

BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library

For Information
Call Toll-free
1-800-992-9012
Lansing Area Residents
Call: 517-373-5614

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P.O. Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909

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Application for Free Library Service

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 _____

Street _____ Apt. no. _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ Date of birth _____ Gender M ___ F ___

Email _____

Person to call if you can't be reached and/or to assist with your account:

Name _____ Home phone _____

Relationship _____ Work phone _____

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

Check the eligibility requirement under which you qualify

- Blind: Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- Visual Disability: Unable 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, doctors of medicine or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines must certify.**

To be completed by certifying authority

(Certifying authority must be a professional such as a doctor, nurse, rehabilitation professional, counselor, therapist, or social worker)

I certify that the applicant named on the previous page is unable to use standard printed materials for the reason indicated above, and that I am not a member of the applicant's family.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print information below:

Your name _____

Title and occupation _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Which library services would you like?

- Talking Books and/or magazines and a talking book player
- Headphones
- Braille books and/or Braille magazines
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service, including instructions on how to register and download talking books or Web Braille books over the Internet from the BARD website and a digital talking book player.
- NFB-Newsline Service – newspapers in electronic speech over the telephone
- Pillow speaker – solely for use by patrons who are confined to bed
- Amplifier/headphone system – solely for use by patrons with severe hearing loss. (You will receive a separate application form for this.)
- Remote control unit – solely for use by patrons with very limited mobility. (You will receive a separate application form for this.)
- Breath switch – solely for use by patrons with severe physical disabilities. (You will receive a separate application form for this.)

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.

How often do you want to receive books?

- Send/Return: Send another book each time I return one.
- Weekly: Send ____ (how many) books each week.
- Bi-Weekly: Send ____ (how many) books every other week.
- Monthly: Send ____ (how many) books once a month.
- On Demand: Send books only when I call to request them.

What is your preferred reading level?

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th – 7 th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd – 6 th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 th – 9 th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd – 4 th grade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th – 8 th grade | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten – 3 rd grade |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool – 2 nd grade |

Will you accept books with . . .

- Strong language? Yes No Some
- Explicit descriptions of sex? Yes No Some
- Violence? Yes No Some
(Westerns and mysteries usually contain 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

InFocus, our quarterly newsletter

- Large Print
- Email
- Braille
- Audio
- Online (To access *InFocus* online in PDF and text formats, visit www.michigan.gov/btbl and click on “News.”)

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
- Computers
- Cooking
- True Crime Stories
- Social Issues
- Ethnic (Specify _____)
- Disabilities
- Health (Specify _____)
- History: Foreign (country _____), U.S. (era _____)
- Hobbies
- Sports (Specify _____)
- Inspirational
- Religion (Specify _____)
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Plays
- Poetry
- Music (Books about music: specify style _____)
- Science (Specify _____)
- Travel: U.S., Foreign (country _____)
- War (Specify _____)
- Other _____

List your favorite authors

FOR SCHOOLS ONLY

List by qualifying eligibility all students who use this service.

Blind
Visual Disability
Physical Disability
Reading Disability

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