



Washtenaw County Library
for the Blind and Physically Disabled
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NAME OF APPLICANT:

**CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION
FOR LIBRARY SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS**

Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (LBPd) loans books and magazines in alternative format (audio cassette tape, large print and Braille) to individuals in Jackson, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties who are unable to read or use normal printed materials as a result of a physical disability. Washtenaw County LBPd is part of a network administered by the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. and the Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Lansing, MI.

Eligibility for Service

- BLIND** - persons whose visual acuity, as determined by 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.
- DEAF-BLIND** - persons with a severe auditory impairment in combination with legal blindness.
- VISUALLY DISABLED** - persons who lack visual acuity to read standard printed materials without aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- PHYSICALLY DISABLED** - persons who are unable to read or use standard printed materials as a result of physical disability. Examples include: without arms or the use of arms; impaired or weakened muscle and nerve control; limitations resulting from strokes, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, polio, arthritis.
- READING DISABLED** - persons whose reading disability is a result of an organic dysfunction of sufficient severity to prevent reading printed materials in a normal manner.
BY FEDERAL LAW, THIS DISABILITY REQUIRES THE SIGNATURE OF A DOCTOR OF MEDICINE OR OSTEOPATHY AS CERTIFYING AUTHORITY.

Certifying Authority

In cases of **BLINDNESS, VISUAL** or **PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine and osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, professional staffs of hospitals, institutions and public welfare agencies (e.g. social workers, case workers, counselors, home teachers and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to NLS.

NOTE: In case of **READING DISABILITY** from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine or osteopathy **ONLY**, who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

All patron records pertaining to this service will remain confidential in compliance with state and federal laws.

Please type or print. Return completed application to Washtenaw County LBPD.

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

The individual named below is unable to read or use normal printed materials as a result of the following physical limitation (check one):

- Blind Deaf-Blind Reading Disability
 Visual Disability Physical Disability

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

Name of Certifying Authority _____ Date _____

Profession _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature of Certifying Authority _____

Name of Applicant _____
FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL LAST

Street Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Alternate Contact Person _____ Telephone _____

- Veterans**, by Federal law, receive preference in obtaining books and equipment. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Check **ALL** materials wanted:

- Books and Magazines Recorded on Cassette Tape and Standard Cassette Book Machine:** Cassette tapes are recorded at a slower speed that is not compatible with commercial cassette equipment.
- Large Print Books**
- Described Videos:** Movies and television programs where the visual elements are described without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects.
- Braille Books and Magazines:** This service is provided directly from the Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Lansing.

SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS

Check items needed:

- Extension Lever** – assists physically disabled individuals to manipulate the function keys of the cassette machine.
- *Amplifier/Headphone System - SOLELY** for the use of severely hearing impaired individuals. (Requires signature of an audiologist.)
- *Remote Control Unit - SOLELY** for the use of persons confined to bed or with very limited mobility.
- *Breath Switch - SOLELY** for the use of severely physically impaired individuals.

****If you indicate a need for any of these attachments, appropriate application form(s) will be sent to you. These attachments are loaned directly to consumers from the Library of Congress.***

CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS

Check **ONE** of the following:

- Send books on a continuing basis. As each book is returned to the Library, it will be replaced with a new book;
- Send books **ONLY** when requested.

RETURN OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Books and equipment are loaned to eligible individuals who are registered with the Library. At least one recorded book or magazine must be borrowed within a twelve-month period. The equipment must be used in conjunction with recorded materials provided by the Library.

MAGAZINES

- Check here to receive a list of magazines which are available on cassette tape and in Braille to registered consumers at no charge.

CATALOGS OF NEW BOOK TITLES

Bi-monthly catalogs listing newly produced titles are mailed directly to registered consumers from the Library of Congress. Check the desired format:

- TALKING BOOK TOPICS:** Large Print Cassette
- BRILLE BOOK REVIEW:** Large Print Cassette Braille

EXCLUSIONARY CRITERIA

Check below if you **do not** wish to receive books that contain:

- Explicit descriptions of sex
- Strong language
- Long books (4 cassettes or more)
- Violence

COMPREHENSION LEVEL

Check comprehension levels for materials you would like to receive (you may check more than one):

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Non-Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Non-Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Non-Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 |

READING INTERESTS

You are encouraged to select your own books but if you cannot, the Library will select books based on subjects of interest to you. Using the list below, check up to **TEN** subject areas of reading interest to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Chronicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agatha Christie | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/Paranormal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Oprah's Book Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autobiography/Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> Folk/Fairy Tales | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer/Frontier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Award Winners | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay/Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle/Nostalgia | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics-Foreign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black America | <input type="checkbox"/> Harlequin/Regency | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics-US |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Novel | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Careers | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby/Craft | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Holidays | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil War | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Shakespeare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> LBPD Book Lovers Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy/Espionage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumerism | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Criticism | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage/Screen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Louis L'Amour | <input type="checkbox"/> Star Trek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Love Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Lusty Romance | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel – Foreign |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Danielle Steele | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel – U.S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diet/Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> UFO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery-Deductive | <input type="checkbox"/> War |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erotica | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery-Tough | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essays | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Women |

Do you have favorite authors? List: _____

Any other subject area of interest to you? _____

Would you like books and/or magazines in a language other than English? List language(s):

Is there anything else about your reading needs that you would like to share with us? _____

