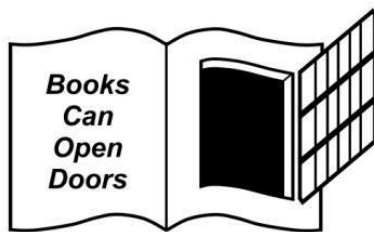


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## PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

c/o Lucy Parsons Center & Bookstore  
1306 Hancock St, STE 100  
Quincy, MA 02169



**Prison Book Program**  
[www.prisonbookprogram.org](http://www.prisonbookprogram.org)

Prison Book Program gives books to individual prisoners in the United States -- we have been doing it since 1972. We are an all-volunteer staffed and run organization. We are not a library and have no books for sale. All books and other reading materials are donated to you free-of-charge. *Please feel free to share these books and the ideas in them.*

PBP works to fill your book requests as quickly as possible. Sometimes, we receive such a large quantity of letters that your request may be delayed up to 7 months. Please be patient with us.

**PBP can rarely match specific requests for titles or authors, but try to make the following book categories available:**

- Dictionaries, Thesauruses, or Reference (please specify)
- GED and Education (Math, Science, reading or writing)  
Let us know what grade level is the best fit for you (e.g., 1-12, college, professional)
- Health, Psychology, or Self-Improvement (various)
- Social Sciences (Political Science, Philosophy, psychology)
- Foreign Language (various, please specify)
- Ethnic Studies (Native or African American, Latino, etc.)
- History or (Auto)Biographies (various, please specify)
- Religious or spiritual Studies (various please specify)
- Sports or Hobbies (various)
- Fiction: classic, contemporary, fantasy, thriller short stories, drama, poetry, or plays.

PBP sometimes has the following books/topics: real estate, investments, small business, specific laws, almanacs, Spanish/English dictionaries, Wiccan spirituality, LGBT, large print (of any kind), westerns, or trade skills. Go ahead and ask us for any subject, even if it is not listed above. You might get lucky! Please provide us with different subjects to choose from. If you send us 3 options, we will most likely find a substitution and/or your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. If looking for a specific author, please provide the type of books they write.

**Unfortunately, we do not send books or any other materials to: California, Illinois, Maryland (except Jessup, Cumberland, and Hagerstown), Michigan, Nevada, Texas, and certain individual prisons. We do not send books or materials to any jails.**

## Who was Lucy Parsons?

Lucy Parsons (1853 - 1942) was a radical American labor organizer, anarchist, and powerful public speaker. She was born in Texas (likely as a slave) to the parents of Native American, African American, and Mexican ancestry. Because of her singular fight against social and economic oppression, Lucy led a controversial life. Lucy Parsons always kept a sharp eye on the social revolution that she was convinced was necessary to change what she saw as the glaring excesses of the oppressive capitalist system. (SOURCE: Wikipedia)

Lucy Parsons was a fearless revolutionary.

The legacy of Lucy is alive in the Boston area where, one can find the Lucy Parsons Center -- a bookstore and gathering place for a wide range of anarchists, political radicals, activists, and generally concerned citizens.

## FREE BOOKS TO PRISONERS

The following programs send free books to prisoners in various states. Before you write, check the states that each program serves. These programs struggle to keep up with demand, so you may have to wait several months to receive a response.

### ATHENS BOOKS TO PRISONERS

**P.O. Box 45, Rutland, OH 45775**

Sends FREE books to prisoners IN OHIO upon request; we send books to facilities in OHIO ONLY. We cannot fill orders for specific titles, rather send a list of subjects/types of books you are interested in

### APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT,

**P.O. Box 601, Morgantown, WV 26507**

Sends free books to: KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, and WV only.

### ASHEVILLE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

**67 N. Lexington Ave, Asheville, NC 28801**

Sends free books to: NC an. Supplies a NC Prisoner Resource List upon request.

### BOOK'EM

**5129 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh pa 15224**

Sends free books to PA prisoners only. Focuses on educational and non-fiction books and magazines.

### DC BOOKS TO PRISONS

**P.O. Box 34190, Washington, DC 20043**

**Website:** <http://dcbookstoprisoners.org/>

Sends free books to: All US states except New England, FL, IL NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, WA and WI. Free, but stamps and donations for postage are appreciated where possible. Request reading material by prioritized subjects and please list prison restriction if known. Please wait 5 months between requests. When writing, print your name, address, and ID numbers as clearly as possible.

### INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT,

**C/o 12<sup>th</sup> Street Books,  
827 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St, Austin TX 78701**

Sends free books and education material to inmates in Texas. One request every three months. Inside Books Project also publishes a Resource Guide offered for free to inmates in TX

### LOUISIANA BOOKS 2 PRISONERS

**1631 Elysian Fields Ave. #117, New Orleans, LA 70117**

**Website:** [www.lab2p.org](http://www.lab2p.org)

Sends free books to prisoners in the following states: AL, AR, LA, and MS. Women and LA prisoners are prioritized.

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## **MIDWEST PAGES TO PRISONERS PROJECT, C/o Boxcar Books & Community Center PO Box 1324**

**Bloomington, IN 47402**

Sends free books to prisoners in the following states: IA, IN, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, and SD only.

## **NYC BOOKS THROUGH BARS**

**C/o Bluestocking Bookstore,  
172 Allen St, New York, NY 10002**

**BooksThroughBarsNYC.org**

Free. We fill requests from all states except: AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA, OH, and WI, With priority for NY. Specializes in political and history books. Also has literary fiction and other educational books. No religion books.

## **OPEN BOOKS PRISON BOOKS PROJECT**

**1040 N. Guillemard St, Pensacola, FL 32501**

Sends free books to: FL only.

## **PROVIDENCE BOOKS THROUGH BARS**

**42 Lenox Ave. Providence, RI 02907-1910**

Providence Books through Bars is a Rhode Island based volunteer non-profit organization. Our mission is to use recycled donated books to provide free reading material for inmates nationwide.

## **PRISON BOOKS COLLECTIVE, Publishing & Distribution**

**P.O. Box 625, Carrboro, NC 27510**

**Website: [prisonbooks.info](http://prisonbooks.info)**

**Email: [prisonbooks@gmail.com](mailto:prisonbooks@gmail.com)**

Sends free books to ONLY NC and AL. Sends free zines (small booklets) on various topics to all states. Request our zine catalog.

## **PRISON LIBRARY PROJECT**

**915C W. Foothill Blvd, PMB128, Claremont, CA 91711**

Free books: dictionaries and basic reference, personal and spiritual growth, general fiction and non-fiction. Ships to all states except HI, ME, and MI

## **PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT**

**C/o Bound Together Books**

**1369 Haight St, San Francisco, CA 94117**

Sends free books to all states, except TX and MI. Limit requests to once per year. Request free books by mailing a list of 5-10 subjects (no Bibles or religious material). Stamps and donations appreciated, but not required. Please provide name, prisoner number, full address of prison, and any information about your prison's book regulations. Wait list 8-12 weeks.

## **READ BETWEEN THE BARS**

**C/o Daily Planet Publishing**

**P.O. Box 1589, Tucson, AZ 85702**

Sends free books to **ARIZONA ONLY**.

## **WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

**C/o A Room of One's Own bookstore**

**1202 Williamson Street, Ste #1**

**Madison, WI 53703**

Send free books to people in Wisconsin state prisons

## **LGBT BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

**c/o Social Justice Center Incubator**

**1202 Williamson St #1, Madison, WI 53703**

Sends free books to LGBTQ-identified prisoners in every state but TX.

## **We Want to Hear from You**

We want provide you with the highest level of educational resources. Our highest hope is to help you learn and achieve your goals with the books and resources we provide to you.

Please write us a letter if a book has helped you while you were/are in prison or if, upon leaving prison, it helps you succeed as you make a new start. (Get your GED, go to school, find a new job, start a business, etc.)

Whether your success story is big or small, it is still a success and we want to hear all about it!

Your artwork, personal stories of success, and how books have impacted you can make a huge difference to our program. We can take your letters and artwork to potential donors and ask for more books and more funds with which to buy postage for future book shipments. We appreciate your help!

We hope to continue sending books to people like you. Please encourage your family and friends to support us financially.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU)- NATIONAL PRISON PROJECT**

**125 Broad St, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004**

Write for list of publications and contact information for your state.

### **NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE**

**P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849-6000**

**Phone: 800-851-3420, Website: [www.ncjrs.gov](http://www.ncjrs.gov)**

Distributes documents and information from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

## **LEGAL PUBLICATIONS & EDUCATION**

### **BLACKSTONE CAREER INSTITUTE**

**1011 Brookside Rd, STE 300**

**P.O. Box 3717, Allentown, PA 18106-3717**

**Phone: (800) 826-9228, Email: [info@blackstone.edu](mailto:info@blackstone.edu)**

**Website: [www.blackstone.edu](http://www.blackstone.edu)**

Low-cost paralegal course by mail

### **CENTER ON WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS**

**Northwestern Pritzker School of Law**

**375 East Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611**

The CWC handles claims of actual innocence in DNA and non-DNA cases.

### **CENTURION MINISTRIES, INC**

**1000 Herrontown Rd, The Clock Building,**

**Princeton, NJ 085402**

**Website: [www.centurionministries.org](http://www.centurionministries.org)**

Works to vindicate and free prisoners who are factually innocent and have been unjustly sentenced to either death or life in prison without parole. Focuses on murder and rape cases. Does not consider child abuse/sex cases (unless physical evidence can be scientifically tested to prove innocence). Does not consider accidental death or self-defense cases. CM has no religious affiliation. CM is not a law office. To have a case considered, write a short letter to CM outlining the facts of the case (do not include documents or transcripts). CM reads and responds to all letters within approximately 6-8 weeks.

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## **INNOCENCE PROJECT**

**40 Worth St, STE 701, New York, NY 10013**

Accepts post-conviction cases where DNA testing can yield conclusive proof of innocence. All cases for consideration should be mailed with a brief factual summary of the case and a list of the evidence used against the defendant. For cases originating from the states of AZ, CA, MI, OH, WA and WI, and for cases not involving DNA evidence, see the Innocence Network (<http://www.innocencenetwork.org/members>). Please do not send documents.

## **LEGAL INSIGHTS INC.**

**25401 Alicia Pkwy #L323, Laguna Hills, CA 92653**

**(714) 941-0578 [www.legalinsights.org](http://www.legalinsights.org)**

**[info@legalinsights.org](mailto:info@legalinsights.org)**

A non-profit organization that provides discounted post-conviction assistance to state and federal prisoners challenging their convictions, illegal sentences, pleas, parole denials, DNA and sentence modifications. Inmates / family members may write, call, or visit the website to request information and assistance. Payment plans are available to those in low or fixed income situations. Legal Insights staff have over 20-years' experience in post-conviction assistance and have secured the release of several inmates as well as sentence reductions.

## **LEWISBURG PRISON PROJECT INC**

**P.O. Box 128, Lewisburg, PA 17837-0128**

Free list of low-cost legal bulletins related to prisoner rights.

## **MLFA / CLMA**

**Website: <https://clma.org/> & <http://www.mlfa.org/>**

A charitable law firm providing free legal services to Muslims facing challenges to constitutional civil rights and liberties in America. Some of its clients are Muslim prisoners facing difficulties with religious accommodations.

## **NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE & EDUCATIONAL FUND INC**

**40 Rector St, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10006**

Non-profit law firm which deals only with cases of obvious race discrimination, as well as a small number of death penalty and life without parole.

## **PRISON LEGAL NEWS**

**P.O. Box 1151, Lake Worth, FL 33460**

**PH: 561-360-2523**

**FAX: 866-735-7136**

**[www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)**

Monthly prison-related magazine. Covers court decisions affecting prisoner rights and conditions of confinement. (\$30 per year for prisoners). Write for catalog.

## **SET MY WAY FREE MINISTRIES INC**

**221 North Hogan St, NO 141, Jacksonville, FL 32202**

**PO B0x 1655, Semmes, AL 36575**

**Toll Free Phone: (877) 344-8035**

Not attorneys, but provide legal research, attorney searches, manuscript proofreading, and revise pro se pleadings for a fee.

## **PUBLICATIONS ON PRISONS, JUSTICE, AND POLITICS**

## **CALIFORNIA PRISON FOCUS**

**1904 Franklin St, STE 507, Oakland, CA 94612**

Publishes "Prison Focus" three times a year, a publication primarily by prisoners and for prisoners, their friends, and families, with a focus on issues around solitary confinement. All prisoners are welcome to submit articles, artwork or creative writing for possible publication, but are not guaranteed that items will be returned. Free to all California prisoners in the SHU, upon request.

## **JUSTICE DENIED**

**P.O. Box 66291, Seattle, WA 98166**

Only magazine in U.S. dedicated to exposing cases of wrongful conviction. Online at [www.justicedenied.org](http://www.justicedenied.org). Send SASE for information.

## **MAOIST INTERNATIONALIST MINISTRY OF PRISONS**

**P.O. Box 40799, San Francisco, CA 94140**

Anti-imperialist group fighting criminal injustice, helping prisoners to organize and educate themselves. Free subscriptions to newsletter, sends books, and runs political study groups.

## **PATHFINDER PRESS**

**P.O. Box 162767, Atlanta, GA 30321**

50% prisoner discount. Write for a catalog. Books on the works of revolutionary and working class leaders. There is a flat shipping and handling fee of \$2.75. Books in English, Spanish, French, Farsi, Arabic, Swedish, Greek, Chinese, Russian, and Indonesian. Family members may order for inmates and receive the same discount if the recipient's address is a correctional institution.

## **UNSTOPPABLE!**

**PO BOX 11032, PUEBLO, CO 81001**

This publication is for women and trans prisoners. Write for a free subscription and feel free to contribute artwork, poetry, writings, etc., about topics like: personal triumphs in overcoming past or ongoing trauma; surviving, thriving, and resisting in prison; self-care in high stress environments; building community while incarcerated, etc. We also invite more creative pieces.

## **Write letter to Editors of Publications**

- Prisoners have as much right as anyone to write letters to the editors of newspapers and magazines.
- Get the word out about prison life.
- Help readers understand more about the conditions behind bars.

## **PRISONER SUPPORT**

### **AFSC Prison Watch Program**

**89 Market Street, 6th floor, Newark, NJ 07102**

**[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org) 973-643-3192**

An advocacy program monitoring human right abuses in US federal and state prisons. The program promotes national and international attention to mass imprisonment, the use of torture and isolation in US prisons. Inalienable Rights – a Human Rights Perspective, Torture in New Jersey Prisons Publishes: Survivors Manual: Surviving In Solitary, Survivors Speak: Prisoner Testimonies of Torture in United States Prisons and Jails specific, LGBTQ+ Resource Manual, Aging in Prison, Our Children's House – a pamphlet and a one act play of testimonies of imprisoned children. Free copies available to prisoners

### **CITIZENS UNITED FOR THE REHAB OF ERRANTS (CURE)**

**P.O. Box 2310, Washington, DC 20013-2310**

Focuses on analysis of prison issues and working with the friends and families of prisoners to bring about prison reform. Write for local information.

### **Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (CPR)**

**PO Box 1911**

**Santa Fe NM 87504**

Publishes free to prisoners; a short monthly newsletter nationwide, the booklet Psychological Soldier, a Guide to a Healthy Life in Solitary, and a small meditation manual, Doing your Time with Peace of Mind. CPR also offers a variety of resource lists and has a limited number of free, mostly used, paperback English & Spanish dictionaries. Cannot offer any legal advice. There are no lawyers or legal workers on staff. We also have a number of resource lists, by state and topic.

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## Fair Shake

**PO Box 63, Westby, WI 54667**

**Website: [www.fairshake.net](http://www.fairshake.net)**

**Phone: 608-634-6363**

Fair Shake is a reentry resource hub with the nation's largest free resource directory, a free 'office in the cloud' for all formerly incarcerated people and lots of free tools and information for all reentry stakeholders. We have free software for all prisons and jails. We've created a 120+ page Reentry Packet which your family or friends can download or print for free. We can also mail a copy of the packet to you with your donation of \$8 (our cost) or more. If you have Trulincs, feel free to sign up for our newsletter at [outreach@fairshake.net](mailto:outreach@fairshake.net).

## THE FORTUNE SOCIETY

**29-76 Northern Blvd, Long Island City, NY 11101-2822**

Helps people formerly incarcerated break the cycle of crime and incarceration, and educates the public about prison and the causes of crime. Free newsletter for prisoners.

## JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL

**(Formerly Stop Prisoner Rape)**

**3325 Wilshire Blvd, STE 340, Los Angeles, CA 90010**

Nonprofit organization that seeks to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention. Anyone who has experienced any form of sexual harm in custody – including sexual harassment, sex in exchange for protection, sexual assault, etc. – is encouraged to contact JDI for support and a packet of information. Prisoners can write to JDI via confidential, legal mail by addressing their letter to Cynthia Totten, Attorney at Law, CA Attorney Reg. # 199266, at the address above.

## PENNSYLVANIA PRISON SOCIETY

**245 N. Broad St, STE 200, Philadelphia, PA 19107**

**Phone: 215-564-4775**

Official visitors' network, transportation services, parenting and life skills classes, and the Prisoner Reentry Network, as well as a clothing closet and computer lab for returning citizens. Memberships include the bimonthly publication, Graterfriends, are available to prisoners for \$5.00 per year.

## PRISON ACTIVIST RESOURCE CENTER

**P.O. Box 70447, Oakland, CA 94612**

Source for progressive and radical information on prisons and the criminal prosecution system. Produces a national directory that is free to all prisoners upon request, and seeks to work in solidarity with prisoners, formerly incarcerated people, their friends and families.

## Prisoner Visitation and Support

**1501 Cherry Street; Philadelphia, PA 19102**

**Email: [PVS@prisonervisitation.org](mailto:PVS@prisonervisitation.org)**

**Website: [www.prisonervisitation.org](http://www.prisonervisitation.org)**

**Phone: (215) 241-7117; Fax: (215) 241-7227**

Prisoner Visitation and Support (PVS) is the only nationwide, interfaith visitation program with access to all federal and military prisons and prisoners in the United States. **PVS DOES NOT VISIT COUNTY OR STATE PRISONS.** The visitors make monthly visits to see prisoners who rarely, if ever, receive outside visits. PVS visitors also focus on seeing: those serving long sentences, those frequently transferred from prison to prison, and those in solitary confinement and on death row.

## FOR FRIENDS & FAMILIES

## BIG SISTER ASSOCIATION OF GREATER BOSTON

**20 Park Plaza, STE 1420, Boston, MA 02116**

Provides mentoring support for girls ages 7-15 by matching a child with an adult mentor in greater Boston area.

## FAMILIES AGAINST MANDATORY MINIMUMS

**1612 K St NW, STE 700, Washington, DC 20006**

FAMM works to change mandatory sentencing laws through the legislative process on the federal and state levels, participation in precedent-setting legal cases and by educating the public.

## FAMM FLORIDA PROJECT

**P.O. Box 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614**

**Phone: (352) 682-2542, Website: [www.famm.org/florida](http://www.famm.org/florida)**

FAMM's Florida Project works to change mandatory minimum sentencing laws, as required by Florida state law, for drug and gun offenses.

## LEGAL SERVICES FOR PRISONERS WITH CHILDREN

**1540 Market St, STE 490, San Francisco, CA 94102**

Information and referrals only. No individual legal aid.

## FOR ARTISTS & WRITERS IN PRISON

### CALIFORNIA PRISON FOCUS

**1904 Franklin St, STE 507, Oakland, CA 94612**

Publishes "Prison Focus" three times a year, a publication primarily by prisoners and for prisoners, their friends, and families, with a focus on issues around solitary confinement. All prisoners are welcome to submit articles, artwork or creative writing's for possible publication, but are not guaranteed that items will be returned. Free to all California prisoners in the SHU, upon request.

### PEN PRISON WRITING PROGRAM

**588 Broadway, STE 303, New York, NY 10012**

Free "Handbook for Writers in Prison" upon request. Also sponsors annual writing contest for prisoners.

### PRISONS FOUNDATION

**P.O. Box 58043, Washington, DC 20037**

Free exhibiting of prisoner art and free electronic publishing of prisoner books. Write for guidelines stating whether you are a writer or an artist. Also presents prisoner-written plays annually at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC.

### Tocsin Magazine

**PO BOX 64527, ROCHESTER, NY 14624**

**Phone: 347-541-7740**

**E-mail: [info@tocsinmag.com](mailto:info@tocsinmag.com)**

An urban entertainment publication that caters to inmates and their families. Tocsin provides inmates the opportunity to write articles, send photos, and much more. Please contact us for more info.

## WOMEN'S RESOURCES

### NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR THE DEFENSE OF BATTERED WOMEN

**125 s 9<sup>TH</sup> St, STE 302, Philadelphia, PA 19107**

**Phone: (215) 351-0010**

Resource center for victims of battering who have been charged with crimes related to their abuse. Does not provide direct legal representation; assists defense team members. A very small nonprofit organization, they do what they can to answer requests for assistance as promptly as possible but it often takes a long time to get a response. Phone or write.

### CHICAGO BOOKS TO WOMEN IN PRISON

**C/o RFUMC, 4511 N. Hermitage Ave, Chicago, IL 06040**

Distributes books free of charge to women (including transwomen) in state prisons in AZ, CA, FL, IL, IN, KY, MS, and OH, as well as all federal prisons. We do not send books to jails and other short-term facilities outside Chicago.



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## MS. MAGAZINE

### ATTN: MS. IN PRISON PROGRAM

1600 Wilson Blvd, STE 801, Arlington, VA 22209

Ms. is a feminist publication covering current events, politics, and culture. Women in prison can obtain a free membership by writing to the address above.

## HIV/AIDS & HEPATITIS C RESOURCES

### Test Positive Aware Network

5537 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640

Publishes Positively Aware, a bi-monthly magazine covering HIV/AIDS treatment, research, policy and lifestyle. Annual drug guide covers all HIV drugs. No dating or pen pal services. Write for free subscription.

### POZ MAGAZINE, SMART + STRONG

212 West 35th Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10001-2508

Free subscription to any HIV+ person who cannot afford it.

## GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, & TRANSGENDER

### ACLU GBLT RIGHTS / AIDS PROJECT

125 Broad St, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004

Experts in constitutional law and civil rights, specializing in sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV/AIDS.

### Black and Pink, National Office

614 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02125

An open family of LGBTQ and/or HIV+ prisoners and "free world" allies who support each other. As a national organization made up of thousands of prisoners, B&P provides a free prisoner-generated monthly newspaper to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer prisoners and prisoners living with HIV regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. B&P also provides a free non-romantic pen pal program. B&P is unable to promise anyone a pen pal, but they regularly recruit "free world" volunteers to write prisoners. B&P is also able to provide limited advocacy for those experiencing harm and harassment (B&P is not able to help with court cases as they are not lawyers).

### Queer Detainee Empowerment Project (QDEP)

HOTLINE: (347) 645-9339

Mailing: 521 W 126th St New York, NY

[info@qdep.org](mailto:info@qdep.org)

An Alternative to Detention Program (ATD), that works with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non-Conforming, HIV+ detainees and their families currently in detention centers and those that are recently released from immigrant detention centers, seeking status in the United States. We engage in community organizing and international policy to demand the liberation of our people.

### Legal Information Helpline, NCLR

870 Market St. #370, San Francisco, CA 94102

NCLR is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people through litigation, legislation, policy, and public education. NCLR's Legal Information Helpline provides basic information about laws that affect LGBT people, including LGBT people in prison, and resources available for people who are facing discrimination or other civil rights issues. We do not conduct client intake and cannot provide any legal advice, legal representation or take on cases through the Legal Information Helpline.

### SINISTER WISDOM, INC.

2333 McIntosh Road, Dover, FL 33527

Publishes work by lesbians only - prose, poetry, essays, graphics, and book reviews. Free to women in prison.

### GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO INC.

120 Bryant St., Denver, CO 80219

Newsletter for transgender prisoners. Write for details.

### TRANSMISSION PRISON BOOKS

P.O. Box 1874, Asheville, NC 28802

Offers free books and resources to LGBTQIA (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, Asexual) identified folks and women only. We no longer offer pen pals.

## RELIGION & SPIRITUAL MATERIALS

### THE ALEPH INSTITUTE

9540 Collins Ave, Surfside, FL 33154

Phone: (305) 864-5553, Email: [receptionist@aleph-institute.org](mailto:receptionist@aleph-institute.org)

Website: [www.alephinstitute.org](http://www.alephinstitute.org)

Offers Jewish religious instruction to prisoners; religious articles, Torah literature, quarterly newsletter, correspondence courses, counseling, religious-freedom advocacy; personal visits to prisoners by Rabbis, rabbinical students, and family support groups.

### AMERICAN BIBLE ACADEMY

P.O. Box 1627, Joplin, MO 64802-1627

Phone: 417-781-9100

Website: [www.arm.org](http://www.arm.org)

Free English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses for prisoners. All courses are 120 pages in length. Info also available from [www.abarc.org](http://www.abarc.org).

### ARM PRISON OUTREACH – INTERNATIONAL

P.O. Box 1490, Joplin, MO 64802-1627

Phone: 417-781-9100

Website: [www.arm.org](http://www.arm.org)

ARM is the jail and prison chaplains' source for Christian greeting cards from Day Spring, Bibles from the American Bible Society, in-prison seminars, gospel tracts, and baptisteries.

### ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH & ENLIGHTENMENT

C/o Prison Outreach

215 67<sup>th</sup> St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Books about the life and work of Edgar Cayce, meditation, and reincarnation. Prisoners are limited to one book every two months.

### ASSOCIATION OF HAPPINESS FOR ALL MANKIND

4368 NC Highway 134, Asheboro, NC 27205

AHAM is nondenominational. It offers some free materials on Ramana Maharshi's self-inquiry method of meditation, has a price list of other books directly related to self-inquiry. Does not offer pen pals nor materials on Wicca, paganism, the occult, or black magic

### BBI Media

P O Box 687, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Offers free subscriptions to its titles Witches&Pagans and SageWoman to prison chaplains and prison libraries. (SageWoman available for women's facilities only.) Witches&Pagans features interviews with those who create and lead our traditions, visits to the sacred places and people who inspire us and in-depth discussions of our ever-evolving practices. Also: practical daily magic, ideas for solitary ritual and devotion, craft- projects, Pagan poetry and short fiction, reviews in every 96-page issue. Requests for a free library or chaplain subscription must be submitted on official prison letterhead.

### BRIDGE PROJECT-CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE & JUSTICE

4501 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210

Free brochure of contemplative meditation.

### CHANDRA YOGA RESOURCES

1400 Cherry St, Denver, CO 80220

Free books on devotional yoga and mantra meditation.

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## **Chuang Yen Monastery**

**Attn. Rev. Richard Baksa, Prison Program**  
**2020 Route 301, Carmel, New York 10512**  
**Email: rbaksa@mac.com**

Our organization sends free Buddhist books to prisoners who request them, answers questions regarding Buddhist beliefs and practice that prisoners may have, and sponsors a free Buddhist Correspondence Course for prisoners.

## **Compassion Works for All**

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**Website: [www.foundationofpraise.org](http://www.foundationofpraise.org)**

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## **HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION**

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## **IN-TOUCH MINISTRIES**

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Free *In Touch* religious magazine.

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**PO Box 2676**

**Alachua, FL 32616**

**[www.iskconprisonministry.org](http://www.iskconprisonministry.org)**

**[iskconprisonministry@gmail.com](mailto:iskconprisonministry@gmail.com)**

Sends free material about bhakti-yoga study and practice; books, prayer beads, CDs, MP3s, and incense. We need to know: 1) which items you are allowed to have, 2) Are you allowed hardbound or only softbound books, 3) which items can be sent to you directly and which only through the chaplain The books cover reincarnation, karma, and how to live a simple, godly life, and find internal peace and joy no matter what your circumstances.

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Offers the Jewish Bible, prayer books, and Jewish history/culture books to Jewish prisoners only. Hebrew available.

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**P.O. Box 33036, Raleigh, NC 27636**

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**4118 County Hwy. B, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965**

Write to request a free copy of The Course in Miracles.

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**Website: [www.naljorprisondharma.com](http://www.naljorprisondharma.com)**

Offers The Heart of Dharma Collection: ten precious dharma teachings. These accurate, concise teachings are perfect for daily study, contemplative meditation, and inspiration. This entire collection is available free of charge from our website. Offers a 29-page Resource Directory for Prisoners

## **The Rowan Tree Church**

**Address inquiries to: Ms. Kate Madin, Program Director**  
**P.O. Box 195, Plantsville, CT 06479**

The Rowan Tree Church offers a Prisoner Outreach Program for those who desire to explore the Tradition of Lothlorien and Wiccan Church. This is an assignment based program for which educational materials may be purchased by either check or postage stamp exchange. We are unable to provide complimentary program materials or publications.

## **SYDA Foundation Prison Project**

**PO Box 99140, Emeryville, CA 94662**

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**Phone: [510-898-2700](tel:510-898-2700) ext 4113**

The Prison Project is dedicated to disseminating the Siddha Yoga teachings and practice to incarcerated individuals. Sends free monthly newsletter and Home Study Course to prisoners. Siddha Yoga teaches that within each of us, behind the mind, body, and ego, is a divine power called the Self. We meditate to harmonize our actions, thoughts and words with this power. Over 4,000 students in 1000 prisons are currently enrolled. Also available in Spanish.

## **UNITED PRISON MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

**P.O. Box 8, Verbana, AL 36091**

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## **PBPF Prison Project**

**4936 Route 414, Dept. LP, Burdett, NY 14818**

FREE BOOKS: What Is Karma? by Paul Brunton—a positive view of what karma is and how to get it working for you. AND The Gift of Grace: Awakening to It's Presence by Paul Brunton—how each of us can find our true path, our divine self, despite (or maybe because of it) the struggle and turmoil along the way. Available on written request. Include your name, prisoner ID, full prison name, cell location and address. Please also inform us of any special regulations your prison has related to receiving books

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