

Who is eligible?

The Pennsylvania Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provide services to the following individuals:

- **Blind** persons whose visual acuity, as determined by a 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.
- Persons whose **visual disability**, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by a competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.
- Persons certified by a competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of **physical limitations**.
- Persons certified by a 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.

Hospitals, nursing or convalescent homes, senior centers, schools or other facilities serving persons with visual or physical disabilities may also register with the library.

The Regional Libraries cannot legally serve a person who is functionally illiterate or developmentally disabled unless a specific visual or physical disability preventing use of standard print accompanies the other limitations.

How do I apply?

To apply for free library services from the Pennsylvania Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, **complete the attached application and reader interest survey**. The **information you provide is confidential** except where defined by state law as public information. Then **have your application certified by a competent authority**, that is, signed by one of the persons as described below.

In the case of **visual or physical disability**, a competent authority is defined to include **physician; osteopath; ophthalmologist; optometrist; registered nurse; therapist; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, or superintendent)**. In the absence of these, certification may be made by a **professional librarian** or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.

NOTE: By federal law, applications for **persons with reading disability** must be certified by a **doctor of medicine** or a **doctor of osteopathy**.

APPLICATION

Individual

Facility (Contact Person for Facility _____)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street or Box/Route Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ County _____

Male Female Birthdate _____

If you cannot reach me for an extended period, you may contact:

Name _____ Phone () _____

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

To be completed by certifying authority

I certify that the applicant named is unable to use standard printed material due to:

Blindness Visual disability Physical disability Reading disability

Applications for persons with **blindness, visual impairment, or physical disability** must be signed by one of the following: **physician; osteopath; ophthalmologist; optometrist; registered nurse; therapist; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, or superintendent).** In the absence of these, certification may be made by a **professional librarian** or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.

Applications for persons with **reading disability** must be signed by a **doctor of medicine** or a **doctor of osteopathy**.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____ Title _____

Agency _____ Phone () _____

Street or Box/Route Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Leonard C. Staisey Building, 4724 Baum Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1389. If you have questions, call toll-free (800) 242-0586 or contact us online at lbph@carnegielibrary.org.

SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

- Cassette books and/or magazines - number of books per month?** _____

Cassette books and magazines require a special cassette player which is available on free loan to readers. You must borrow library materials in order to use library equipment. Please choose one of the following machines that we provide on free loan:

- Model C** machine that plays both 15/16 and 1-7/8 speed cassettes; rewind and fast forward capabilities; **plays by electricity or rechargeable battery pack.**

Coming Soon - Digital Talking Book Players. These will be distributed as they become available to our Library. Contact us for more information.

- Braille books and/or magazines - number of books per month?** _____

Braille service is provided by the Philadelphia library. We will forward a copy of your application to them. Their toll-free telephone number is (800) 222-1754.

- Large print books**

These books with larger-than-standard type are available to **individual readers only**. We send two books to start the service and then replace each returned book with a new selection.

- Described videos**

These videos carry audio descriptions of action without disrupting dialog or other sound. To play these, you must have access to a VHS video cassette machine (VCR). (The library does not provide VCRs on loan.) Because we do not have public performance rights, described videos are available to **individual users only**.

ACCESSORIES FOR EQUIPMENT

These may help with cassette listening:

- Headphones** are available for readers who need them to use the service.
 Pillowphones aid readers who spend long periods of time in bed.
 Extension Keys assist readers to depress keys on the C-1 cassette player.

We will send a special application for any of the following:

- Remote Control** helps readers with severely limited use of hands.
 Breath Control helps readers with severely limited use of hands.
 Amplifier aids readers with severe hearing impairment.

- I understand that if I no longer need materials from the Regional Library, I must return equipment and accessories.**

PUBLICATIONS

You will automatically receive these publications based on the services you checked on the previous page. Please indicate the format you prefer.

Talking Book Topics is a listing of new **cassette books**.

- cassette large print computer diskette

On the Shelf at LBPH is a listing of new **large print books**.

- cassette large print

Première is a listing of new **described videos**.

- cassette large print

MAGAZINES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>American Heritage</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Money</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Analog Science Fiction and Fact</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Musical Mainstream</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Asimov's Science Fiction</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Nation</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>National Geographic</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bon Appétit</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>National Review</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Buenhogar</i> (Spanish) | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New York Times Book Review</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Consumer Reports</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Outdoor Life</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Contemporary Soundtrack</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>People</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Das Beste aus Reader's Digest*</i>
(German) | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>QST</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Diabetes Forecast</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Quarterly Music Magazine</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Discover</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Selecciones del Reader's Digest*</i>
(Spanish) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ebony</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sélections du Reader's Digest*</i>
(French) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Smart Computing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Foreign Affairs</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sound & Vision</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Good Housekeeping</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sports Illustrated</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Guideposts</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Travel & Leisure</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Health and Nutrition Newsletters</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>True West</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Horticulture</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>U.S. News and World Report</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Journal Français</i> (French) | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Writer</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Magazine of the Month</i> | |

I would like to receive a **Magazine List** that describes each **CASSETTE** magazine the library provides.

I would like to receive information on magazines, like ***Reader's Digest**** in **English** and ***Newsweek***, available in various formats from sources other than the library.

**Magazines specifically geared to children and teens
may be found in the Young Adult Reader Interest Survey.**

ADULT READER INTEREST SURVEY*

I would like books from the following subjects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Books about music/musicians) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography/Personal Narrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business/Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/Horror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Careers | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Interest (PA, OH, WV, etc.)
specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Minority Experience
specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion
specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy/Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language
specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies
specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Management | <input type="checkbox"/> War |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns |

I am also interested in these topics (examples: parenting, spy, Civil War, archaeology, fishing, gardening, diabetes, politics, etc.) And these are some of my favorite authors.

Many books, especially bestsellers, contain strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and/or graphic violence.

I will accept strong language.

Yes No

I will accept explicit descriptions of sex.

Yes No

I will accept graphic descriptions of violence.

Yes No

*YOUNG READER INTEREST SURVEY may be found in the next section.

YOUNG READER INTEREST SURVEY

I would like to receive the following CASSETTE magazines:

- Cricket /National Geographic World* (for ages 8-13)
- Spider* (for ages 6-9)
- Sports Illustrated for Kids* (for ages 8-13)
- Teen People* (for ages 13-19)
- Young Adult Magazine of the Month* (for ages 11-17)

I would like to receive books from the following subjects:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Holidays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography/Personal Narrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Careers | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (Books about music/musicians) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Plays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Interest (PA, OH, WV, etc.)
specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Minority Experience
specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion
specify _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy/Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports/Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobbies
specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel/Geography |

I would also like to receive books on these topics (examples: fairytales, dinosaurs, baseball, nursery rhymes, etc. Mention your favorite authors and activities if you wish).

I would like books at the following grade level: _____

Compared to others my age, I want books which are: (circle one) easier, harder, same level.

School _____ Phone () _____

Street or Box/Route Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone () _____

Any Questions? Contact:

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