

Miami-Dade Public Library System

CONNECTIONS

Home Library Services

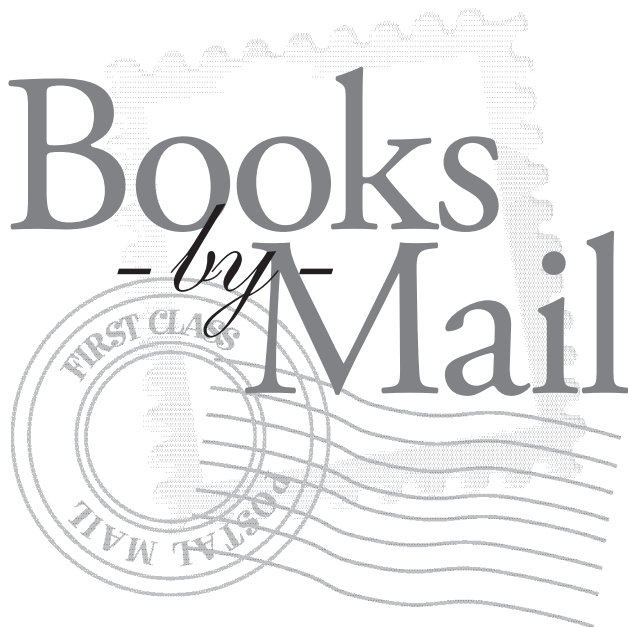
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Miami, FL 33056-3641

Tel: 305-474-7251

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Connections: Home Library Services provides books by mail service to Miami-Dade Public Library System patrons who are unable to make it to a library branch.

Who is eligible?

Patrons of all ages who live within Miami-Dade County and who are physically unable to come to the library. Those without adequate means of transportation, the elderly, the homebound, the chronically ill, and the physically disabled may qualify.

How do I register?

Complete and return the attached Books-by-Mail application and return to us. Call 305-474-7251, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. if you have any questions.

Registered patrons may phone or mail in requests by title, subject or type of material, and/or ask us to select materials for them. Materials include regular and large print books, DVD's and audio book compact discs, and foreign language books. Materials are mailed in convenient, reusable nylon bags.

To return materials, patrons simply remove and reverse the address label on the bag, and return the bag by mail. Bags brought directly to a library branch or bookmobile do not need return postage.

May I renew materials?

Books-by-Mail patrons may renew materials by phone or online through the library's website at www.mdpls.org.

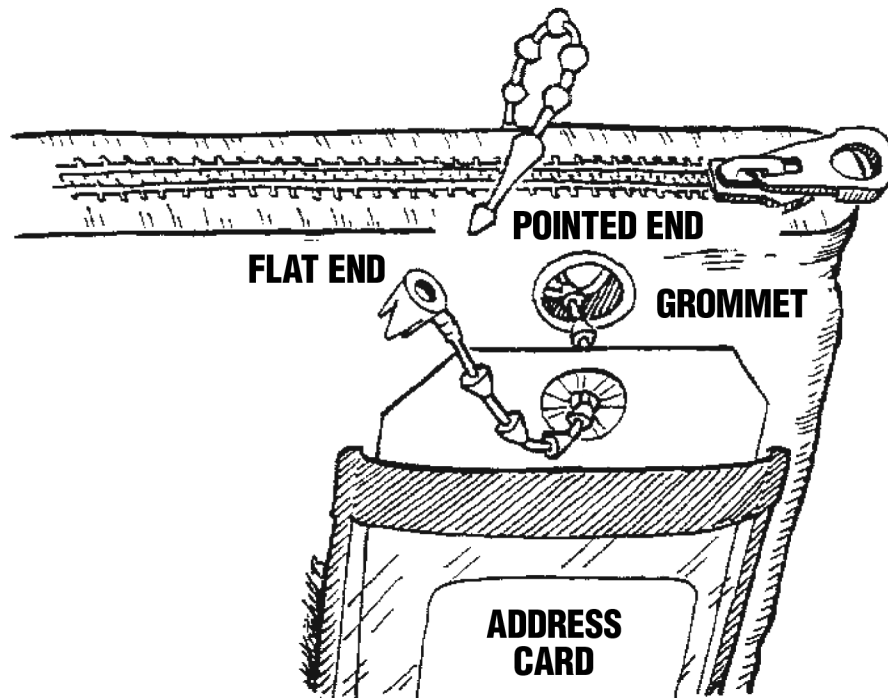
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING “SECURI-TIES”

OPENING BAGS

Mail bags are sealed with a plastic “securi-tie.” In order to unzip the bag, you must cut the “securi-tie.”

SEALING BAGS

- STEP 1** Put materials inside bag, zip bag closed and make sure that the address label shows the library’s address, i.e. TO: CONNECTIONS, etc.
- STEP 2** Thread the POINTED END of the “securi-tie” through the grommets, or reinforced holes on both sides of the mail bag, AND through the hole in the address label.
- STEP 3** Push the POINTED END of the “securi-tie” through the flat side of the FLAT END of the “securi-tie” and pull until snug. Now the bag cannot be opened and the Connections address label is securely attached.



Call 305-474-7251 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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BOOKS-BY-MAIL APPLICATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ APT. # _____

FACILITY _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ SEX: MALE FEMALE

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA – Check one (1)

- NO TRANSPORTATION CHRONIC ILLNESS
 PHYSICAL DISABILITY VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
 CAREGIVER CONVALESCING / HOW LONG? _____
 OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN): _____

LANGUAGE English Spanish French Other (Specify) _____

SHIPMENT FREQUENCY – Check one (1) Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly

FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS

- Send books YES / How many? _____ NO
Send audio books – Compact Disc (CD) YES / How many? _____ NO
Send videodiscs (DVD) YES / How many? _____ NO

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS – Check and complete ALL that apply to you.

- I read only Large Print. Enclosed is my Certification of Disability.
 I prefer Large Print, but will accept regular print to fill my title requests.
 I can't hold heavy books. Don't send books over _____ pages.
 I want paperback editions. Only Never
 I am also a registered Talking Books reader.
 I have internet access. Tell me how to connect to the library.
 I have an email address. It is _____

By including my email address, I agree to receive email updates on Library events and services from the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

SERVICE PLAN – Check One

- Request Only** Send only the library materials that I request by title.
- Readers’ Advisory** Send your selections for me AND my title requests.

PROFILE – Check your favorite topics below ONLY if you want us to select for you.

Fiction/Stories

- Mystery, Private Detective
- Mystery, Amateur Sleuth
- Mystery, Police Procedural
- Thriller, Political/Spy
- Thriller, Psychological
- Thriller, Legal
- Thriller, Medical
- Adventure/Suspense
- Romance, Contemporary
- Romance, Historical
- Romance, Suspense (Gothic)
- Romance, Light
- Romance, Regency (1811-20)
- Romance, Medical
- Family Saga, Contemporary
- Family Saga, Historical
- Classics
- Literary/Award Winners
- Historical Fiction
- Westerns
- Science Fiction
- Occult/Horror

Nonfiction/Information

- Philosophy
- Religion (Denomination): _____
- Psychology and Mental Health
- Politics and Current Events
- Personal Finance and Business
- True Crime
- Nature and Animals (Pets)
- Science and Technology
- Computer Topics: _____
- Health Topics: _____
- Art: _____
- Crafts/Hobbies: _____
- Music: _____
- Sports: _____
- Humor
- Poetry and Plays
- Travel and Geography
- History: _____
- Biography, Political
- Biography, Theatrical
- Biography, Historical
- Biography, Sports

OTHER INTERESTS / FAVORITE AUTHORS: _____

I understand that I assume financial responsibility for the materials I receive. I will make sure the materials are mailed or returned to a Miami-Dade Public Library System branch or bookmobile.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR FREE MATTER POSTAL SUBSIDY (Postage Free Status)**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CERTIFIERS

To be eligible for Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped postage free status, the applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

Legal Blindness Blind persons whose visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with corrective glasses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

Visual Disability Persons whose visual disability with correction, and regardless of optical measurement, is certified as preventing the reading of standard print material.

PERSONS WHO MAY COMPLETE THIS FORM: Doctors, ophthalmologists, optometrists, nurses, social workers, counselors, teachers, librarians, professional staff of hospitals, institutions and public or welfare agencies, or other qualified persons.

Return the completed CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY form to Connections by refolding it with the library address below showing on the outside.

FOLD HERE

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FROM: _____

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OR HANDICAPPED**

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**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY
FOR FREE MATTER POSTAL SUBSIDY
LARGE PRINT BOOKS-BY-MAIL SERVICE**

FOR:

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY: The person listed above is eligible for postage free status due to the following reason:

- Criteria #1 This individual is legally blind.
- Criteria #2 This individual is visually impaired.

CERTIFIED BY:

NAME / TITLE

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE

DATE

SIGNATURE