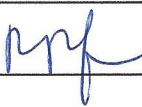


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<b>Books by Mail Policy</b>		

## **PURPOSE/SCOPE**

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's mission is to have a positive impact on our diverse community by providing lifelong learning and literacy resources. The Books by Mail program lets us fulfill our mission and better serve the community by offering our services to persons of all ages who, for various reasons, are physically unable to visit the library or reside outside of Las Cruces city limits in Dona Ana County.

## **Policy**

### Eligibility:

#### City of Las Cruces Participants:

- Books by Mail Services are available to individuals who live in the city limits of Las Cruces that are unable to leave home because of a documented, temporary or permanent disability or is a caregiver to a person with a disability OR
- Any City of Las Cruces participant who lives ½ mile or more from a bus transit stop and does not have transportation, and
- Completes the required application signed by a medical professional, social worker, clergy or Books by Mail Coordinator.

#### Dona Ana County Participants

- Residents of Dona Ana County that do not have a full-service library in their community, and
- Completes the required application OR
- Have been accepted into the program prior to January 1, 2015.

### Checkout Policy:

- Materials will be mailed through the United States Postal Service. Materials will be sent in a reusable bag that contains a pre-paid postal label. The library will pay postage.
- Participants must have a valid library card.
- Items are checked out for 3 weeks and may be renewed in accordance with other library policies.
- Maximum check out of 7 items at one time. Items on hold will be managed in accordance with other library policies.
- Only books and audiobooks held in the library's permanent collection are available for checkout. DVDs and interlibrary loans are not available.
- Books by Mail patrons are subject to regular overdue, lost and damaged fees.
- All materials must be returned by mail in the provided bag.

