

Alexandria Library Talking Book Service
Beatley Central Branch
5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304
703-746-1760 Voice or 703-746-1790 TTY
Application for Library Service.

Please print or type

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____
(Middle) _____

Street Address

City _____ County _____

State _____ Zip _____

Primary Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____

Alternate Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Alternative contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Veterans: Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading printed material.

Blindness

Physical Disability

Deaf/Blindness

Visual Impairment

Reading Disability

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

Moderate – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech

Profound – Cannot hear or understand speech

NOTE: Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.

2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

Please see www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services for the full eligibility terminology.

Certifying Authority

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature

Date _____

A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

Service delivery for library materials (check all that apply)

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. Please provide your email address for BARD registration.

- I have a personal mobile device and would like to access the free BARD Mobile application, but I would also like materials sent to my home by USPS. Please select the types of materials you want mailed to your home. (Check all that apply.)
 - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
 - Hardcopy braille books and magazines

Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive

I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS to my home. I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply)

Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive

Hardcopy braille books and magazines

Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking

books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive

(Note: The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

How did you learn about the NLS free library service?

Check up to three:

Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency Other Health Care Professional

School Vocational Rehabilitation Center

Friend/Family Public Library

Consumer/Support Group Event/Expo

- TV Ad Radio Ad
- Other Ad _____
- Internet/Social Media _____
- Other _____

Reading Preferences (Optional): Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery, USPS Free Matter for the Blind

Reading Preferences: Check A or B

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

Note: If you want books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check all the types of books or subjects you prefer.

Age Range: Adult Titles Young Adult Titles
 Children's Titles, Grade: _____

Subject Category:

- Adventure Bestsellers/Fiction
Bestsellers/Nonfiction
- Biography Classics History

- Mystery Psychology/Self-Help Romance
 Science Fiction War/Military Westerns

Please indicate additional titles, authors, genres, or topics:

I do not wish to receive books that contain (check all that apply):

Strong language Violence

Explicit descriptions of sex

I am interested in receiving books in languages other than English

(please list other languages): _____