

HOW TO APPLY

Call the Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library at 1-800-852-3133 or 617-972-7240 for an application form. You will receive your equipment and first shipment of books seven to ten days after the Library approves your application.

BROWSERS WELCOME

You are invited to visit the Library on the campus of the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown. The browsing area contains a variety of new titles and old favorites, a display of playback equipment, and a computer with large print and speech output for searching our catalogue of books.

HAVE A FRIEND?

Please call the Library if you would like a copy of this brochure sent to a friend. Brochures are also available in braille and on cassette.



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Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library



Bring books and magazines back into your life, even with limited vision



All we see is possibility.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

The Braille & Talking Book Library loans braille and recorded reading materials and the playback equipment necessary to use them. You are eligible for services if you are unable to read print books due to a disability.

READING MATERIALS



The Library loans books in a wide array of different subject

categories, spanning everything from classics to recent bestsellers in English and many other foreign languages. Books for both adults and children are available in braille, large print or on cassette. The Library also offers a selection of over 90 magazines on either cassette or in braille.

PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT

The Library loans the special cassette player needed to listen to talking boo



WHO IS ELIGIBLE

You may borrow books and equipment from the Library if:

- Your vision is corrected, but you cannot see well enough to read with comfort for extended periods of time.
- You are legally blind with vision of 20/200 or less, or a visual field no greater than 20 degrees.
- You are legally blind with a profound hearing loss.
- You cannot hold a book or turn pages due to a physical disability.
- You are certified by a medical doctor as having a reading disability that has a physical basis, which prevents you from reading standard print.

Hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, day care facilities, schools, and other agencies serving individuals who qualify may also apply for braille and talking book services.

HOW THE LIBRARY SERVICE WORKS THROUGH THE MAIL

Books will be sent to you as often as you wish. The Library will also supply the playback equipment you need, delivered right to your door. There is no charge for any of the Library's services, and books may be returned through the U.S. mail, postage free. A catalogue listing the newest available books will be sent to you every two months. You may use this catalogue to request specific titles.

You may also indicate your preference for certain types of reading materials — such as mysteries or biographies — so that books on these subjects are sent to you automatically.