



# Palos Verdes Library District Books-by-Mail Application



PVLD's Books By Mail service is for homebound Peninsula residents residing in zip codes 90274 and 90275 who are unable to travel to the library or do not have a friend or relative to check out library materials on their behalf.

## How it works:

- Patrons receive deliveries through the U.S. Postal Service and send their materials back using the same bag and a pre-paid postage stamp included in the delivery.
- Patrons may request specific materials or request librarians curate materials for them based on the Reading Preferences Survey. Holds must be placed with the librarian and not on a personal account.
- Patrons may check out books (including large print), audiobooks, and DVDs. DVD Rental fees apply.
- Renewals are allowed as long as no other patrons have a hold on the item.
- A new shipment of materials are sent once the previous shipment has been returned to the library by the Postal Service.

## How to enroll

Participants may complete an online application ([www.pvld.org/services/booksbymail](http://www.pvld.org/services/booksbymail)) or may download, print, and mail the below application to register for the Books By Mail service. Once your application has been approved you will receive an email or phone call confirming your participation in the service.

**Applications may be returned to:** Tim Parker, Books-by-Mail Coordinator, Palos Verdes Library District at 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. For questions or more information, contact Tim at: [tparker@pvld.org](mailto:tparker@pvld.org) or (310) 377-9584 x601



## Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email  
(optional): \_\_\_\_\_

PVLD library card number\*: 2935000 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you do not have a PVLD card please contact us: (310) 377-9584 x237.*

Please indicate why you need to use the Books By Mail service:

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What types of deliveries would you like to receive?

*(please select one)*

- I'd like to receive holds and have the librarians curate books for me
- Send my holds only
- Librarian curates materials they think I'd like based on my reading preference survey.

*If you selected "Librarian Curates" in your choice, please fill out and return the reading preferences survey below the signature line with your application.*

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## Acknowledgements

Please mark off each box, acknowledging you've read and agree to the terms of service.

- I understand that some material may be unavailable at the time of my request. If so, the item will be placed on hold and delivered when available.
- I am responsible for ensuring all library materials borrowed through this service are returned in a timely manner.
- I am responsible for any fines that may be incurred as stated in the policies of PVLD if my items are not returned or renewed online.
- I understand that I will not receive additional books by mail until my checked out materials have been received.

Please sign below:

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, am responsible for ensuring all library items borrowed through Books-by-Mail are returned in a timely manner, and agree to the acknowledgements above.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Books-by-Mail Reading Preferences Survey

This survey will be used to help us when choosing materials on your behalf.  
Please put an x next to all that apply:

1) What type of books do you enjoy reading?

Fiction       Non-Fiction

2) Which **format(s)** do you prefer?

Regular Print  
 Large Print  
 Book on CD  
 Paperback

3) What is your **preferred length** for printed materials?

Under 200 pages  
 200-350 pages  
 350-500 pages  
 Any

4) If you enjoy **FICTION**, please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Action/Adventure	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational
<input type="checkbox"/> Chick Lit	<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Romance
<input type="checkbox"/> Classics	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspense/Thrillers
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Western
<input type="checkbox"/> Horror	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Humor	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult

5) If you enjoy **NONFICTION**, please select all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts / Culture                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics / Current Events            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies and Memoirs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Relationships / Parenting            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Finance               | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion / Philosophy / Spirituality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cookbooks / Food / Wine            | <input type="checkbox"/> Science / Technology                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts / Hobbies / Home            | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Improvement                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health / Fitness / Diets / Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports / Coaching                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pets / Animals                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel / Travel Writing              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry                             | <input type="checkbox"/> True Crime                           |

6) What kind of **mood/tone** of books do you most enjoy reading?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bittersweet                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steamy            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charming                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspenseful       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creepy                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Thought-provoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark/Haunting               | <input type="checkbox"/> Whimsical         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to read                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational / Informational |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional / Sentimental     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantastical                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel-good                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funny                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Ending                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heartwarming / Touching     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intense                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magical                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otherworldly                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Realistic                   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serious                     |  |

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7) Please list the last 3 books you read. Did you enjoy them? Why, or why not?

8) Please list 3 to 5 authors or books that you did NOT enjoy, and try to describe what you did NOT enjoy about them:

9) What/Who are some of your favorite books/authors?

10) Are there any topics in which you're especially interested in?

11) Lastly, is there anything else you'd like us to keep in mind when choosing items on your behalf

