





Eligibility for Services from the Colorado Talking Book Library

Any Colorado resident who meets one of the following criteria is eligible.

-  You are legally blind, your vision in the better eye is 20/200 or less with corrective eyewear, or your widest diameter of visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.
-  You cannot see well enough or focus long enough to read standard print material, though you wear glasses to correct your vision.
-  You are unable to handle print books, turn pages or track words on a page as a result of a physical disability, even if this is temporary.
-  You have a reading/learning disability, due to an organic dysfunction, severe enough to prevent you from reading in the usual manner.

For further information about the library or an application form, please contact:

**303-727-9277 metro Denver or
1-800-685-2136 toll free.**

The Colorado Talking Book Library is part of the Colorado State Library, a division of the Colorado Department of Education.



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COLORADO TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Books for Visually,
Physically and Learning
Disabled People

Reading is for everyone! If you can't read regular print, you can still enjoy books in alternative formats, mailed directly to your door.

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Services the Colorado Talking Book Library provides to eligible patrons

-  More than 50,000 titles are available in recorded, large print or Braille formats.
-  A variety of magazines are available in recorded and Braille formats.
-  Also available are a variety of descriptive videos.
-  Playback machines are provided free.


How to apply

You must fill out an application for service. An application will be sent to you on request by calling the library. You can also download the application from our website at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/tbapplications.htm>. If you need further assistance in filling out the form call the library and a Reader Advisor can help you through the process.


The application must be signed by certifying authority

-  In cases of blindness, visual disability, or physical limitation,


eligibility can be certified by medical doctors, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, libraries, and public or private welfare agencies; e.g., social workers, caseworkers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents.

-  In the case of a **reading/learning disability** from organic dysfunction, eligibility **must** be certified by an MD, doctor of medicine or DO, doctor of osteopathy, who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

The service is free

-  There is no charge to registered patrons. Equipment and materials are delivered right to your door at no charge. Mailing costs are covered by "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped".


A special tape player is needed to listen to the recorded books

-  Using the special four-track, half speed format reduces the number of tapes needed and ensures copyright protection.


Requesting materials

To request materials you may call the library and speak with a Reader Advisor, you can mail in a request or order online.


There is similar library service in other states

-  Every state offers this service. So if you have family or friends who could use the service, call us and we will provide you with the phone number for the state you are interested in.

Textbooks are not available

-  Textbooks are not included in the National Library Service program. **Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic** can be reached at **1-800-221-4792**. Their office is located in New Jersey, so it is necessary to contact them before 3:00 p.m. Colorado time.

A patron can continue receiving Library service in a hospital or nursing home

-  Simply notify us as soon as possible of the address change.