

#### **UNITED PRISON MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

PO Box 8, Verbana, AL 36091

Prisoners can order two at a time: *What the Bible Says*, *The Desire of Ages*, *Bible Answers*, *Bible Questions Answered*, *God Still answers Prayers*, and *Keys to Happiness*.

#### **WHAT IS KARMA? PBP/LARSON**

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

FREE BOOK *What Is Karma?* By Paul Brunton—a positive view of Karma and how to get it working for you. 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.

#### **WISDOM PUBLICATIONS**

199 Elm Street, Somerville, MA, USA

community@wisdompubs.org

Offers works on Buddhism, mindfulness, meditation, and other contemplative traditions. Dedicated to cultivating writers and teachers, preserving the literary culture of contemplative traditions, and helping people engage with teachings for a wise and compassionate life.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS**

PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409

Please write for free info & literature or visit [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

#### **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

409 3<sup>rd</sup> St, SW, Washington, DC, 20416

Write for free info.



## **NATIONAL PRISONER'S RESOURCE LIST**

**PO Box 1874 Asheville, NC 28802**

# Tranzmission Prison Project

## National Prisoner's Resource List

Compiled primarily by the Prison Book Program of the Lucy Parsons Center in Quincy, MA, with a few edits & additions by TPP (February 2020).

Tranzmission Prison Project is a volunteer-run group based in Asheville, NC. **We offer books, information, and resources exclusively to those who fall under the LGBTQ umbrella—lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, two-spirit, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, etc., folks, as well as women/folks incarcerated in women's prisons.**

As a group, we feel that these are seriously marginalized populations that have limited services and support available to them. We ask that if you do not identify with one of these categories, rather than writing to us, you refer back to the other resources provided within this NPRL.

**We no longer host a pen pal program**, in order to focus on our free-books-to-prisoners project. For pen pals, please contact Black and Pink or the Prisoner Correspondence Project (see contact info in LGBTQ resources). **We do host a quarterly letter-writing event.** Note that this is a time for our volunteers to send messages of support and solidarity and does not guarantee on-going correspondence. Please send us your contact information to be added to our database of folks who would like to be a recipient of quarterly mail.

When writing us to request books, please let us know, in whatever way you feel comfortable, that you are a part of the LGBTQ family, even if you have received books from us in the past. If you know the mailing restrictions of your facility (e.g. hardcover books ok? Used books ok? Max amount allowed?), please include this in your letter, along with subjects and authors you are interested in. Note that most of our books are donated, so we are not always able to guarantee specific

to Jewish prisoners only. Hebrew available.

## LIBERATION PRISON PROJECT

PO Box 33036, Raleigh, NC, 27636

liberationprisonproject.org

Offers correspondence courses and materials on Mahayana Buddhism.

## MIRACLES PRISONER MINISTRY

4118 County Hwy. B Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Offers a *Miraculous Spiritual Recovery Correspondence Course*, free to all inmates. Write to request the *Introductory Packet* for this course. Chaplains may request free audio/visual materials, covering the *12 Step Materials* and a course in *Miracles and Jesus Teachings in the New Testament of the Bible*.

## THE ROWAN TREE CHURCH

Prisoner Outreach Program is about our Tradition of Lothloriën and Wiccan Church. The program offers The Rowan Tree News, rituals, publications, and educational materials in exchange for postage.

## PRISON YOGA PROJECT

prisonyoga.org, P.O. Box 415, Bolinas, CA 94924

Non-profit which brings trauma-informed, mindfulness-based yoga practice to prisons to support their transformation. Offers a free book, *Yoga: a Path for Healing and Recovery*, upon request.

## SYDA FOUNDATION PRISON PROJECT

PO Box 99140, Emeryville, CA 94662

prisonproject@syda.org

Offers *The Siddha Yoga Correspondence Courses* on the teachings of Siddha Yoga Meditation through the *Home Study Courses*. The Prison Project also donates free books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs published by the SYDA Foundation. The SYM Prison Project is a nationally recognized and respected volunteer organization. Our programs are approved and described in the Federal Bureau of Prisons Manual.

sponsors a free Buddhist Correspondence Course for prisoners.

#### **COMPASSION WORKS FOR ALL**

PO Box 7708, Little Rock, Arkansas 72217-7708

Provides a free *Dharma Friends* newsletter every other month, which offers teachings on the *Dhammapada*, and meditations for people in all faith traditions who are seeking personal growth. Subscribe by writing to us, and include "new subscriber" on the envelope.

#### **FOUNDATION OF PRAISE**

PO Box 2518, Escondido, CA 92033, [foundationofpraise.org](http://foundationofpraise.org)

*Prison to Praise* is not only about a prison with bars, but about a prison of circumstances—and how to be set free! Available free to prison Chaplains when they write to request them for inmates in their facility.

#### **HUMAN KINDNESS FOUNDATION**

PO Box 61619, Durham, NC 27715

Sends interfaith spiritual books free to prisoners.

#### **IN-TOUCH MINISTRIES**

PO Box 7900, Atlanta, GA 30357

Free *In Touch* Christian magazine.

#### **ISKCON Prison Ministry**

3759 McCreary's Ridge Rd. NBU #46 Moundsville, WV 26041

[iskconprisonministry.org](http://iskconprisonministry.org), [iskconprisonministry@gmail.com](mailto:iskconprisonministry@gmail.com)

Sends free materials on Bhakti-Yoga study and practice; books, prayer beads, CDs, MP3s, and incense. We need to know: 1) which items you are allowed, 2) Are you allowed hardcover, or only softcover 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; to find peace and joy, no matter your circumstances.

#### **JEWISH PRISONER SERVICES INTERNATIONAL**

PO Box 85840, Seattle, WA 98145-1840

Offers the Jewish Bible, prayer books, and Jewish history/culture books

titles but will do our best to send something as close to your request as possible.

Please print your name, ID numbers, and facility address as clearly as possible on both your letter and envelope, to ensure that we are able to send mail back to you. This helps us so much! We do not keep a mailing list of folks to send books to, so you will need to send us a letter each time you would like to receive books. We are a volunteer-run organization and often are a few months behind. If you don't have a response from us within 4-5 months, please write us again. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

We are not lawyers, and do not offer legal advice. When possible, we will forward along any letters from folks in need of such services, but would prefer you contact the legal/advocacy groups listed in this NPRL instead.

We love to get feedback! We can't always answer individual letters, but feel free to drop us a line about how we're doing, suggestions that you may have, or any other organizations you think we should know about!

If you are more comfortable in Spanish than English, write us to request Spanish versions of our resource list, order forms, and invoices. [*Si habla Español, nos escriba por nuestros documentos en traducción, incluyendo esta lista de recursos.*]

In Solidarity,

#### **Tranzmission Prison Project**

**PO Box 1874**

**Asheville, NC 28802**

## **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, & QUEER**

### **ABO COMIX**

PO Box 11584, Oakland, CA 94611

ABO Comix is a small press & advocacy collective who work to amplify the voices of LGBTQ prisoners. They publish graphic novels & zines, and a yearly anthology of comics by queer prisoners. They take regular art & comic submissions (by request only).

### **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.

### **BEYOND THESE WALLS**

PO Box 13006 Portland, OR 97213

Provides support to LGBTQ prisoners in the **Pacific Northwest** and runs a pen pal program.

### **BLACK AND PINK**

National Office, 6223 Maple St #4600, Omaha, NE, 68104

An open family of LGBTQ prisoners and "free world" allies who support each other. A national organization made up of thousands of prisoners, B&P provides a free monthly newspaper to LGBTQ prisoners in the US. B&P provides a free 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).

### **HEARTS ON A WIRE**

1315 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

heartsonawire.org

A grassroots inside/outside organization working to address the needs of incarcerated transgender people in PA prisons and upon reentry. Offers a free newsletter, ~3 times per year, to incarcerated and

### **AMERICAN BIBLE ACADEMY**

PO Box 1627, Joplin, MO 64802-1627, (417) 781-9100, arm.org  
Free English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses for prisoners. All courses are 120 pages in length. Info also available from abarc.org.

### **ARM PRISON OUTREACH—INTERNATIONAL**

PO Box 1490, Joplin, MO 64802-1627, (417) 781-9100, 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 on 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 non-denominational. 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 or materials on Wicca, paganism, the occult, or black magic.

### **BRIDGE PROJECT—CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE & JUSTICE**

4501 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21210  
Free brochure on contemplative meditation.

### **CHANDRA YOGA RESOURCES**

1400 Cherry St, Denver, CO 80220  
Free books on devotional yoga and mantra meditation.

### **CHUANG YEN MONASTERY**

Attn. Rev. Richard Baksa, Prison Program  
2020 Route 301, Carmel, New York 10512, rbaksa@mac.com  
Sends free Buddhist books to prisoners on request, answers questions regarding Buddhist beliefs and practice that prisoners may have, and

## **WOMEN' S PRISON BOOK PROJECT**

c/o Boneshaker Books

2002 23rd Ave S Minneapolis MN 55404

Free books to women and transgender prisoners only. No county jail/short-term facility requests. **Ships to all states (except AZ, CT, FL, IL, IN, MI, PA, OH, and OR).**

## **HIV/AIDS & HEPATITIS C RESOURCES**

### **POSITIVELY AWARE NETWORK**

5050 N. Broadway, STE 300, Chicago, IL 60640

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**

462 Seventh Ave, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018-7424

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

### **YWCA BABES NETWORK**

1118 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101

Jpay: the\_staff@babesnetwork.org

Peer support for women, trans, and gender-diverse people who are HIV+. Offers 1-on-1 peer counseling, non-medical case management, support groups, education, advocacy, and a newsletter.

## **RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL MATERIALS**

### **THE ALEPH INSTITUTE**

9540 Collins Ave, Surfside, FL 33154

(305) 864-5553, receptionist@aleph-institute.org, 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 and Rabbinical students.

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### **INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER**

1425 Broadway #509, Seattle, WA 98122

jpay@ingersollgendercenter.org, (206) 849-7859

Trans-led organization; can answer general transition-related questions and provide resources. Offers a support group; referrals for jobs, housing, and social services; support in finding gender-affirming healthcare, health insurance, and insurance benefits/denials.

### **LAMBDA LEGAL**

National Headquarters,

120 Wall Street, 19th Floor New York, NY 10005

Civil rights organization focused on LGBTQ people as well as those living with HIV/AIDS.

### **LAVENDER RIGHTS PROJECT**

1004 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

Specializes in direct legal services, know-your-rights trainings, and community-building workshops for trans and queer people. They may be able to provide assistance with name changes while incarcerated.

### **LGBT BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

c/o Social Justice Center Incubator,

1202 Williamson St #1 Madison, WI 53703

A trans-affirming, racial justice-focused, prison abolition project. Sends books to incarcerated LGBTQ people across the United States.

### **MIDWEST TRANS PRISONER PEN PAL PROJECT**

c/o Boneshaker Books, 2002 23rd Ave S Minneapolis MN 55404

Seeks to connect **Midwest-based** incarcerated trans/gender non-conforming people with other trans/gender non-conforming and allied community member pen pals for friendship.

### **PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT (PCP)**

QPIRG Concordia c/o Concordia University

1455 de Maisonneuve Ouest, Montreal QC H3G 1M8, CANADA  
Provides a free pen-pal service for LGBTQ inmates in Canada & the US.

#### **QUEER DETAINEE EMPOWERMENT PROJECT (QDEP)**

505 8th Ave., #1212, New York, NY, 10018  
(347) 645-9339, info@qdep.org

An Alternative to Detention Program (ATD), that works with LGBTQ, two-spirit, and gender non-conforming, HIV+ detainees, and their families. Works with those currently in detention centers and those who 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.

#### **SINISTER WISDOM, INC.**

PO Box 3252, Berkeley, CA 94703

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

#### **SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT (SRLP)**

147 West 24th Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10011,

Works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence.

#### **T.I.P. JOURNAL—GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO INC.**

1151 S Huron St, Denver, CO 80223

Newsletter for transgender prisoners. Write for details.

#### **TGI (TRANSGENDER, GENDER VARIANT, & INTERSEX) JUSTICE PROJECT**

370 Turk St #370 San Francisco, CA 94102

Provides legal support and advocacy to currently and formerly incarcerated TGI people.

#### **TRANS IN PRISON JUSTICE PROJECT (TIP)**

315 5th Ave South, Suite 850, Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 324-1521 (accepts collect calls; interpreters available)

## **WOMEN'S RESOURCES**

#### **ACLU REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM PROJECT**

125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004-2400

The ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project advocates for incarcerated pregnant women to receive reproductive health services. Prisoners can write to them for a “Know Your Rights” fact sheet.

#### **CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS**

1540 Market St, Suite 490 San Francisco, CA 94102

CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison-industrial complex (PIC).

#### **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, CT, FL, IL, IN, KY, MS, and OH**, as well as **all federal prisons**.

#### **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. Free subscription to women in prison.

#### **NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR DEFENSE OF BATTERED WOMEN**

125 s 9th St, STE 302, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (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.

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 info. 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, (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.

#### **PRISONER VISITATION AND SUPPORT**

1501 Cherry Street; Philadelphia, PA 19102  
PVS@afsc.org, prisonervisitation.org, (215) 241-7117  
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 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.

#### **SWOP (SEX WORKER OUTREACH PROJECT) BEHIND BARS (SBB)**

1156 Pavia Drive Apopke, FL 32703  
Offers incarcerated sex workers pen pals and newsletters, and the option to create a wish list, receive a reentry guide 6 months before release, hygiene kits and phones upon release, and other services. Also offers legal assistance.

Information about legal rights, housing, medical care, and DOC policies related to being transgender or gender non-conforming.

#### **TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE LAW PROJECT OF ILLINOIS**

203 N. LaSalle, Suite 2169, Chicago, IL 60601  
Publishes the *Hidden Expressions* zine by trans and gender non-conforming people who have been or are currently incarcerated.

#### **TRANSGENDER LAW CENTER**

PO Box 70976, Oakland, CA 94612-0976  
(510) 380-8229 (collect), transgenderlawcenter.org  
TLC's Detention Project works to end the abuses that transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people experience in prisons, jails, immigration detention, state hospitals, other forms of custody, and at the hands of law enforcement. Write them concerning TGNC issues, or to obtain copies of their list of publications including *Safety Inside: Problems Faced by Transgender Prisoners and Common Sense Solutions to Them*, and *Advocating for Yourself While in Custody in California*.

#### **TRANS LIFELINE'S INSIDE ADVOCACY PROJECT**

Trans Lifeline, 195 41st St #11253, Oakland, CA 94611-9991  
office: 510-771-1417, translifeline.org/microgrants/inside-advocacy  
Financial aid and resources to trans people that are currently incarcerated or are recently released. **They also maintain a crisis hotline at 877-565-8860.** (Californians can also call 877-330-6366).

## **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.

#### **ASHEVILLE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM**

67 N. Lexington Ave, Asheville, NC 28801  
Free books to: **NC & SC.** Supplies an *NC Prisoner Resource List* upon

request.

#### **ATHENS BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

PO Box 45, Rutland, OH 45775

Free books to: **OH**.

#### **APPALACHIAN PRISON BOOK PROJECT**

PO Box 601, Morgantown, WV 26507

Free books to: **KY, MD, OH, TN, VA, and WV only**.

#### **BOOK'M**

PO Box 71357, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Free books to: **PA**. Focuses on educational and non-fiction books and magazines.

#### **DC BOOKS TO PRISONS**

PO Box 34190, Washington, DC 20043

bookstoprisons.org

Free books to: All US states **except New England, IL, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, WA and WI**. Free, but stamps and donations for postage are appreciated when possible. Request reading material by prioritized subjects and please list prison restrictions, if known. Please wait 5 months between requests.

#### **DETROIT BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

c/o DittoDitto Books 1548 Trumbull Ave, Detroit, MI 48216

Free books to: **MI**. Please include your DOC ID#. Please be patient with your request.

#### **EAST BAY PRISONER SUPPORT**

PO Box 22449, Oakland, CA 94609

Sends zines to queer, trans, and women prisoners in **any state**. Write them to receive a catalog.

Also sends free **books** to: **CA, AZ, NM, TX, UT** and **NV**. Focuses on anarchist works and literature.

#### **COALITION FOR PRISONERS' RIGHTS (CPR)**

PO Box 1911 Santa Fe NM 87504

Publishes a short monthly newsletter nationwide that's free to prisoners, 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.

#### **CRITICAL RESISTANCE**

1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 Oakland, CA 94612

Critical Resistance (CR) seeks to build an international movement to abolish the prison-industrial complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes everyone safe. CR also publishes a newspaper three times a year titled *The Abolitionist*, which is free to prisoners. You can send a subscription request with "C/O The Abolitionist" as the first line.

#### **THE FORTUNE SOCIETY**

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

Helps ex-prisoners break the cycle of crime and incarceration, and educates the public about prisons and the causes of crime. Free newsletter for prisoners.

#### **HUY**

PO Box 15146 Seattle, WA 98115

A tribally-controlled non-profit that provides economic, educational, rehabilitative and religious support for American Indian, Alaska Native and other indigenous prisoners in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the United States.

#### **JUST DETENTION INTERNATIONAL (Formerly Stop Prisoner Rape)**

3325 Wilshire Blvd, STE 340, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
(213) 384-1400



Provides mentoring support for girls ages 7-15 by matching a child with an adult mentor in the 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 at the federal and state levels, participating in precedent-setting legal cases, and by educating the public.

### **FAMM FLORIDA PROJECT**

POBox 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614

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

## **PRISONER SUPPORT**

### **AFSC Prison Watch Program**

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

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

An advocacy program monitoring human rights abuses in US federal and state prisons. The program brings attention to mass imprisonment and the use of torture and isolation in US prisons. Publishes:

*Inalienable Rights—a Human Rights Perspective*; *Torture in New Jersey Prisons*; *Survivors Manual: Surviving In Solitary*; *Survivors Speak: Prisoner Testimonies of Torture in United States Prisons and Jails*; *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)**

PO Box 2310, Washington, DC 20013-2310

Focuses on analysis of prison issues. Works with friends and families of prisoners towards prison reform. Write for local info.

### **INSIDE BOOKS PROJECT**

P.O. Box 301029, Austin TX 78703

Free books and educational material to: **TX**. One request every three months. Inside Books Project also publishes a *Resource Guide* offered for free to inmates in **TX**.

### **ITHACA COLLEGE BOOKS THRU BARS**

PO Box 113, Brooktondale, NY, 14817

[booksthrubars@gmail.com](mailto:booksthrubars@gmail.com)

Free books to those who are incarcerated in the US.

### **LOUISIANA BOOKS 2 PRISONERS**

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

Free books to: **AL, AR, LA, and MS**. Women and **LA** prisoners are prioritized.

### **MIDWEST PAGES TO PRISONERS PROJECT**

PO Box 1324, Bloomington, IN 47402

Free books to: **AR, IA, IN, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, OK, and SD**.

### **NYC BOOKS THROUGH BARS**

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

[BooksThroughBarsNYC.org](http://BooksThroughBarsNYC.org)

Free books to: **all states except AL, FL, LA, MA, MI, MS, NC, PA, OH, and WI**. Specializes in politics and history. Also has fiction and other educational books. No religion books. NY prisoners are prioritized.

### **OPEN BOOKS PRISON BOOKS PROJECT**

1040 N. Guillemard St, Pensacola, FL 32501

Free books to: **FL only**.

### **PRISON BOOKS COLLECTIVE PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION**

PO Box 625, Carrboro, NC 27510

[prisonbooks.info](http://prisonbooks.info), [prisonbooks@gmail.com](mailto:prisonbooks@gmail.com)

Free books to: **NC and AL only**. *Radical Zine Catalog* Available upon request to all 50 states.

### **PRISON LIBRARY PROJECT**

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

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

### **PRISONERS LITERATURE PROJECT (PLP)**

c/o Bound Together Books, 1369 Haight St. San Francisco, CA 94117

prisonlit.org

Free books to: every state except Texas. Welcomes requests from LGBTQ prisoners. We stock plenty of non-fiction and fiction, including books on African-American, Latino, Native American, and LGBTQ history and cultures; science; languages; and literature. The PLP does not have any law books or legal guides; romances; horror; or Bibles and Christian literature.

### **PROVIDENCE BOOKS THROUGH BARS**

42 Lenox Ave. Providence, RI 02907-1910

Free books to: every state. Rhode Island-based volunteer non-profit organization. Our mission is to use recycled donated books to provide free reading material for inmates nationwide.

### **READ BETWEEN THE BARS**

C/o Daily Planet Publishing, PO Box 1589, Tucson, AZ 85702

Free books to: **AZ only.**

### **WISCONSIN BOOKS TO PRISONERS**

C/o Rainbow Bookstore, 426 W. Gilman St, Madison, WI 53703

Free books to: **WI**

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACLU) - NAT'L PRISON PROJECT**

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

Write for a list of publications and contact info for your state.

## **FOR ARTISTS & WRITERS IN PRISON**

### **PEN PRISON WRITING PROGRAM**

588 Broadway STE 303, New York, NY 10012

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

### **THE POET'S WORKSHOP**

St Louis County Jail, 4334 Haines Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

Publishes monthly magazine including poetry by prisoners. Free to prisoners who submit poetry that is published.

### **PRISONS FOUNDATION**

PO Box 58043, Washington, DC 20037, prisonsfoundation.org

Free exhibiting of prisoner art and free electronic publishing of prisoner books.

### **TOCSIN MAGAZINE**

PO BOX 64527 ROCHESTER, NY 14624

(347) 541-7740, 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.

### **UNSTOPPABLE!**

PO BOX 11032, PUEBLO, CO 81001

Please write us to get a free subscription! Please contribute artwork, poetry, writings, etc. 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.

## **FOR FRIENDS & FAMILIES**

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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.

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

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

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(800) 851-3420, ncjrs.gov

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centurionministries.org

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(334) 269-1803

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(617) 546-0878, [famm.org/massachusetts](http://famm.org/massachusetts)

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### **LEGAL INSIGHTS INC.**

25602 Alicia Pkwy #323, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

(714) 941-0578, [legalinsights.org](http://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 info and assistance. Payment plans are available to those in low- or fixed- income situations. Legal Insights staff have over

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

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