MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled in Baltimore provides library service to all eligible citizens of Maryland under the direction of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled of the Library of Congress and the Maryland State Library.

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Web Page: www.lbph.maryland.gov
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OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog): https://mdlbpd.klas.com
Please complete this application and send it to the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled by mail, fax, or email.

DATE: ____________________

NAME: __________________________________________________________

        LAST      FIRST      MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

                      STREET

                      _______          _______          __________
                      CITY       STATE         ZIP Code

TELEPHONE: HOME ___________________  OTHER ___________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ________________________  SEX: [ ] M [ ] F

ALTERNATE CONTACT PERSON: ______________________________________

ALTERNATE CONTACT PHONE: ________________________________

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

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading standard printed material. Check ONLY one box. Eligibility must be substantiated. See eligibility criteria definitions.

[ ] Blindness       [ ] Visual disability       [ ] Physical disability

[ ] Reading disability   [ ] Deaf-blindness
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR LOAN OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The following persons are eligible for loan service:

1. Those people whose visual acuity, as determined by a competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

2. Those with physical disabilities are eligible as follows:

   (a) Persons whose visual impairment, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by a competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.

   (b) Persons certified by a competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.

   (c) Persons certified by a competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a conventional manner.

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY:

- Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY (AS DEFINED ABOVE)

I certify that the named applicant requesting library service is unable to read or use regular printed material for the reason indicated on this form.

NAME: ___________________________________________
TITLE/OCCUPATION: ___________________________________________
AGENCY: ___________________________________________
ADDRESS: ___________________________________________
TELEPHONE: ___________________________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________
CERTIFIER’S SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________
MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Materials: Please select the format of your reading materials. Check all that you would like.

[ ] Audio books and/or magazines (Digital talking book player is supplied by the library)
[ ] Hard copy braille books and/or magazines
[ ] Electronic braille books and/or magazines (Braille eReader is supplied by the library)
[ ] Large print books
[ ] BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)

Email address (required for BARD): ________________________________________________

If you checked only BARD, do you want a digital talking book player from the library?

[ ] Yes, send me a digital talking book player.
[ ] No, I do not need a digital talking book player. I will use my own device(s).

Talking Book Topics is a bimonthly publication that lists newly available audio books. In which format would you like to receive Talking Book Topics?

[ ] Audio
[ ] Large print

Accessories:

[ ] USB flash drive adapter (lets you use a personal flash drive with the player)
[ ] Digital talking book cartridge cable (used to connect a digital talking book cartridge to a USB port on a computer)
[ ] Headphones
[ ] Remote control
[ ] High volume player and headphones (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for a separate application)
### Reading Preferences

Please indicate your reading preferences by checking the categories below:

- [ ] Adventure
- [ ] Historical Fiction
- [ ] Religious Inspiration
- [ ] Animal Stories
- [ ] History (World)
- [ ] Romance
- [ ] Bible
- [ ] History (United States)
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Biography
- [ ] Horror
- [ ] Science Fiction
- [ ] Black/African American Interest
- [ ] Humor
- [ ] Short Stories
- [ ] Christian Fiction
- [ ] Literature - Poetry
- [ ] Sports & Recreation
- [ ] Classics
- [ ] Maryland Interest
- [ ] Suspense
- [ ] Computers
- [ ] Medicine & Health
- [ ] Travel & Geography
- [ ] Cooking & Housekeeping
- [ ] Music and Dance
- [ ] War Stories
- [ ] Family Saga
- [ ] Mystery & Detective
- [ ] Westerns
- [ ] Fantasy
- [ ] Politics & Government
- [ ] Young Adult
- [ ] Fine Arts & Architecture
- [ ] Popular Psychology

**Other preferences or favorite authors:** ____________________________

**For children’s books, please give the reading/grade level:** ______________

**What type of books do you prefer?**

- [ ] Both fiction and non-fiction
- [ ] Fiction only
- [ ] Non-fiction only

**I do not want to receive books with the following:**

- [ ] Strong Language
- [ ] Excessive Violence
- [ ] Explicit Descriptions of sex

**[ ] Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request. (Books may be requested by calling or emailing the library, ordering online using the library’s online catalog, and/or using the Talking Book Topics order form.)**

**[ ] I wish to have books selected for me in the categories I checked above.**
How often would you like to receive books?

[ ] Daily  [ ] Weekly  [ ] Monthly

How many audio books or electronic braille books would you like to be sent at one time? (You will receive one book cartridge per shipment containing the requested number of books.)

[ ] 5  [ ] 7  [ ] 10  [ ] 15  [ ] N/A

How many hard copy braille or large print books would you like to be sent at one time?

[ ] 1  [ ] 2  [ ] 3  [ ] N/A

How would you like to receive updates on our services?

Would you like to be on our listserv?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Email address: _________________________________________

Would you like to subscribe to our blog?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Email address: _________________________________________

Other Services

NEWSLINE® is a free service offered by the National Federation of the Blind that gives patrons access to hundreds of newspapers and magazines via the phone.

Would you like to be registered for NEWSLINE®?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Bookshare is an eBook library with materials in audio (simulated voice), audio + highlighted text, braille, and other formats.

Would you like a promo code for free access to Bookshare?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Email address (required): _________________________________________
How did you hear about the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled? (Check up to three)

[ ] Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency  [ ] Other Health Care Professional
[ ] Vocational Rehabilitation Center  [ ] Friend/Family  [ ] Public Library
[ ] School  [ ] Consumer/Support Group  [ ] TV Ad  [ ] Radio Ad
[ ] Other Ad (Please specify) ________________________________
[ ] Internet/Social Media (Please specify) ________________________________
[ ] Event/Expo (Please specify) ________________________________
[ ] Other ________________________________
MAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.
FOLD ALONG THE LINE AND STAPLE OR TAPE CLOSED.

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___________________              THE BLIND
___________________      AND HANDICAPPED

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