Have you heard about these other library services?

Hoopla: the mobile app that has a little bit of everything for everyone with its wide selection of eBooks, audiobooks, music, movies, comics, and more! You get 15 Instant Borrows each month without having to wait on a holds list, plus the Binge Pass during the last week of each month.

Libby: the eBook and audiobook app that also has magazines! Your book might have a hold list, but you have practically unlimited borrows and tons of options, including the new bestsellers.

BOTH OF THESE ARE FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

VAN BUREN DISTRICT LIBRARY

MEDIA BY MAIL

VBDL service area residents who find it difficult or impossible to visit the library in person *and have no one in the household able to visit the library for them* qualify to receive library materials through the mail **for free!** Our only requirement is a valid library card and your status as a homebound patron!

You may submit this application via mail or fill out the application online at www.vbdl.org/media-by-mail

Call us at 269-423-4771 or email info@vbdl.org to learn more about this service!

200 N. Phelps St.
Decatur, MI. 49045

How does it work?

Start by filling out this application, then mail it to the library. Once you are registered, you will be able to have library materials mailed directly to you (excluding MelCat items, WiFi Hotspots, and other library materials prohibited by USPS Media Mail guidelines). You can request your own items by logging into your account and placing holds, or have library staff select items based on your interests.

What happens next?

Please allow ample time for us to receive and process the application. The library will contact you if there are any further questions about your application or preferences.

Are there any limits?

A minimum of 2 items may be mailed out. While there is no limit on the number of items, there is a weight limit of up to 10 pounds. A typical hardcover novel will weigh approximately 1.25 lbs. You may only have 1 package at a time, and all items must be returned before another package may be sent.

How do I know my package is on its way?

You can log into your library account to see your items on hold. Once these items are listed as being checked out and have a due date, they are on the way to your door through the USPS!

Anything else?

Your items will be checked out to you for 8 weeks and may not be renewed. When you return your items, simply place all of your library materials back in the mailing bag and follow the return instructions sheet included in your package.

Michigan's Braille and Talking Book Library

If you qualify for our Library by Mail service, you might also qualify for Michigan's BTBL! This service lends audiobooks and braille books to Michigan residents who are unable to read standard print due to visual, physical, or reading disabilities. Similar to our Library by Mail, this service is completely free of charge! You can go to Michigan.gov/btbl or call 1-800-992-9012 for more information.

JUST A FEW MORE THINGS...

If you would like library staff to select items for you, we want to do our best to not send you the same title multiple times (unless you request that item). To do this, we would need to access your library account to change a setting so we can see what has previously been checked out to you during your use of this service.

☐ I give VBDL permission to access my account.

☐ I don't give VBDL permission to access my account.

The Michigan Library Privacy Act prohibits the library from sharing information about your account with anyone other than you, not even your spouse or family. If you would like the library to be able to share information with others, please indicate so here.

☐ No, only share information about my account with me.

☐ Yes, the library may share my information with the person(s) listed below:

_____

I, the undersigned, assume all responsibility for damage or replacement of library materials under loan to me, as well as any fees assessed for materials returned after their due date. I will give immediate notice of changes to address or telephone number.

Signature_____

Date_____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you have a library card?

☐ Yes! Card number: _____

☐ No

Are you able to receive a large package in the mail?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Requesting preferences

☐ I would like VBDL to select materials for me.

☐ I would like to place my own requests.

APPLICATION FOR LIBRARY BY MAIL SERVICE

Check all that apply!

What type of materials would you like?

- ☐ Books
- ☐ Audiobooks
- ☐ DVDs

Which movie ratings do you like?

- ☐ G
- ☐ PG
- ☐ PG-13
- ☐ R
- ☐ NR

What kinds of books do you like?

- ☐ Fiction
- ☐ NonFiction
- ☐ Graphic Novel
- ☐ Large Print

What is your preferred reading level?

- ☐ Birth - PreK
- ☐ K - 3
- ☐ 3 - 6
- ☐ 6 - 10
- ☐ Young Adult
- ☐ Adult

Pick your favorite genres!

- ☐ Adventure
- ☐ Romance
- ☐ Fantasy
- ☐ Science Fiction
- ☐ Mystery
- ☐ Thriller
- ☐ Western
- ☐ Inspirational
- ☐ Bestsellers
- ☐ Horror
- ☐ Health/Fitness
- ☐ Spy
- ☐ Drama
- ☐ Occult
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Amish
- ☐ Cooking
- ☐ Crafts
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Art
- ☐ History
- ☐ Biography
- ☐ True Crime
- ☐ Classics
- ☐ Current Events
- ☐ Historical Fiction
- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Politics
- ☐ Humor
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Suspense
- ☐ Plays/Poetry

Any other favorite authors or other comments?

Almost done! .....→

I would like a delivery...

Circle one

Immediately
In two weeks
I'll contact the library

How did we do?

Circle one and comment

Great! It was okay...
Not so great.

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