



APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR ALASKANS

Library service is provided through a partnership of the Alaska State Library (for patron applications) and the Utah State Library (for books, magazines and playback equipment.)

Alaska State Library
Talking Book Center
PO Box 110571
Juneau, AK 99811-0571

Telephone: 907-465-5901
Toll Free in Alaska: 888-820-4525
Fax: 907-465-2151
Email: tbc@alaska.gov
Website: talkingbooks.alaska.gov

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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: _____

Phone: _____

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: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications received without certification will not be processed.

How did you learn about this service? (Check up to three)*

☐ Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency ☐ Other Health Care Professional

☐ Vocational Rehabilitation Center ☐ Friend/Family ☐ Public Library

☐ School ☐ Consumer/Support Group ☐ Event/Expo

☐ TV Ad (specify below) ☐ Radio Ad (specify below) ☐ Other Ad (specify below)

☐ Internet/Social Media (specify below) ☐ Other (specify) _____

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.

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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

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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

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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

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

- ___ Contains Strong Language ST
- ___ Contains Some Strong Language ST-S

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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

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| _____ | 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.

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| _____ | 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 |

<input type="checkbox"/>	POE	Poetry Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHF	Religious Fiction
		Religious Fiction about This Denomination _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	LDSF	Religious Fiction about the Latter-day Saints
<input type="checkbox"/>	LDS	Religious Nonfiction about the Latter-day Saints
<input type="checkbox"/>	ROM	Romance Novels Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	SCF	Science Fiction
		Science Nonfiction about These Subjects _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	SST	Short Stories Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPT	Sports Biographies and Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	SUS	Suspense Novels Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	917	Travel in the United States Nonfiction
		Travel Nonfiction to These Areas _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	364C	True Crime Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	WARN	War History Nonfiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	WAR	War Stories Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	WES	Western Stories Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

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 Newline (Newline 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.

☐ **Headphones**

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.