



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

Email: reference.desk@maryland.gov

OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog): <https://mdlbpdp.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 were honorably discharged from the United States Military.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading standard printed material. Check ONLY one box. Eligibility must be substantiated on the following page.

- Blindness Visual disability Physical disability
 Reading disability Deaf-blindness

Required for applicants who are minors (under 18 years old):

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I acknowledge and consent to my child receiving services and equipment from MD LBPD. I will return any equipment and materials if services are no longer needed.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

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).

Accessories:

USB flash drive adapter (used to connect a personal flash drive to the player)

Digital talking book cartridge cable (used to connect a personal blank cartridge to a computer for downloading books from BARD)

Headphones

Remote control

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

Talking Book Topics is a bimonthly publication that lists newly available audio books, available online at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt

Would you like to subscribe to an audio version of this publication?

Yes No

Reading Preferences

Please indicate your reading preferences by checking the categories below:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Inspiration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> History (World) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> History (United States) | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African
American Interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Story Collections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature - Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports & Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine & Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking &
Housekeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Music and Dance
(Nonfiction) | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel & Geography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Saga | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery & Detective | <input type="checkbox"/> War Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics & Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts &
Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Popular Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult |

Other preferences or favorite authors: _____

For children's books, please give the reading/grade level: _____

I do not want to receive books with the following ratings *(Please note that ratings are subjective. What is strong, excessive, or explicit to some may not be to others):*

- Strong Language
- Excessive Violence (If you check this box and also select Westerns, War Stories, and/or Horror above, then many popular authors in those categories will be excluded from the books you receive.)
- Explicit Descriptions of sex (If you check this box and also select Romance above, then many popular authors in this category will be excluded from the books you receive.)

What type of books do you prefer?

Both fiction and nonfiction Fiction only Nonfiction only

I wish to have books selected for me in the categories I checked above.

(Patrons may also place requests and are encouraged to contact us about specific books they would like to receive.)

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.)

How often would you like to receive books?

Daily Weekly Every other week

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 10 15 20 25 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

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): _____

I would like to receive information from the library on the following topics:

- Accessible Technology Training and Group Meetings
- Adult Events and Services
- Accessible College Textbooks
- Announcements/Resources from Partner Organizations

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 _____

Note: If you filled out this application for a prospective patron, please review the selected preferences with that individual. We wish to provide our patrons with the reading materials that best meet their interests.

MAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.
FOLD ALONG THE LINE AND STAPLE OR TAPE CLOSED.

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