

Yuba County Library

Books by Mail Guidelines

In order to make library materials and services accessible to as many people as possible, methods have been developed to provide library service to users who might have difficulty independently visiting the library. The library has initiated a Books by Mail program.

This service is available to persons who are ill or recuperating from an illness, persons who are in the care of a convalescent home or other institution, as well as those who live in their own home. This service is also available to persons who lack transportation or who live in a remote area of the county that is not served by the main library. Caregivers of those who are ill and/or disabled also qualify.

Both children and adults are eligible for the program.

Services and materials include books, paperback books, magazines, newspapers, large print materials, non-English language materials, audiocassettes, CDs, Videocassettes, DVDs, pamphlets, reference services and reader's advisory services. Limit of two items per card.

Following completion of the Books by Mail application and a phone interview, staff will ascertain whether or not a person is eligible for the program.

Staff will select materials according to the Books by Mail customer's interests and needs. Customers may also request specific materials by author, title, or subject.

Materials are checked out for a period of four weeks, plus one renewal. Fines are not accrued for overdue materials. However, Books by Mail customers are responsible for payment of lost or damaged materials.

Library materials are mailed to customers via the US postal service with a pre-addressed return label. Return postage is the responsibility of the customer. Customers with a visual impairment or any other physical impairment that makes it impossible or difficult for them to read or use conventionally printed material may be eligible for Free Mailing from the US postal service, and should therefore let the staff know of this status when applying.