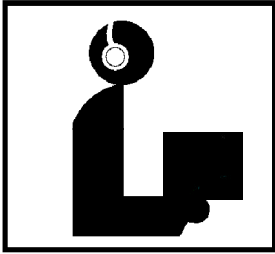


LONG ISLAND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY



RETURN TO: LITBL/Suffolk Cooperative Library System
627 North Sunrise Service Road
P.O. Box 9000
Bellport, New York 11713-9000
(631) 286-1600 (24 hours)
(866) 833-1122 Toll-Free for Nassau/Suffolk
(631) 286-4546 (TTY for hearing impaired)

APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS

Please complete all pages of this application. Records relating to the use of library materials which contain names or other personally identifying details are confidential. These records will not be disclosed except upon request or consent of the library user or his or her parent or guardian, or when required by law.

Please Print or Type

Name _____

Last

First

M.I.

Street Address _____

Village/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Person to be contacted about your talking book service if you cannot be reached:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Name of your local public library _____

Residency or U.S. Citizenship: Eligible readers must be residents of the United States, including the several states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia; or, American citizens domiciled abroad.

Veterans: By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

Children under 18: Check here if this application is for a child under age 18. The "Parent Permission" section on the back page must be completed and signed.

ELIGIBILITY AND CERTIFICATION

Please check the primary reason that you are eligible to receive talking books.

- Blindness** (blind persons whose visual acuity, 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).
- Visual Impairment** (persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority* as preventing the reading of standard printed material).
- Physical Disability** (persons certified by competent authority* as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations).
- Reading Disability** (persons certified by competent authority** as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner).
- Deaf-Blind**

In addition to any of the conditions 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)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

*In cases of blindness, visual disability, or physical limitation, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or 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 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.

I certify that the applicant named has requested library services and is unable to read or use standard material for the reason indicated above.

Name _____

Title/Occupation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

READING PREFERENCES

Reading Materials

- What type(s) of reading materials do you want?
 Books Magazines Scores, instruction or magazines about music*
- In what formats would you like to receive these materials?
 Recorded cassettes Recorded discs (records) Braille**

*Materials about music provided from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

**Braille materials provided from the Andrew Heiskell Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Reading Equipment

- Playback equipment and accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with recorded reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the issuing agency.
- Depending upon the formats specified above, we will lend you a standard cassette and/or disc (record) player. If you require any other specialized equipment or accessories (see cover sheet), please specify _____.

Frequency of Service

- Most talking book users are on a "return" system whereby each time they return a talking book we send another. Check here if you would like to receive books on this system.
- If you would prefer a different type of service, please check appropriate box:
 weekly biweekly triweekly monthly
How many books would you like to receive on this basis? _____

Book Selection (check one):

- The library may select books for me based on the reading preferences checked below
- Send only the specific titles I will request. Do not select books for me. (Note: You must borrow books regularly in order to remain active in the program and continue to use the equipment that has been loaned to you.)

Reading Content

- Do you want: Adult books Young adult books Children's books (grade _____)
- Check if you do **NOT** wish to receive books that contain:
 Strong language Violence Descriptions of sex
- In which languages do you want to receive books? English Spanish French
 Italian other (specify _____)

Reading Interests (check as many as apply):

• FICTION

- Adventure Animal stories Bestsellers Black interests Classics
- Family stories Gothic novels Historical novels Humor Modern novels
- Modern novels/risque Mystery & Spy Occult Religion (specify _____)
- Romance Science fiction Short stories War stories Westerns

• **NON-FICTION**

- Adventure Bestsellers Biographies Black interests Business
- Cooking Current events Disabilities Fine arts Health History
- Homemaking Humor About music Occult Philosophy Plays
- Poetry Psychology Politics & Government Religion (specify _____)
- Science Sports Travel War

Please indicate any other type of books or favorite authors that interest you. Be as specific as possible.

Publications

You will automatically receive the following materials to familiarize you with new books and services. Please check the reading format you prefer for each:

- Handbook for New Readers: large print cassette
- Newsletter (bimonthly): large print cassette
- Catalogs of talking books (annual): large print flexible disc (record)
- Talking Book Topics (bimonthly): large print cassette computer disk flexible disc (record)

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This section must be completed by the parent or guardian of applicants aged 18 or less.

- I understand that the talking book program is a free service available to my child provided that he or she remains eligible for the program and actively borrows materials from it.
- I understand that the LITBL lends recorded books for leisure and recreational reading as well as literature and general nonfiction. I understand that the LITBL does not lend textbooks on tape, nor does it lend playback equipment for the sole purpose of listening to textbooks on tape.
- I understand that if my child does not borrow books or magazines regularly from the LITBL, his or her service will be cancelled and the equipment will be recalled.
- I agree to be responsible for the care and return of all books and equipment.

Teachers occasionally contact our office to make sure that their student(s) are registered to receive talking books, and/or to order specific books for their students. May we respond to such requests from your child's teacher(s)? yes no

Signature of parent or guardian

Date