:  Foreign (country \_\_\_\_\_),  U.S. (era \_\_\_\_\_)
- Hobbies
- Sports (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Inspirational
- Religion (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Plays
- Poetry
- About Music (Specify Style \_\_\_\_\_)
- Science (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Travel:  U.S.,  Foreign (country \_\_\_\_\_)
- War (Specify \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Check the magazines you want in audio format**

- American History
- The Atlantic Monthly
- Analog Science Fiction and Fact
- Asimov's Science Fiction
- Bon Appetit
- Consumer Reports
- Contemporary Soundtrack
- Diabetes Forecast
- Discover
- Ebony
- Economist
- Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine
- Foreign Affairs
- Good Housekeeping
- Health and Nutrition Newsletters
- Horticulture
- Magazine of the Month
- Michigan History (Will ship separately)
- Money
- Musical Mainstream
- The Nation
- National Geographic
- National Review
- The New York Times Book Review
- Outdoor Life
- People Weekly
- Quarterly Music Magazine
- Sound and Vision
- Sports Illustrated
- Travel and Leisure
- The Week
- True West
- The Writer
- People En Espanol
- Vanidades (Spanish)