

GLASS: Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services

A division of Georgia Public Library Service

The Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) network delivers free library services for individuals who are unable to read standard print due to a visual or physical disability. GLASS provides:

- free library service, by mail, to qualified registered users
- access to thousands of digital books and many magazines available for download
- loans of playback machines for use with recorded and digital material
- access to thousands of titles in audio and in braille — more than 500,000 copies!

To start taking advantage of the library services available through GLASS, please read the eligibility requirements on page two, then complete and return the attached application for free library service. Please call or e-mail GLASS if you need additional information.

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services

Phone: 404-657-1452 Toll-free: 1-800-248-6701

E-mail: glass@georgialibraries.org

Please return completed application to:

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services

One Margaret Mitchell Square

4th Floor

Atlanta, GA 30303

Fax: 404-657-1459



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Eligibility for Loan of GLASS Library Materials

The following persons are eligible for service:

1. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by 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.
2. Other physically disabled persons are eligible as follows:
 - (a) Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material;
 - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations;
 - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a conventional manner.

Certifying Authority:

1. In cases of blindness, visual impairment or physical limitations, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; and professional staff of hospitals, institutions and public or private welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competency under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.
2. In the case of reading disability from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

Residency or U.S. Citizenship:

Eligible readers must be residents of the United States, including the several states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia; or, American citizens domiciled abroad.

Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers:

Veterans — In the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts and other specialized materials, preference shall be given at all times to the needs of the blind and other physically disabled persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States. Public Law 89-522

Institutions — The reading materials and playback equipment for the use of blind and physically disabled persons may be loaned to individuals who qualify, to institutions such as nursing homes and hospitals, and to schools for the blind or physically disabled for the use of such persons only. The reading materials and playback equipment may also be used in public or private schools where disabled students are enrolled; however, the students in public or private schools must be certified as eligible on an individual basis and must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment.

GLASS: Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services Application for Free Library Service — Individuals

Please print or type:

Name (last) (first) (middle initial)

Street Address

City County State Zip

Telephone (day) (evening)

Date of birth: ___/___/___ Gender: M___ F___

E-mail address

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name Telephone

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

Please indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading standard printed material. Please check only one box.

Blindness Physical Impairment Deaf-Blindness
 Visual Impairment Reading Disability

In addition to any of the qualifying disabilities above, do you also have a hearing impairment? If yes, please indicate the degree of hearing loss.

Profound – cannot hear or understand speech
 Moderate – some difficulty hearing and understanding speech

Books, Magazines, Materials and Equipment

You may borrow any of the following items. Please check those you wish to receive. Consult our "Facts: Playback Machines and Accessories" brochure for full descriptions of machines and accessories.

Books and Magazines

- Books recorded on digital cartridge with digital players
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- Magazines recorded on digital cartridges
- Braille books
- Braille magazines

Accessories for Digital Talking Book Machine

- Amplifier (Solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for separate application)
- Breath switch (Issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility. The breath switch must be used with a remote control unit)
- Headphone (Solely for use when speakers are not permitted)
- Pillow speaker (Solely for readers confined to bed)
- Remote control unit (Issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility)

Music Materials

- Music scores in braille
- Music scores in large print
- Music instruction on audio cassette
- Music magazines in braille
- Music instruction in digital cartridge

(Note: recorded music for recreational listening is not available through this program)

Return of Equipment

Playback equipment and accessories 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 issuing agency.

Are you interested in information about:

- National Federation of the Blind *NewsLine*
- Georgia Radio Reading Service
- PINES Library Card (provides access to public library resources, including large-print books and DVDs with audio description.)

Reading Preferences

Please select one of the options below:

Send only the specific titles I request. Do not select books for me.

I wish to have books selected for me.

If you wish to have books selected for you, the library needs information about your reading interests. Please check the types of books or subjects you prefer, or write your reading interests in the space provided.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals, wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Folklore | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology, self-help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious
Religion _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography/autobiography | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career, job training | <input type="checkbox"/> Government, politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's fiction
Reading level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's nonfiction
Reading level _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> History
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> World | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classic novels | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Music appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense stories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainers/celebrities | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> War, war stories
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiction <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult, supernatural | <input type="checkbox"/> Western |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | | |

Other preferences _____

I would like to receive books in:

English Other language(s) *Please specify:* _____

I do not wish to receive books that contain:

Strong language Violence Explicit descriptions of sex

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To be completed by a certifying authority:

Please type or print:

Name

Title and occupation

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

I certify that the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated on page three of this application.

Signature

Date

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Communication

Would you like to learn more about GLASS and receive updates on upcoming events, special services and new available titles? Please tell us the best method of keeping you informed.

U. S. Postal Service

E-mail

Mail addresses and e-mail addresses will NOT be shared with third parties.

Questions?

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