

Application for Free Library Service: Individuals



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TOLL-FREE 800/342-4455

Library for the Blind
CEL Regional Library
2708 Mechanics Ave.
Thunderbolt, GA 31404

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading material are confidential except for those portions defined by local law as public information. To find out the extent to which the information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, consult the agency to which you are submitting

this application. This completed application should be sent to the library for the blind and physically handicapped serving the state in which you reside. If you do not know the address, send the application to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to forward it to the appropriate library.

Please Print or Type

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Initial) _____

Street address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (daytime) () _____ Date of Birth _____

Telephone (evening) () _____ Sex _____

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____ Telephone () _____

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. See definitions under eligibility criteria, section A, page 4. Check only one box.

- Blindness** **Physical handicap** **Deaf-blind**
 Visual handicap **Reading disability**

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment? If yes, indicate the degree of hearing loss.

- Moderate**--some difficulty hearing and understanding speech
- Profound**--cannot hear or understand speech

Books, Magazines, and Equipment

You may borrow any of the following items. Check those you wish to receive. (Consult the enclosed *Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories Provided on Free Loan to Eligible Individuals and Institutions* for a full description of machines and accessories.)

- Books recorded on audio cassettes with standard cassette player
- Books and magazines recorded on audio discs with record player (magazines are available on discs only)
- Books recorded on audio cassettes with easy cassette player
- Books and magazines recorded on discs and cassettes with combination machine
- Braille books
- Braille magazines
- Remote control unit--ask for a separate application
- Breath switch
- Extension levers
- Pillow speaker--solely for readers confined to bed

Music materials

- Music scores in braille
- Music scores in large print
- Music instruction on audio discs
- Music instruction on audio cassettes
- Music magazines on audio discs
- Music magazines in braille

Accessories

- Headphones--solely for use where speakers are not permitted
- Amplifier--solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss. Ask for a separate application.

(NOTE: Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program.)

Return of Equipment

Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with recorded reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the issuing agency.

Reading Preferences

Check A or B

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

NOTE: If you wish to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check the types of books or subjects you prefer, or write your reading interests in the space provided below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult, supernatural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals, wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, religion
Denomination _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology, self-help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career, job training | <input type="checkbox"/> Government, politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's fiction:
reading level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's nonfiction:
reading level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> History--U.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> History--world | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage, screen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking, homemaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense stories |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Music appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> War, war stories |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |

Other categories are: _____

Check this box if you wish to receive books in English language only. If you wish to receive books in other languages, list the languages:

I do not wish to receive books that contain:

- Strong language Violence Explicit descriptions of sex

To Be Completed by Certifying Authority (See section B, page 4, for definitions.)

Please print or type:

Name _____

Title and occupation _____

Street address _____

Telephone () _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

I certify that the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated on page one of this form.

Signature _____

Date _____

Eligibility of Blind and Other Physically Handicapped Persons for Loan of Library Materials

- A.** The following persons are eligible for service:
1. 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 angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
 2. Other physically handicapped persons are eligible as follows:
 - (a) Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.
 - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.
 - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner (see section B.2).
- B.** Certifying Authority:
1. In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or private welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, caseworkers, counselors, rehabilitation 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 the Library of Congress.
 2. In the case of reading disability from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.
- C.** Residency or U.S. Citizenship: Eligible readers must be residents of the United States, including the several states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia; or, American citizens domiciled abroad.

Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers

Veterans. In the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials, preference shall be given at all times to the needs of the blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Institutions. The reading materials and playback equipment for the use of blind and physically handicapped persons may be loaned to individuals who qualify, to institutions such as nursing homes and hospitals, and to schools for the blind or physically handicapped for the use by such persons only. The reading materials and playback equipment may also be used in public or private schools where handicapped students are enrolled; however, the students in public or private schools must be certified as eligible on an individual basis and must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment.