

Central Arkansas Library System—Books by Mail Service

Fill in as much of the form as you wish. The more information you provide, the more likely it is that we can suggest books you will like.

Contact Information-please print

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

Email Address _____ Today's Date _____

Circle your preferred mode of contact for suggestions.

Phone call

Email

Demographic Information-circle

Sex: M F AGE Under 20 21-40 41-60 60+

Selection of Materials

Only books, books on CD, and books on audio-cassette are available. Check either A. or B.

- A. _____ Do not select books and materials for me. I will request titles.
B. _____ Select books and materials for me from categories listed below.
(In addition, I may add specific titles whenever I wish.)

Genres

Circle any genre in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any genre that you would NOT read. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Action/Adventure	Home/Cooking	Nonfiction	Science Fiction
Biography/Memoir	Horror	Prize Winners	Suspense
Classic Titles	Inspirational (Religious)	Recent Titles	Thrillers
Fantasy	Literary Fiction	Romance	War
Historical Fiction	Mysteries	Romantic	Westerns

Formats

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Circle any format in which you are especially interested. **Cross out** any format that you would NOT use. If you do not have a strong preference, do not mark the item.

Audio Books on Cassette Tape	Large Print	Paperbacks	Standard Print
Audio Books on Compact Disc	Multi-Book Series	Poetry	
Hardbacks	Novels in Verse	Short Stories	

Reading History

Please list at least 5 of your favorite books or authors.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please list at least 5 of you have read and have NOT enjoyed. (Optional)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Tone, Style, Mood, and Language

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Circle your preference from each of the pairings below.

Easy

Demanding

Familiar, Typical of Its Type

Unusual

Funny

Serious

Happy, Light, Uplifting

Dark, Ironic

Old-Fashioned, Traditional

Modern, Contemporary

One Plot Line

Many Plot Lines

Resolved Ending

Leaves You Thinking

Sentimental, Emotional Style

Stark, Realistic Style

Straightforward Language

Lush, Poetic Language

How do you like books to be focused? **Circle** how important each emphasis is to you as a reader.

Focus on Action and Events

High

Medium

Low

Focus on Characters

High

Medium

Low

Focus on Issues and Ideas

High

Medium

Low

Focus on Language and Style

High

Medium

Low

Circle the kinds of humor that you enjoy. **Cross out** the kinds of humor that you do not like:

Absurd Humor-Bizarre or Surreal Dark Humor, Irony Quirky Characters

Clever Dialogue Humorous Situations or Events Slapstick or Physical Humor Wordplay

Length

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Circle the approximate length of book you would prefer to read at this time. **Cross out** any length you would not consider reading. Do not mark this section if you have no preference.

Less than 250 pages

250-500 pages

Over 500 pages

Characters

Circle your preferences.

Just a Few Characters

Many Characters

Characters Who Are Sure of Themselves

Conflicted Characters

Mark your preferences for main characters. **Circle** character traits you want to read about. **Cross out** traits of characters you would not like to read about. Do not mark when you have no preference.

Age: Under 12 Teens 20 to 35 35 to 50 50 to 65 over 65

Gender: Female Male

Ethnicity: African-American Asian-American Caucasian Latino-American

Nationality: Native American Recent Immigrants World (specify countries if desired)

Relationships: Coming of Age Friendship Married Life/Commitment

Coming of Age Troubled Relationships Gay/Lesbian Odd Couples

Divorce/Widowhood Group Dynamics/Social Scenes Parenting/Family Life

Enemies Introspection/Interior Life Professional Relationships

Singles/Looking for Love

Occupational Fields or Areas of Interest: _____

Settings

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Circle settings you would like to read about. Specify locations if desired. **Cross out** settings you would not like to read about.

Historical Settings (specify eras and places): _____

United States (specify places): _____

World (specify regions, countries, or cities): _____

Workplace Settings (specify work fields): _____

Among the Disadvantaged

Among the Wealthy

Among the Working Class

Cities

Farms or Ranches

Small Towns

Suburbs

Wild Places

Peeves and Pleasures

Content of a certain nature is annoying or upsetting to some readers, while others enjoy these same elements. In the list below, **cross out elements you would NOT like to read about. Circle elements that interest you.**

Addiction

Disease

Rough or Obscene Language

Anti-Religion

Explicit Sexual Content

Sexual Themes

Crime Portrayed Sympathetically

Left Wing Politics

Technology

Dark or Cynical Humor

Pro-Religion

Violence

Death

Right Wing Politics

War

Other _____

Content

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In the list that follows, **circle** interests about which you would like to read. **Cross out** subjects which do not interest you. Do not mark the subject if you do not have a preference.

Animals	Disasters	Medicine and Health	Politics
Art	Families	Men's Lives	Religion
Books about Books	Food/Cooking	Military/War	Romantic Relationships
Books Made into Films	Gardening	Minority Lives	Science and Technology
Childhood	History	Music	Senior Lives
Coming of Age	Holidays	Nature	Sports
Computers	Humor	Other Cultures	Women's Lives
Crime	Journeys/Travel	Outdoor Activities	
Other	_____		

Emphasis: Which Sections of This Form Should We Consider Most?

Circle up to three sections of this form where your answers best reflect your current reading mood.

Character	Genres and Formats	Reading History	Setting
Content	Length	Peeves and Pleasures	Tone and Style Scales

My First Requests Are

Title _____ Author _____

Title _____ Author _____

Anything Else We Should Factor In to our Suggestions?

