



The ABLE Library is a network library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). We connect eligible Vermonters to NLS services.

1. Record-Sharing

The ABLE Library needs to electronically share your name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, patron status, and preferred language with NLS to connect you with their library materials.

- Check here if you **do authorize** the ABLE Library to share your library patron information with NLS to access to NLS materials. Materials include audiobooks on cartridges and players, direct download from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) app, and braille books. You will also have access to the large print and the accessible youth collections.
- Check here if you **do not authorize** the ABLE Library to share your library patron information with NLS. If you choose this option, you will not have access to NLS materials. You will have access to the large print collection, accessible youth collection, and a small collection of eBooks and audiobooks through the Vermont State Library.

2. Enhanced Services Reading History – Circulation Record

If you authorized the ABLE Library to share your information with NLS, you can also authorize the ABLE library to use your reading history to pick new books for you.

- Check here if you **do authorize** the ABLE Library to track your reading history and give book suggestions. Your reading history will be saved by the ABLE Library.
- Check here if you **do not authorize** the ABLE Library to keep track of your reading history. If you choose this, you will need to contact us directly to get book recommendations.

3. ABLE Library Patron Signature

Patron Name: _____

Patron Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patron Phone Number: _____

Application for Free Library Service Individuals

ABLE Library
Vermont Department of Libraries
60 Washington Street, Suite 2, Barre, VT 05641
Telephone: (802) 636-0020 or (800) 479-1711
lib.ablelibrary@vermont.gov



Please print or type

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

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Please send me occasional emails, including the library's quarterly newsletter, library events, and library service alerts.

Alternate contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Check here to authorize your alternate contact to have access to your library records and to do business with the library on your behalf.

I **do not** authorize any person to access my library records and to do business with the ABLE Library on my behalf.

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

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.

Eligibility and Certification

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 signature may be used if filling out and submitting application electronically.*

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:

- Magazines, audio, or braille
- Large Print Books
- WonderBooks – print books for children with built-in audio component
- High-contrast picture books
- Descriptive DVDs – DVDs with additional audio narration

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

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 _____

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