Nebraska Library Commission

Talking Book & Braille Service
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Application for Free Talking Book Service–Individual

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading material are confidential.

Please print or type.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP Code** _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Month & Year of Birth _____ **Sex:** ❑ female ❑ male

Certification of Eligibility

This portion of the application must be completed by a "competent authority" prior to submission. See *Eligibility Criteria,* Item B, page 5.

I certify that the applicant named is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason(s) indicated below.

- ❑ blindness
- ❑ deaf/blind
- ❑ visual handicap
- ❑ physical handicap
- ❑ reading disability (This application must be certified by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____
Original Signature Required

Name _____

Title/Occupation _____

Street Address _____ **Telephone** _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP Code** _____

Printed with soy ink on recycled paper.

Additional Applicant Information

Alternate contact person: If applicant is under 18 years of age, use name of parent or guardian.

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Hearing Loss: If you have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss.

- ❑ moderate (some difficulty hearing and understanding speech)
- ❑ profound (cannot hear or understand speech)

Veterans: By law, preference in the lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

- ❑ I am a veteran.

Applicant Agreement

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.

It is the responsibility of the library user to

1. Be an active borrower of books or magazines from the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service in Lincoln, Nebraska.
2. Return books within six weeks of their receipt.
3. Take good care of library materials and equipment.
4. Notify the Talking Book & Braille Service of changes in your address or telephone number.
5. Return library materials and machines to the Talking Book & Braille Service when they are no longer being used.

❑ I understand the above responsibilities and agree to follow them. I also understand that these responsibilities do not supercede the stipulations found in the Loan Policy of the Talking Book & Braille Service.

Signature of APPLICANT _____

Books and Equipment

From this list of items and services, please check those you wish to receive:

- ❑ Books recorded on digital cartridge with digital player
- ❑ Braille and/or audio downloads (BARD)
- ❑ Books recorded on audio cassette with standard cassette player
- ❑ Magazines recorded on audio cassette
- ❑ Braille books and/or magazines
- ❑ Music instruction materials (DOES NOT include music for recreational listening)
- ❑ headphones — **Only** for readers who must use talking books in circumstances where loudspeakers are not permitted.
- ❑ headphone amplifier — **Only** for hearing impaired readers. **An additional form must be signed by physician or audiologist.**
- ❑ extension levers — **Only** for audio cassette players. Assists readers with limited use of their hands to operate controls.
- ❑ breath switch — **Only** for audio cassette players**.**
- ❑ remote control — **Only** for audio cassette players**. Requires an additional form.**

Book Selection

❑ **Send only the books I request**—you will receive catalogs. DO NOT check subject areas listed on pages 4 and 5.

❑ **Select books for me** in the subject areas I have checked on pages 4 and 5.

Exclusions: Please check if you **object** to:

- ❑ descriptions of sex
- ❑ descriptions of violence
- ❑ strong language
- ❑ long books

Reading Level: Please check preferred reading level. You may check more than one.

- ❑ adult
- ❑ young adult
- ❑ grades 4th - 6th
- ❑ grades 1st - 3rd
- ❑ pre-school - kindergarten

Language: To receive books in languages other than English, list alternate languages.

_____ _____ _____

Book Subjects

- ❑ Adventure Fiction
- ❑ Animals and Nature
- ❑ The Bible, version _____
- ❑ Biblical Stories

Biography -

- ❑ Actors/Actresses ❑ Adventure
- ❑ Blind ❑ Disabled
- ❑ Pioneer ❑ Political
- ❑ Sports ❑ U. S. Presidents and President's Wives
- ❑ Women ❑ Writers

- ❑ Business and Economics
- ❑ Christian Fiction
- ❑ Classic Fiction
- ❑ Computers/Technology
- ❑ Disabilities or Health Issues _____
- ❑ Fairy Tales and Folklore

Family Stories -

- ❑ American ❑ Foreign

- ❑ Fantasy

Food -

- ❑ Cooking ❑ Nutrition

- ❑ Gardens and Gardening
- ❑ Historical Fiction

History -

- ❑ American ❑ World
- ❑ Ancient

- ❑ Humor Fiction
- ❑ Hunting and Fishing
- ❑ Indians of North America
- ❑ Inspirational Nonfiction
- ❑ Minorities _____

Mysteries -

- ❑ American ❑ Foreign
- ❑ Cozy/Humorous ❑ Detective
- ❑ True Crime/Criminals

- ❑ Nebraska Authors
- ❑ Occult Fiction

Personal Development -

- ❑ Interpersonal Relations
- ❑ Life Skills
- ❑ Self-Actualization
- ❑ Stress Management

- ❑ Philosophy
- ❑ Pioneer and Frontier Life
- ❑ Poets and Poetry

Politics and Government -

- ❑ American ❑ Foreign

- ❑ Psychiatry and Psychology
- ❑ Ranch and Farm Life
- ❑ Religion _____

Romance -

- ❑ American ❑ Foreign
- ❑ Gothic ❑ Harlequin
- ❑ Historical ❑ Regency

- ❑ Science _____
- ❑ Science Fiction
- ❑ Sports _____

❑ Spy Fiction

Travel -

❑ American ❑ Foreign

War Fiction -

❑ Revolutionary ❑ Civil

❑ WWI ❑ WWII

❑ Korea ❑ Vietnam

❑ Other _____

War Nonfiction and Biography -

❑ Revolutionary ❑ Civil

❑ WWI ❑ WWII

❑ Korea ❑ Vietnam

❑ Other _____

❑ Westerns

❑ Other favorite authors or subjects

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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 an 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.

*** Family members may NOT serve as "competent authority."**

B. Certifying Authority

1. In cases of blindness, visual disability, or physical limitations, “competent authority” is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; nurse practioners, physician assistants, therapists; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, 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 or osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

C. Residency

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 Material and Classes of Borrowers

A. Veterans. In the lending of books, recordings, reproducers, 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.

B. Institutions. The reading materials and sound reproducers 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 of such persons only. The reading materials and sound reproducers 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.

Services from Other State Agencies

If you would like us to forward your name to other state agencies, please check below and sign.

❑ **Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired** - training to assist blind or visually impaired individuals carrying on ordinary social, recreational, domestic, or work activities.

❑ **Division of Rehabilitation Services** - vocational counseling, physical restoration, training, and placement for anyone with a disability which is severe enough to be a vocational handicap.

Signature _____

Help Us Evaluate Our Promotion Strategies

How did you learn about the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service?

❑ physician	❑ public library	❑ newspaper
❑ eye care professional	❑ school system	❑ radio
❑ another talking book or braille reader	❑ state or local agency on aging	❑ television
❑ diabetes educator	❑ health fair	❑ website or blog
❑ congregational worker or clergy member	❑ Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired	❑ other; please specify _____