**APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY SERVICE**

**Vermont Department of Libraries, ABLE Library**

**60 Washington Street, Suite 2, Barre, VT 05641**

**1.800.479.1711 (toll-free in VT) or 802.636.0020**

**[lib.ablelibrary@vermont.gov](mailto:lib.ablelibrary@vermont.gov)**

Application information is confidential and will be used only in relation to your library service. Please print or type.

Applicant’s Name (Last, First Middle)

Street Address

City State Zip

Phone E-mail Address

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Check here if you have had talking book service before. Where and when? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please give the name of someone not living in your household to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period.

Name Telephone

My preferred format for information from the Library is:

⬜ Large print ⬜ E-mail ⬜ Audio

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**Eligibility and Certification**

Please check the primary disability preventing you from reading standard print:

**Blindness**—Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye.

**Visual impairment**–Inability to read standard printed materials without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.

**Physical disability**–Inability to read or use standard printed materials as a result of physical limitations, e.g., paralysis, lack of arms or hands, extreme weakness.

**Reading disability**–Disability must be physically based (an organic dysfunction) and of sufficient severity to prevent reading regular or standard printed materials in a normal manner.

**To be completed by certifying authority**

I certify the applicant named is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Certifying professional’s name Title and occupation

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Address City State Zip code

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Signature Date Phone

**Definition of “Certifying Authority”**

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: Doctor of Medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian). A family member may not sign as a certifying authority.

**Books, equipment, and other services**

Please check those you wish to receive:

**Books recorded on digital cartridge with digital player** (select model)

**Standard digital player:** fine for most readers, including those who wish to download

**Advanced digital player:** allows readers to navigate using digital bookmarks (useful for non-fiction books, magazines)

**Downloadable books (BARD)**

**Large print books**

**Braille books**

**Magazines**

**NFB NEWSLINE Service:** telephone newspaper service.

**Music:** not music for listening, but instructional recordings and braille or large print music scores and magazines.

**Machine accessories for special needs**

Please check if needed:

**High Volume Player with headphones**—solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss. Requires a separate application and certification by physician or audiologist.

**Headphones**—solely for patrons with a hearing loss, or for patrons residing in a group setting where headphones are necessary for private listening.

**Pillow speaker**—solely for readers confined to bed.

**Remote control** ---for patrons with limited mobility.

**Reading Preferences**

Select the type of book service you desire (choose only one):

I only want to select my own books.I will send the library requests from “Talking Book Topics” or other sources.

In addition to selecting books myself, I would like the library to select books for me when my requests are not available. My reading interests are

FICTION

Adventure

Classics

Espionage novels

Fantasy

Gentle/nostalgic fiction

Gothic novels

Historical novels

Horror stories

Mysteries

Plays/drama

Poetry

Romance novels

Science fiction

Short stories

Vermont interest

War stories

Westerns

Other(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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My favorite authors are:

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NONFICTION

Adventure

Animals

Biographies

Cooking

Current events

Disabilities

Government/politics

Health

History, United States

History, World

Humor

Music, books about

Occult/paranormal

Philosophy/psychology

Religion: specific?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sciences

Sports

Travel

Vermont interest

Other(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**I do not wish to receive books containing:**

Violence  Strong language  Explicit sex

**The reading level most appropriate** **for me is:**

Adult

High School

Jr. & Sr. High

Grades 6-9

Grades 5-8

Grades 3-6

Grades 2-4

Kindergarten-

grade 3

Preschool-

grade 2

**My preferred language for reading is:**

English  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the NLS free library service?** (check all that apply)

Rehabilitative Professional Healthcare Professional Friend/Family

Library/Librarian School TV Ad Radio Ad Online Ad

News/Other Website/Social Media Other

Applicant agreement

It is the responsibility of the talking book program users to:

* Return equipment loaned to you when you are no longer using it.
* Notify the library of any address or telephone number changes.
* Take reasonable care of materials and machines.
* Borrow books and/or magazines at least once a year.
* Read and return books within 6 weeks of receipt to allow others the opportunity to read.

By submitting this application, I agree to follow these rules.

Once we have received your application, we will call you to discuss our services in greater detail.