

**Braille and Talking Books @ Taylor Community Library**

12303 Pardee Road, Taylor, MI 48180

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**Application for Free Library Service: Individuals**

Please complete this application and send it to the Taylor Community Library.

**Please print or type:**

Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Wayne State: MI ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Daytime): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 regular printed material. See definitions under eligibility criteria. Check only one box.

**Blindness**  **Physical handicap**  **Deaf-blindness**

**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.

**Notice:** Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading materials 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 Braille and Talking Book Librarian at the Taylor Community Library.

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

The following persons are eligible for service: Residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad.

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 regular printed material.
  - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use regular printed material because of physical limitations.
  - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent reading regular printed material in a conventional manner.

### Certifying authority:

- In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" includes 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, 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.
- In the case of a 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.

**To Be Completed by Certifying Authority** (Definitions of certifying authority are listed 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Please print or type:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title and occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers

**Veterans.** According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials.

**Institutions.** Institutions such as schools, residential care facilities, hospitals, and other establishments regularly attended by blind and/or physically handicapped individuals may borrow special format reading materials and playback equipment solely for the use of persons certified as eligible, who must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment provided by NLS.

### Reading Level Preferences (check all that apply):

Adult Books                       Young Adult Books                       Juvenile Books

For Juvenile books, please list grade level(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** In order to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check up to 10 boxes of the types of books or subjects you prefer. You may also write your reading interests in the space provided below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure stories       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels               | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amish fiction           | <input type="checkbox"/> Government, law, & politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals and wildlife    | <input type="checkbox"/> Health                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea stories         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible                   | <input type="checkbox"/> History—U.S.                | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies             | <input type="checkbox"/> History—world               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and economics  | <input type="checkbox"/> Music appreciation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career and job training | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage and screen    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic novels          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense stories    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking and homemaking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult and supernatural     | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban fiction       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories          | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy                  | <input type="checkbox"/> War and war stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore                | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology and self-help    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening               | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion, creed             |  |

Other preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (check all that apply):**

- Strong language       Violence       Explicit descriptions of sex

**Books, Magazines, Materials, and Equipment Accessories**

Please check the box provided for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive. (Consult the *Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories Provided on Free Loan to Eligible Individuals and Institutions*

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/playback.html>

for a full description of machines and accessories.)

**Reading preferences:**

- Talking Book and Magazine player  
 Talking Book cartridges  
 Talking Magazine cartridges  
 Braille books  
 Braille magazines  
 Access to Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website

**Accessories for talking book player:**

- Amplifier (issued solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; requires a separate application)  
 Headphones

**Accessories for BARD users:**

- USB right-angle adapter (to use your personal standard USB drives with your NLS Talking Book player)

**or**

- Cartridge cable (to connect your personal Talking Book cartridges to your computer)

**Music materials:**

- Music instruction on audiocassette  
 Music instruction on digital cartridge  
 Music magazines in braille  
 Music scores in braille  
 Music scores in large print

**(Note: Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program. Please check your local public library for recreational music materials.)**

**Return of Equipment**

Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used for reading recorded material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, please return it to the issuing agency.