

Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

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Please print or type

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (Daytime) _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone (Evening) _____ Gender _____

E-mail Address _____

Alternative contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the United States military.

Veterans: Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

In addition to service via phone, how would you prefer to receive communications from us?

Mail

Email

Audio

Eligibility and Certification

Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials.

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria. Please check the primary condition preventing you from using standard print:

- An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
- An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
- An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

- Moderate - Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech
- Profound - Cannot hear or understand speech

Please see www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services for the full eligibility terminology.

Certifying Authority

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

To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name _____	Title _____
Organization _____	Email _____
Address _____	Phone _____
City _____	State _____ Zip _____

- I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Certifying Authority Signature _____ Date _____

A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

Service delivery for library materials (check all that apply)

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. Please provide your email address for BARD registration. _____

- I have a personal mobile device and would like to access the free BARD Mobile application, but I would also like materials sent to my home by USPS. Please select the types of materials you want mailed to your home. (Check all that apply)
 - Digital player and digital talking books and magazines on cartridge
 - Hard copy braille books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge

- I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS to my home. I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply)
 - Digital player and digital talking books and magazines on cartridge
 - Hard copy braille books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge (Note: The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

Other Services:

- NFB-NEWSLINE® Service - free audio news service via phone, Amazon Alexa, iOS Mobile App, website, email, or portable player
- Magazines, audio, or braille
- Large Print Books
- Descriptive DVDs - DVDs with additional audio narration
- WonderBooks – print books for children with built-in audio component
- High-contrast picture books
- Virtual book club

Reading Preferences (Optional): Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery, USPS Free Matter for the Blind

Reading Preferences: Check A or B

- A. Do not select books for me. Send only the specific titles that I request.
- B. I wish to have books selected for me.

Note: If you want books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check all the types of books or subjects you prefer.

Age Range: Adult Titles Young Adult Titles Children's Titles, Grade: ____

Some Popular Subjects:

Fiction:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Espionage/spy novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays/drama | <input type="checkbox"/> War stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle/nostalgic | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance | |

Non-Fiction:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy/psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> History, US | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies | <input type="checkbox"/> History, World | <input type="checkbox"/> Sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current events | <input type="checkbox"/> Music, books about | <input type="checkbox"/> True crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/paranormal | <input type="checkbox"/> Vermont interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government/politics | | |

Favorite authors, series, or other topics of interest:

I **DO NOT** want the library to choose books containing:

- Strong language
- Excessive Violence
- Explicit descriptions of sex

Machine Accessories

Special accessories for players are available; please check those needed:

High-volume player and headphones (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for a separate application)

Headphones

Breath switches (for readers who have little or no use of their hands)

Pillow speaker (for readers confined to bed)

How did you learn about the NLS free library service? Check up to three:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/ Social Media (specify below) |
- _____
- Other _____

Applicant Agreement

It is the responsibility of the library user to:

1. Return library materials and machines to the ABLE Library when they are no longer being used.
2. Notify the library of any address, email, or telephone number changes.
3. Take reasonable care of materials and machines.
4. Borrow at least one book or magazine per year.
5. Return cartridges to receive a new set of books on cartridge.

The information required on this application pertains to eligibility for and establishment of free library services for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual, or reading disability that prevents them from using standard print material. This information is required by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled of the Library of Congress to fulfill the requirements of Public Law 89-522.

Application information is confidential and will be used only in relation to your library service.