



Overview

WHAT IS HOMEBOUND SERVICE?

Free, personalized selection of books, audio books and videos for qualifying members.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals aged 16 years or older who have an established library card as a resident or paid membership, and due to various cognitive or mobility challenges are unable to visit the library. They may be dependent on another individual for transportation, or picking up/returning materials on their behalf.

Applicable situations may include long-term illness, recovery from injury or surgery, limitations imposed by cognitive and/or physical abilities, or winter weather conditions.

WHAT SPECIAL BENEFITS WILL I RECEIVE AS A HOMEBOUND SERVICE PATRON?

Overdue fine exemption and longer checkout periods. (Charges resulting from loss or damage still apply.)

WHAT IS THE COST?

Once a library card is established, there is no additional fee to enroll.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Materials are selected from the library and left at the library's Checkout Desk for pick-up by a friend, family member, or even yourself. Members can choose to call or email to request specific titles and authors, or indicate reading interests. For those in care facilities, we can work with a representative from the facility to arrange for pick-up. The person who picks up items must have a.) the homebound member's library card with them or b.) designated contact must present their own photo ID to check out homebound materials.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Regular and Large Print books in paperback and hardcover; regular print children's or teen books; talking books on CD or MP3 or Playaway device; movies on DVD; music CDs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Fill out the application and return it to the library. The Outreach Coordinator will contact you and be available for questions or requests.

Notice: All patron records pertaining to this service will remain confidential, as required by the Michigan Library Privacy Act.

Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the library at: Portage District Library, Attn: Outreach Coordinator, 300 Library Lane, Portage MI 49002. The Outreach Coordinator will contact you within 7-10 business days of receiving your completed form.



Patron Application

Name of Applicant		Birthdate
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone #:	E-mail:	
Do you have an existing Library Card with Portage District Library? ___ Yes ___ No		
If YES - Library Card #:		
Designated Contact Person:		
Contact's Phone #:	Contact's E-mail:	

Please select which timeline best suits your needs:

___ **Temporary** – Three-month period; good for recovery from illness, injury, or surgery.

___ **Seasonal** – From November through February; good for winter months.

___ **Permanent** – Ongoing.

Would you like a Readers Advisor to select books for you?

___ Yes. If YES, the Outreach Coordinator will contact you to learn about your interests.

___ No, I will select my own books.

Would you like to sign up for our Favorite Authors Program?

___ Yes. If YES, please complete a Favorite Authors form.

___ No, I will select my own books.