

# APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR ALASKANS

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**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sex: Male** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran Status:**  By law, preference in lending materials is given to veterans. Please check box if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States**.**

**Individual to contact in the event you cannot be reached:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

**Please check the primary disability preventing you from reading standard print:**

**Blindness**: *Vision 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective lens or visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.*

**Visually Impaired**: *Unable to read standard print without aids other than regular glasses.*

**Physically Impaired**: *Unable to read a standard printed material due to physical limitations, e.g. paralysis, extreme weakness, loss of arms or hands.*

**Reading Disability**: *Disability must be physically based (an organic dysfunction) and of sufficient severity to prevent reading standard print.* **Application must be signed by doctor   
of medicine or osteopathy.**

**Deaf/Blind**: In addition to any of the previously indicated conditions, do you also have any hearing loss? If so, please indicate the degree:

**Moderate** (some difficulty hearing and understanding speech)

**Profound** (cannot hear or understand speech)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY A CERTIFYING AUTHORITY**

* For **blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations**: A certifying authority includes doctors of medicine or 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. The certifying authority ***may not*** be a member of the applicant’s family.
* For **reading disability**: The signature of a doctor of medicine or osteopathy is required by federal regulation to certify not only that a reading disability exists and is serious enough to prevent reading regular print, but also that the identified condition has a **physical basis**. Certifying medical authorities are encouraged to consult with colleagues of associated disciplines to determine if reading disability is due to organic dysfunction (lies within the central nervous system).

*I certify the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed materials for the reason(s) indicated above.*

**Certifying Authority’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Title/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Applications received without certification will not be processed.**

## Reading Preferences

*You can choose books in up to three formats: digital audio books, large print books, or Braille. You can change these choices at any time by calling the Utah State Library at 1-800-453-4293.*

**Digital Audio Books**

\_\_\_\_ Send \_\_\_\_ book(s) every \_\_\_\_ days

\_\_\_\_ One book when one book is returned

\_\_\_\_ Select titles for me from my designated subject categories

\_\_\_\_ Send only titles I request

**Large Print Books**

\_\_\_\_ Send \_\_\_\_ book(s) every \_\_\_\_ days

\_\_\_\_ One book when one book is returned

\_\_\_\_ Select titles for me from my designated subject categories

\_\_\_\_ Send only titles I request

**Braille Books**

\_\_\_\_ Send \_\_\_\_ book(s) every \_\_\_\_ days

\_\_\_\_ One book when one book is returned

\_\_\_\_ Select titles for me from my designated subject categories

\_\_\_\_ Send only titles I request

**Strong Language:** Please do not send any books with strong language

\_\_\_\_ Contains Strong Language ST

\_\_\_\_ Contains Some Strong Language ST-S

**Violence:** Please do not send any books with violence

\_\_\_\_ Contains Violence VI

\_\_\_\_ Contains Some Violence VI-S

**Explicit Descriptions of Sex:** Please do not send any books with explicit sex

\_\_\_\_ Contains Descriptions of Sex SE

\_\_\_\_ Contains Some Descriptions of Sex SE-S

\_\_\_\_ Contains Some Explicit Descriptions of Sex SE-X

\_\_\_\_ Love Stories, Spicy Romance ROX

\_\_\_\_ Contains Explicit Descriptions of Sex XXX

**Subject Categories:** If you wish to have books selected for you or to have books substituted when your requests are not available, please check at least six of the categories below. You can change these categories at any time by calling the Utah State Library at 1-800-453-4293.

\_\_\_\_ ADV Adventure & Spy Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ ANM Animal Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ B-MEM Autobiographies and Memoirs Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ BEF Best Sellers Fiction

\_\_\_\_ BEN Best Sellers Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ BIO Biographies General Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ 658 Business Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ CLA Classic Fiction

\_\_\_\_ FAN Fantasy Fiction

\_\_\_\_ GOT Gothic Fiction

\_\_\_\_ POL Government and Politics Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ 610D Health, Nutrition and Diet Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ HIF Historical Novels Fiction

\_\_\_\_ 978 History, Frontier and Western Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ 973 History, United States and Biographies of Presidents Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ 900W History, World and Foreign Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ 640 Home and Family Management Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ HUM Humor Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ MDF Modern and Contemporary Novels Fiction

\_\_\_\_ MYS Mystery and Detective Novels Fiction

\_\_\_\_ OCC Occult and Supernatural Fiction

\_\_\_\_ 130 Paranormal/Occultism Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ PIO Pioneer Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ POE Poetry Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ CHF Religious Fiction

Religious Fiction about This Denomination \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ LDSF Religious Fiction about the Latter-day Saints

\_\_\_\_ LDS Religious Nonfiction about the Latter-day Saints

\_\_\_\_ ROM Romance Novels Fiction

\_\_\_\_ SCF Science Fiction

Science Nonfiction about These Subjects \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ SST Short Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ SPT Sports Biographies and Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ SUS Suspense Novels Fiction

\_\_\_\_ 917 Travel in the United States Nonfiction

Travel Nonfiction to These Areas\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 364C True Crime Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ WARN War History Nonfiction

\_\_\_\_ WAR War Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ WES Western Stories Fiction

\_\_\_\_ YF Young Adult Novels Fiction

**Favorite authors or other reading preferences**  
Please share any other information that will help us to select books for you.

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**The reading levels I enjoy reading are:**

Kindergarten — Grade 2

Grades 3 — 6

Grades 6 — 9

Young Adult

Adult

**BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download):** You can download Braille and audio books from BARD. Please review the Utah State Library’s patron handbook for information. For help, call Utah State Library at 1-800-453-4293.

**Digital Audio Books in Spanish:** Other languages not currently available.

**Free** **Magazines:**  The Utah State Library will contact you about the

magazines available in the format you indicate.

\_\_\_\_ Magazines on Digital Cartridge, BARD (download), in Large Print and on Newsline (Newsline for Utah patrons only)

\_\_\_\_ Magazines in Braille

**To receive the Utah State Library’s newsletter, *See Note*,** check the format you prefer:

\_\_\_\_ Email

\_\_\_\_ Large Print (XSN2)

\_\_\_\_ Braille (XSN1)

**Notice of Confidentiality**: Patron records of reading materials are confidential.

## EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE ACCESSORIES

Please check the items that you wish to receive:

**Digital Book Player:** Easy to use digital player that plays Library of Congress digital books cartridges. Also works with online BARD downloading system. Please check which type of machine you would like.

\_\_\_\_ Standard digital machine (DS1) – Recommended for most readers

\_\_\_\_ Advanced digital machine (DA1) – Recommended for students and readers of heavily indexed nonfiction books. Contains five more controls: Info, Previous, Menu, Next, and Mark, which allow the reader to more easily navigate within a book and to set and find bookmarks.

Special accessories for players are available. Please check those that are needed:

**Headphones**

**Pillow Speaker**: For readers confined to bed.

Playback equipment and machine accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used with audio materials provided by the Utah State Library, the equipment and accessories must be returned to the Alaska State Library.

An individual must borrow at least one book or magazine a year from the Utah State Library to retain the use of borrowed equipment and accessories. Materials received from sources other than the Utah State Library do not qualify for continuance of service.

**Please return this application to the Alaska State Library.**

**Our contact information appears on the first page.**