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.
- 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:** Books-by-Mail Coordinator, Palos Verdes Library District at 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. For questions or more information, contact bbm@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.
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 fees that may be incurred as stated in the policies of PVLD if my items are not returned.

☐ 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:
   ___ Action/Adventure
   ___ Chick Lit
   ___ Christian Fiction
   ___ Classics
   ___ Fantasy
   ___ Historical Fiction
   ___ Horror
   ___ Humor
   ___ Inspirational
   ___ Mystery
   ___ Romance
   ___ Science Fiction
   ___ Suspense/Thrillers
   ___ Western
   ___ Women’s Literature
   ___ Young Adult
5) If you enjoy **NONFICTION**, please select all that apply:

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

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

___ Bittersweet
___ Charming
___ Creepy
___ Dark/Haunting
___ Easy to read
___ Educational / Informational
___ Emotional / Sentimental
___ Fantastical
___ Feel-good
___ Funny
___ Happy Ending
___ Heartwarming / Touching
___ Intense
___ Magical
___ Otherworldly
___ Realistic
___ Serious
___ Steamy
___ Suspenseful
___ Thought-provoking
___ Whimsical
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