



## 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](mailto:tbc@alaska.gov)**  
**Website: [talkingbooks.alaska.gov](http://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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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. This document must be physically signed to be accepted.

**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)\***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional         | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center       | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group                 | <input type="checkbox"/> School                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad (specify below)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad (specify below)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify below)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

**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), and in Large Print
  - \_\_\_ 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.**