



New York
Public
Library

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Application for Free Library Service for Individuals

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: _____

Street address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Email me a username/password for the online catalog.

Name of local public library or branch: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Please give the name of a person to contact if we cannot reach you:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

By law, preference in lending books and equipment is given to veterans.
Please check this box if you have been honorably discharged from the
armed forces of the United States.

Certification of Eligibility

Have a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, nurse, therapist, librarian, or a professional staff member of a hospital, institution, or social welfare agency certify your eligibility because of one or more of the reasons below:

Blindness: Vision 20/200 or less, or visual field of 20 degrees or less.

Visual Impairment: Unable to read for long periods of time with correction.

Physical Disability: Unable to hold a book or turn pages.

Deaf/Blindness

Reading Disability: Unable to read standard print as a result of an organic dysfunction. **Please note:** Federal law (36 CFR 701.10) mandates that only medical doctors or doctors of osteopathy are allowed to certify cases of reading disability.

To be completed by certifying authority as described above:

I certify that the applicant has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard print material for the reason indicated above.

Certifier's name: _____

Title and occupation: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Certifier's signature: _____ Date: _____

This application is a library record and, as such, is subject to the confidentiality provisions of Section 4509 or New York City Practice Law and Rules as well as the Privacy Policy of The New York Public Library (available at www.nypl.org).

Services Requested

All books and equipment are sent and received through the mail free of charge.

Talking books on digital cartridge and a digital player needed to use them. The player will be mailed to you directly upon receipt of this application.

Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). Downloadable talking books and Web-Braille. An e-mail address and an additional online application are required. Instructions will be provided on how to register and download books. Also available as an iOS app.

Braille books

Special Accessories

Headphones - Solely for those readers who could not otherwise listen to talking books

Pillow speaker - Solely for readers restricted to bed

If you use a breath switch or if you are unable to access your digital talking book machine due to severe hearing loss, ask about special attachment options by calling (212) 206-5400.

Catalog format:

Large print
Digital talking book
Braille

Newsletter format:

Large print
E-mail: _____

Braille

Reading Preferences

Reading level:

Adult
Young adult

Child (Grade: _____)
Preschool

I wish to receive books in the following languages:

English
Spanish

Other languages: _____

Fiction

Adventure
Animal stories
Bestsellers
Black heritage

Fairytales and folklore
Family stories
Historical
Jewish heritage

Literary classics
Mysteries and spy stories
Romance
Science fiction

Short stories
Sports stories
War stories
Westerns

Nonfiction

Adventure
Animals
Bestsellers
Biography
Black heritage
Business
Cooking
Current events
Disabilities
Fine arts
Health and medicine

History-U.S.
History-World
Humor
Jewish heritage
About music
Poetry
Religion (specify)
Science
Sports
Travel
War / Military

Other interests: _____

Favorite authors: _____

I object to books with:

Strong language
Explicit sex

Violence

Other objections: _____

Service Preferences

I wish to have the library select books for me. The library will send books from the categories you indicate above or from specific requests you make. As you return books, replacement books will be mailed out to you.

I wish to receive only books I request. You will need to contact us with lists of requests from our bimonthly catalog of new books, *Talking Book Topics*, or make requests through the online catalog. No books will be sent if there are no requests in your file.

Return of materials and equipment: Books and magazines should be returned promptly to ensure continued service. Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used with audio reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the Andrew Heiskell Library.