Books by Mail Service

The Scranton Public Library’s Books by Mail Service provides books and other library materials to homebound people who live in Lackawanna County.

Books by Mail is intended for individuals who are unable to leave home because of a permanent disability. This application must be filled out completely and signed by a physician, nurse or social worker who can verify that you are disabled and unable to leave home.

The application asks about your reading interests. The section labeled “format preferences” must be filled out. If you check “please do not select items for me,” we will only send items you have specifically requested.

If you check “please select items for me”, you should indicate your areas of interest under fiction and/or non-fiction. All of the questions on the Reader Interest Page are about the kind of materials you want the library to provide. If you opt to have us select items for you, we will send several items from the subject areas you have indicated. In addition, you may request specific items at any time.

When registration is complete, you will receive your first Books by Mail delivery along with a welcome letter which further explains how the service works. You will also be told how to contact us when you have questions or want to place requests for library materials.

Once you are registered for the Books by Mail service, materials are sent in a reusable mailing bag through the United States Postal Service. The packages are delivered to your home and should be returned in the same bag by depositing them in a mail box or having your letter carrier pick them up. The address card in the front pocket must be reversed so that our address and the return address is showing.

Please detach and keep this page and return the rest of the application using the self-addressed stamped envelope that is included.

If you have any questions, please call us at 570-348-3000 ext. 3035 or email us at bbm@albright.org

Tricia Cruise
Tina Thomas
Application for Books by Mail Services (please print)  DATE

NAME ________________________________
FIRST ____________________ LAST

ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________
STREET __________ CITY __________ ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER (________) _____________________

☐ I have a Lackawanna County Library card
☐ I use a computer with internet access, my email address is______________________________
☐ I do not use a computer with internet access

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE ________________________________________________

TO BE CERTIFIED BY A PHYSICIAN, NURSE, OR SOCIAL WORKER:

I certify that______________________________ is physically unable to travel to the library.

Print applicant name

CERTIFIER’S NAME: __________________________ AFFILIATION: __________________________

ADDRESS: ______________________________________________ PHONE: ______________________

CITY: __________________________ STATE: __________________________ ZIP: __________

CERTIFIER’S SIGNATURE*: __________________________________ DATE: __________
(*An original signature if required)

If disability is temporary, please estimate length________________________________________
APPLICANT’S NAME___________________________________________________________

FORMAT PREFERENCES (please check appropriate boxes).

☐ STANDARD PRINT
☐ LARGE PRINT
☐ HARDCOVER
☐ PAPERBACK
☐ BOOKS ON CD
☐ MUSIC ON CD
☐ DVDS
☐ Blu-Rays

QUANTITY PREFERRED IN EACH SHIPMENT

BOOKS_______ AUDIOBOOKS_______ DVDS_______ Blu-Rays_______

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THESE TWO OPTIONS

☐ Please do not select items for me. Send only the titles I request.

☐ Please select items for me from the subject categories circled below. I understand I may also request specific titles whenever I wish.

FICTION (circle your selections of subject that interest you)
mysteries  suspense  fantasy  science fiction  horror
adventure  war stories  westerns  animals  humor  romance
historical fiction  literary classics  serious fiction  short stories
Other (specify)___________________________________________________________

NON-FICTION (circle your selections of subject that interest you)
psychology  current events  politics  business  disabilities
art  animals  cooking  health  poetry
plays  Humor  sports  travel  adventure  world history
US history  war stories  biography
Other (specify)___________________________________________________________

AUTHORS AND SERIES I LIKE______________________________________________
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