



Talking Book Center

Library for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped

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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FOR LIBRARY MATERIALS

Digitally recorded and Braille books are available to those who are unable to read or use printed materials as a result of blindness, visual disability or physical limitations.

Notice: All patron records pertaining to this service will remain confidential, as required by the Michigan privacy act.

Please print or type:

*Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Email Address: _____ U.S. Veteran: Yes ___ No ___

Please tell us whom to contact if you cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Telephone No.: _____

If student, School Contact Person: _____ Telephone No.: _____

Please check the disability 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.
- DEAF-BLIND:** Severe auditory impairment in combination with legal blindness.
- VISUAL DISABILITY:** Lacks visual acuity to read standard printed materials without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- PHYSICAL DISABILITY:** Unable to read or use standard printed materials as a result of physical limitations. Examples include impaired or weakened muscle and nerve control or limitations resulting from strokes, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, polio, arthritis.
- PHYSICALLY-BASED READING DISABILITY:** Organic dysfunction of sufficient severity to impair ability to read. Individuals must establish the following facts:

- *The reading disability must be of sufficient severity to prevent reading regular or standard printed material in a normal manner.
- *The cause of the disability must be physically-based; that is, it must be an organic dysfunction, and
- *The person certifying the application must be medically able to judge whether the disability has a physical or organic basis.

An individual whose reading disability does not have a physical origin is NOT eligible. The signature of a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy is required by federal regulation on the application to certify not only that a reading disability exists and is serious enough to prevent reading regular printed material, but also that the identified condition has a physical basis.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

I certify that the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed materials for the reason indicated above. (Please print or type.)

Name _____ **Date:** _____

Title and Occupation: _____

Street Address: _____ **Telephone No.:** _____

City: _____ **County:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Signature: _____

If a PHYSICALLY-BASED READING DISABILITY is checked, a Medical or Osteopathic doctor must sign.

- Please check if you have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.**

Equipment

Please check materials wanted

- Standard Digital Player
- Advanced Digital Player
- Headphones

Other

Please check materials wanted

- Braille Books
- DVS—Described Movies

Special Attachments

Please check only those needed; Requires additional application

- Amplifier/Headphone System—Solely for use of the severely hearing impaired
- Remote Control Unit—Solely for those confined to bed or with very limited mobility
- Breath Switch—Solely for the use of the severely physically impaired

Upon your application’s approval, internet access from home allows the access of digital media through BARD Downloadable Books’ Website.

Circulation of Materials

Please check one

- Send/Return—Another book will automatically be mailed to me when I return a book.
- Weekly—Books will be sent on a weekly basis.
- Bi-Weekly—Books will be sent on a bi-weekly basis.
- Monthly—Books will be sent on a monthly basis.
- Request Only—Books will only be sent when requested.

Please specify the number of books you would like to receive per mailing:

Preferred Reading Level

Please check one that applies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades P-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades K-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 2-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 6-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 3-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades 4-7 | | | |

Will you accept books with the following:

Please check all that apply

- Strong Language Explicit Descriptions of Sex Violence

In which format would you like to receive our BI-MONTHLY catalog of NEW BOOKS?

Please check one

- Talking Book Topics:** Large Print BARD downloadable magazines
- Braille Book Review:** Large Print Braille

Reading Selection

List Favorite Authors

List Favorite Series

Fiction Selections

Check your favorite subjects

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Sellers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Within 2 yrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction/Foreign | <input type="checkbox"/> Older than 2 yrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction/U.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Holidays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational | <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/Horror | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction/Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> War Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns | |

Non-Fiction Selections

Check your favorite subjects

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Sellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Economics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Within 2 yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> Careers | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older than 2 yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore/Mythology | <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> History/Foreign | _____ |
| <i>Specify</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> History/U.S | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Holidays | <i>Specify</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan Interest | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issues | <i>Specify</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreation | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> War | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns | |