

**TALKING BOOK PROGRAM**  
**Texas State Library**  
**and Archives Commission**  
**LIBRARY SERVICES FOR PRINT**  
**IMPAIRED PERSONS**

Call toll free 1-800-252-9605; in Austin, 463-5458  
Hours: M-F 8:00 to 5:00



The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides library services to Texans who cannot read standard print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. To participate in this free service, complete the application below and return it to the **Talking Book Program, PO Box 12927, Austin TX 78711-2927**. Information required for borrowing of Library of Congress materials will be kept confidential.

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

Qualified readers must be residents of the U.S. or American citizens living abroad.

**Name**

*first*

*middle*

*last*

**Mailing  
Address**

TX

*city*

*state*

*zip*

**Phone**

*area code home*

*area code work*

*e-mail*

**Date of Birth**

*month*

*day*

*year*

**Sex**

**F**

**M**

**Primary Language:**  **English**  **Spanish**  **Other** (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

**We attempt to contact every applicant by phone.** If you cannot be reached by phone or prefer not to communicate over the phone, give the name and number of another person who can make decisions regarding your library service. If applicant is a minor, please list the name and number of a **parent** or **guardian**.

**Alternate Contact:**

**Name**

**Phone**

*area code home*

*area code work*

**READING MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE IN BRAILLE, LARGE PRINT, ON CASSETTE AND RECORDED DISK. PLEASE CHECK THE FORMAT(S) YOU WISH TO RECEIVE:**

- |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Books recorded on cassette* | <input type="checkbox"/> Large print books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Books recorded on disk*     | <input type="checkbox"/> Braille books     |

\* Special playback machines will be provided. Our disks are **not** compact disks, or CD-ROMs. Cassettes and disks will **not** play on standard equipment.

**LISTED BELOW ARE OPTIONAL ATTACHMENTS FOR USE WITH PLAYBACK MACHINES. PLEASE CHECK ANY YOU MAY REQUIRE:**

***For use on either machine:***

- Amplifier**  
For readers with impaired hearing only. **An additional application will be sent.**
- Remote Control**  
For readers confined to bed. **An additional application will be sent.**

***For readers with limited use of their hands:***

- Extension Lever**  
For cassette machine - assists in operating controls.
- Tone Arm Clip**  
For record player - assists in placing needle on record.

Playback equipment and special attachments 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 Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**THE LIBRARY OFFERS THREE OPTIONS FOR SENDING READING MATERIAL. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE:**

- I will select my own books. Send me a catalog of titles available in the formats checked above.
- Select books for me based on my reading interests indicated on the next page.
- Select books for me and send catalogs so I can choose titles I want to read.

If the library selects books for you, we can **exclude** certain books if you wish. Check the boxes below to tell us if there are types of books you do not want to receive.

- Please **do not send** me books containing **explicit sex**.
- Please **do not send** me books containing **violence**.
- Please **do not send** me books containing **strong language**.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF TOPICS IN THE TBP COLLECTION.  
PLEASE CHECK THOSE THAT INTEREST YOU:**

**Fiction**

- Adventure
- African-American Fiction
- Best Sellers
- Children's Books  
Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_
- Classic Fiction
- Fantasy
- Harlequin Romances
- Historical Fiction  USA  English
- Humor
- Mystery/Detective
- Romance
- Science Fiction
- Sea Stories
- Short Stories
- Spies/Espionage
- Sports Fiction
- Supernatural Fiction
- Suspense
- Texas Fiction
- War Stories
- Westerns
- Young Adult Fiction (Grade 10–12)

**Nonfiction**

- African-American Nonfiction
- Autobiography/Biography
- Best Sellers
- Children's Books  
Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_
- Drama/Plays
- History  
 World  USA  Texas
- Music\* (books about music,  
**NOT** music on CD, cassette,  
or record)
- Poetry
- Sports Nonfiction
- Texas Nonfiction
- Travel  World  USA
- True Crime
- Young Adult Nonfiction  
(Grade 10–12)

**LIST OTHER FAVORITES BELOW:**

Subjects \_\_\_\_\_

Authors \_\_\_\_\_

Titles \_\_\_\_\_

The library does not offer textbooks. However, magazines are available in large print, Braille, on cassette and recorded disk. A list of available titles will be sent once your application is received.

**\*Instructional music texts and scores** are available from the Library of Congress. Please check here if you would like more information.

**The library does not provide recorded music or compact disks (CDs).**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

**Please indicate the qualifying disability for the applicant.**

- Blindness** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- Visual Disability** Inability to read standard printed material without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- Physical Disability** Inability to read or use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations, such as paralysis, extreme weakness, missing arms or hands.
- Reading Disability** Organic dysfunction of sufficient severity as to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner; **for this category, the certifying authority must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy** who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.
- Deaf and Blind** Hearing impairment is:  moderate  profound

**TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY**

“Certifying authority” is defined to include doctors of medicine and osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, vocational rehabilitation counselors, home teachers, and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians. **In the case of a Reading Disability, the certifying authority must be a doctor of medicine or osteopathy.** Certifying authorities are not permitted to certify relatives. Please fill out the following information completely.

I certify that the applicant named is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason(s) indicated above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
*original signature is needed*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street*

\_\_\_\_\_ TX \_\_\_\_\_  
*city state zip*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*area code work date*