# **Great Lakes Talking Books Library**

A Service of the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Labor & Economic Opportunity

**Reader Advisory & Outreach**

**1615 Presque Isle Ave**

**Marquette, MI 49855-2811**

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## **Application for Free Library Service**

**Please type or print:** Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **MICHIGAN** Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Person to call if you can’t be reached and/or to assist with your account**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to patron \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Check one of the eligibility requirements under which you qualify**

* **Blind:** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
* **Visual Disability:** Unable to read standard printed materials without special aids other than regular glasses.
* **Physical Disability:** Unable to hold a book or turn the pages as a result of weakened muscle or nerve control due to strokes, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, polio, or other physical conditions that impair the use of arms or hands.
* **Reading Disability:** Organic dysfunction, such as dyslexia, of sufficient severity to prevent reading. **IF THIS BOX IS CHECKED, doctors of medicine (MD) or osteopathy (DO) who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines must certify.**

## **To be completed by certifying authority**

(Certifying authority must be a professional such as a doctor, nurse, rehabilitation professional, counselor, librarian, teacher, activity director, or social worker)

I certify that the applicant named on the previous page is unable to use standard printed materials for the reason indicated above, and that I am not a member of the applicant’s family.

Signature **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title and Occupation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Books, Equipment, and Other Services?**

* **Talking Books on digital cartridge and a digital talking book player.** Easy-to-use digital player; plays book cartridges.
* **BARD** (Braille and Audio Reading Download). Download books with the BARD mobile App directly to compatible mobile devices, such as an iPad.
* **Braille Books**
* **Headphones**
* **Magazines.** Audio and/or braille magazines available.
* **NFB-Newsline Service.** Audio newspaper service.
* **High Volume Player**. Solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss. Separate application needed.

## **What is your preferred reading level?**

* Adult
* Young Adult
* Juvenile (specify grade / reading level):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **How often do you want to receive books?**

* **Send/Return:** Send a new cartridge each time I return one. (Up to three cartridges may be checked out at a time. Talking book cartridges contain multiple books on a single cartridge.)
* **On Demand:** Send a new cartridge only when I call to request one.

## **How did you learn about this service?**

* Veterans Affairs
* Vocational Rehabilitation Center
* Other Health Care Professional
* Friend / Family
* Public Library
* School
* Consumer/Support Group
* Event/Expo
* TV Ad
* Radio Ad
* Internet / Social Media
* Other (specify):

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## **DO NOT send me books that contain:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strong Language \_\_\_\_\_\_ Violence\*\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explicit Sex

## If a little bit is okay, write “SOME” on the appropriate line.

\*\*Westerns and Mysteries usually contain violence.

## **Check the format you prefer for…**

Talking Book Topics, a bi-monthly catalog of newly recorded books:

\_\_\_ Large Print \_\_\_\_Audio

Braille Book Review, a bi-monthly catalog of new Braille books:

\_\_\_ Large Print \_\_\_\_Braille

InFocus, our statewide newsletter:

\_\_\_ Large Print \_\_\_Braille \_\_Email \_\_\_Online(www.michigan.gov/btbl)

## **Check or write-in your favorite authors:**

* John Grisham
* Clive Cussler
* James Patterson
* Mary H Clark
* David Baldacci
* Donald Bain
* William Johnstone
* Zane Grey
* Louis L’Amour
* Stephen King
* Dean Koontz
* Janette Oke
* Jan Karon
* Richard P Evans
* Nicholas Sparks
* Maeve Binchy
* Nora Roberts
* Danielle Steel
* Beverly Lewis
* Debbie Macomber
* Barbara T Bradford

Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Check subject areas or subcategories that interest you.**

### **Fiction**

* Animals and Nature: \_Birds \_ Cats \_ Dogs \_ Horses \_Nature \_Farming
* Adventure: \_Bestsellers \_Sea Stories \_Spy Stories \_Suspense
* Fables/Folklore/Mythology: \_Fables \_Folklore \_Mythology \_Fairy Tales
* Family
* Historical Fiction: \_Foreign \_United States
* Horror: \_Bestsellers \_Ghosts \_Vampires \_Witchcraft
* Literature: \_Classics \_Award Winners
* Modern Fiction: \_Light \_Urban
* Mystery: \_Bestsellers \_Courtroom Law \_Cozy \_ Detective \_Historical \_Suspense
* Romance: \_Bestsellers \_Historical \_Modern \_Traditional \_Old Fashioned
* Science Fiction: \_Bestsellers \_Fantasy
* War Stories: \_ Revolutionary \_Civil \_WWI \_WWII \_ Korean\_ Vietnam
* Westerns

**Non-fiction**

* Adventure
* Biographies: \_Celebrity \_Historical \_Inspirational \_Music \_Political
* Business and Economics: \_Investment \_Small Business
* Cooking: \_Diet \_Gourmet
* History: \_Foreign \_United States
* Inspirational
* Philosophy
* Poetry: \_Classical \_Modern
* Psychology
* Regional Interest: \_Cities \_UP \_Government \_Great Lakes \_History
* Religion: \_ Amish \_Catholic \_Islamic \_Judaism \_ Mormon\_ Protestant \_Other
* Science
* Social Issues
* Sports: \_ Baseball \_Basketball \_Soccer \_Hockey \_ Football\_ Golf \_Hunting
* Travel: \_Foreign \_United States
* True Crime
* War: \_ Revolutionary \_Civil \_WWI \_WWII \_ Korean\_ Vietnam

Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **Notes to Applicant**

Once your application is received, the library will send a new patron packet. This will include a welcome letter, one or more of the library’s latest catalogs for ordering books, and additional information about the program. The library will also process your subscription to “Talking Book Topics” and/or “Braille Book Review,” which will be mailed directly to your residence going forward. This will let you know about the latest books at the library. All records pertaining to this service will remain confidential. To remain an active patron in our service, borrow at least one book or magazine per year.

If you have any questions concerning this information, or need additional assistance in completing this application form, please call GLTB Toll Free at 1-800-562-8985 Ext 0, or local calls, 1-906-228-7697 Ext. 0.

The Great Lakes Talking Book Library is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Please call ahead if you would like to visit.

## **Equipment Notice**

The machines and special accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment malfunctions, please call the library for instructions. If the equipment is no longer being used for reading recorded material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, please return it to BTBL.

## **Notice to Institutions**

Institutions may use this application to request service. In this case, the applicant name on the first page of the application should be the name of the institution, with the contact person listed as the person filling the application out. Special rules and regulations may apply to those types of accounts. For example, schools are required to list the students that will be using the service along with their qualifying disability. Yearly recertification may be required. Please contact the library to discuss institutional accounts further.

**Institution Notes (Schools- list eligible students and their qualifying disability here):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Matter for the Blind**

**or Handicapped**

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