



Southwest Georgia Library
for Accessible Services

Application for Free Library Service for Individuals

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Please Print or Type:

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____
Street Address _____
City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (Daytime) _____ Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____
Telephone (Evening) _____ Gender _____
E-mail address _____

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____ Telephone _____

By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Please check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading regular printed material. See definitions under eligibility criteria. Check only one box.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Blindness | Physical impairment | Deaf-blindness |
| Visual impairment | Reading disability | |

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment? If yes, indicate the degree of hearing loss.

- Moderate** – some difficulty hearing and understanding speech.
- Profound** – cannot hear or understand speech.

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading materials are confidential except for those portions defined by local law as public information. To find out the extent to which the information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, consult SWGLAS.

Eligibility of Blind and Other Physically Disabled Persons for Loan of Library Materials

The following persons are eligible for service: Residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad.

1. Blind persons whose visual activity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
2. Other physically disabled persons are eligible as follows:
 - a. Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of regular material.
 - b. Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use regular printed material because of physical limitations.
 - c. Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent regular reading material in a conventional manner.

Certifying authority:

- In cases of blindness, visual impairment, or physical limitations, "competent authority" includes doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or private welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, 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.
- In the case of a reading disability from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

To Be Completed by Certifying Authority (Definitions of certifying authority are listed above.) I certify that the named applicant requesting library service is unable to read or use regular printed material for the reason indicated on this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print or type:

Name _____

Title and Occupation _____

Organization _____ Telephone _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers

Veterans. According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically disabled persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials.

Institutions. Institutions such as schools, residential care facilities, hospitals, and other establishments regularly attended by blind and/or physically disabled individuals may borrow special format reading materials and playback equipment solely for the use of persons certified as eligible, who must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment provided by NLS.

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 wish to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check the types of books or subjects you prefer. You may also write your reading interests in the space provided below.

Adventure stories	Fantasy	Poetry
Animals and wildlife	Folklore	Psychology, Self-help
Bestsellers	Gardening	Religious
Fiction Nonfiction	Georgia interest	Religion _____
Bible	Gothic novels	Romance
Biography	Government, law, politics	Science
Business, economics	Health	Science fiction
Career, job training	Historical fiction	Short stories
Children's fiction	History – U.S.	Sports
Reading level: _____	History – world	Spy stories
Children's nonfiction	Humor	Suspense stories
Reading level: _____	Music appreciation	Travel
Classic novels	Mysteries	War, war stories
Cooking, homemaking	Nature	Fiction Nonfiction
Entertainers, celebrities	Occult, Supernatural	Westerns
Family stories	Philosophy	

Other Preferences: _____

Check here if you wish to receive books in the English language only. If you wish to receive books in other languages, list the languages: _____

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

Strong language

Violence

Explicit descriptions of sex

Books, Magazine, Materials, and Equipment

Please check the box provided for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive. Consult our "Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories" brochure for a full description of machines and accessories.

Books and Magazines

- Books recorded on digital cartridge with digital players
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- Magazines recorded on digital cartridges
- Braille books
- Braille magazines

Accessories for Digital Talking Book Machine

- Amplifier (Solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for separate application)
- Breath switch (Issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility. The breath switch must be used with a remote control unit)
- Headphone (Solely for use when speakers are not permitted)
- Pillow speaker (Solely for readers confined to bed)
- Remote control unit (Issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility)

Music Materials

- Music scores in braille
- Music scores in large print
- Music instruction on audio cassette
- Music magazines in braille
- Music instruction in digital cartridge

(Note: Recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program)

Return of Equipment

Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used for reading recorded material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, please return it to the issuing agency.

Are you interested in information about:

- National Federation of the Blind's *NewsLine*
- Georgia Radio Reading Service
- PINES Library Card (provides access to Georgia public library resources, including large-print books and audio described DVDs and Blu-rays)

Would you like to subscribe to our newsletter, which contains information on local and statewide talking book services, upcoming events, services for disabled individuals and other features? Please tell us the best method of keeping you informed.

U.S. Postal Services

E-mail