

**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 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 10 books at a time in digital format. Each book will be replaced by another on the next work day following the day it is checked back in at BTBL. Return books to BTBL as soon as you are done reading them to assure a steady flow. Expect delays for holidays.

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

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

- AARP the Magazine
- American History
- Analog
- Asimov's Science Fiction
- The Atlantic Monthly
- Audubon
- Bon Appetit
- Cowboys and Indians
- Consumer Reports
- Diabetes Forecast
- Discover
- Ebony
- The Economist
- Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine
- Foreign Affairs
- Good Housekeeping
- Health and Nutrition Newsletters
- Horticulture
- Magazine of the Month
- Michigan History
- Money
- The Nation
- National Geographic
- National Geographic Traveler
- National Review
- The New York Times Book Review
- O, The Oprah Magazine
- Outdoor Life
- People
- Rolling Stone
- Smithsonian

- Sports Illustrated
- Southern Living
- Travel and Leisure
- True West / Frontier Times
- The Week
- The Writer
- Vital Speeches of the Day

Audio Music Magazines (About Music)

- Contemporary Sound Track
- The Musical Mainstream
- Quarterly Music Magazine

Audio Foreign Language Magazines

- Das Beste aus Reader's Digest – German
- Journal Francais – French
- People en Espanol
- Vanidades