

Lewisburg Prison Project – Book Programs Directory

*This is a resource directory for Prisoners seeking literature while incarcerated. This information is correct as of March '12. Credit belongs to the **Naljor Prison Dharma Service**, who did a fantastic service to inmates everywhere by compiling this resource directory. (updated 2012)*

The Aleph Institute

Address: 9540 Collins Ave
Surfside, FL 33154
305-864-5553

Website: www.alephinstitute.org

Services: Aleph is a not-for-profit national organization which has created and implemented a host of programs over the past 20 years that provide alternatives to incarceration, rehabilitate inmates, counsel and assist their families, and provide moral and ethical educational programs inculcating universal truths and concepts common to all of humanity. Jewish inmates may write to receive free books, regular monthly literature, holiday offerings, and family programs.

American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project

Address: National Prison Project Publications
915 15th St., NW
7th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Website: www.aclu.org/prisoners-rights

Services: The Journal, a quarterly newsletter featuring developments in prisoners' rights. Annual subscription is \$2 for prisoners, \$30 for others. Send check or money order to address above. Also, the Prisoners' Assistance Directory lists and describes local, state, national and international organizations that provide services to inmates, ex-offenders and their families. Directory available for \$30 prepaid.

Appalachian Prison Book Project

Address: Appalachian Prison Book Project
PO Box 601
Morgantown, WV 26507

Website: aprisnbookproject@wordpress.com

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) is a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization that sends free books to women and men who are imprisoned in the Appalachian region. We serve West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Book 'Em

Address: Thomas Merton Center
5129 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Phone: 412-361-3022

E-mail: bookem@heromail.com

Website: www.thomasmertoncenter.org/projects/prisoner-rights/bookem/index.htm

Services: Send free educational books and quality reading material to prisoners and prison libraries across the country. Publishes and distributes resource guides, which are free to inmates. Unfortunately, Oregon does not accept Book 'Em packages, and in Texas, they are only able to serve female inmates due to financial limitations.

Books for Prisoners

Address: c/o Groundwork Books
0323 USD Old Student Center
La Jolla, CA 92037
858-452-9625

Website: groundworkbooks.blogspot.com

E-mail: groundwork@libertad.ucsd.edu

Services: Groundwork Books offers up to two books per person, free of charge. Send your request, specifying your interests, and we will send you a detailed booklet for that area of interest. Subjects: politics, spirituality, feminism, dictionaries, culture, social criticism, and select novels. Stamp donations are appreciated but not required.

Books Through Bars

Address: 4722 Baltimore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19143
215-727-8170

E-mail: info@booksthroughbars.org

Website: www.booksthroughbars.org

Services: *We offer a wide range of reading materials free of charge to inmates. Request books by topic and specific subject areas (for example: novels, self-help, American history, etc.). If you wish, you may request specific titles or authors, however, we may not be able to provide these. No legal books. Donations, including stamps, are greatly appreciated. Please send information regarding prison regulations for reading material being sent in. Allow 3 to 4 months for delivery. Only serving prisoners in PA, NJ, NY, DE, MD, VA, WV.*

Books to Prisoners

Address: c/o Left Bank Books
92 Pike St., Box A
Seattle, WA 98101
206-442-2013

Website: www.bookstoprisoners.net

Services: BTP sends donated books to prisoners. Choice of books is limited. Please send a list of topics you are interested in. No legal or religious books. It may take six to eight months for material to arrive, please be patient. Donations of stamps are appreciated.

Books to Prisoners – Olympia

Address: BTP Olympia
PO Box 912
Olympia, WA 98507

Website: www.btpolympia.org

E-mail: btpoly@resist.ca

Services: Books to Prisoners Olympia works to offset the dehumanizing effects of incarceration by sending quality used books free of charge to prisoners all over. We are entirely operated by volunteers, our library entirely stocked by donated books.

Books to Prisons Project (D.C. Area)

Address: PO Box 34190

Washington, DC 20043

Website: www.dcbookstoprisoners.org

E-mail: btopdc@gmail.com

Services: Books to Prisoners offers free educational as well as a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction reading material to prisoners around the United States free of charge. Please limit requests to once per 5 months. You can request titles, but prioritized subjects of interest are preferred. Please list prison restrictions if known. Stamps appreciated. We lack postage money to respond to all requests and put lower priority on the following: New England, Oregon, Washington, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, and Illinois.

Chicago Books to Women in Prison

Address: PO Box 14778

Chicago, IL 60614

Website: www.chicagobwp.org

E-mail: cbwp4001@gmail.com

Services: Chicago Books to Women in Prison is a volunteer collective working to distribute books free of charge to women in prison nationwide. We are dedicated to offering women behind bars the opportunity for self-empowerment, education, and entertainment that reading provides.

The Granite Publishing Group

Address: Granite Publishing, L.L.C.

PO Box 1429

Columbus, NC 28722

828-894-8444

E-mail: brain@5thworld.com

Website: www.5thworld.com

Services: Inmates may write to receive free books on subjects that support the cultivation of planetary consciousness. The metaphysical/transformational subjects of our books range from Native American spirituality to the extraterrestrial presence. Please send postage if possible.

Inmate Book Service

Address: PO Box 58221

Oklahoma City, OK 73157

E-mail: inmatebooks@yahoo.com

Services: Inmate Book Service will order books for you from Amazon or other on-line retailers. Also paper, envelopes, or other items if you can receive them. Send SASE for details and order form.

The Inside Books Project

Address: c/o 12th Street Books

827 West 12th St.

Austin, TX 78701

512-647-4803

Website: www.insidebookprojects.org

E-mail: insidebooksproject@yahoo.com

Services: We send books free of charge to Texas inmates only. Please expect a three to six month wait. We also offer a resource list and a free newsletter. Donations and/or stamps are appreciated if possible.

Jewish Prisoner Services International

Address: PO Box 85840
Seattle, WA 98145-1840
206-985-0577

Website: www.jpsi.org

E-mail: jewishprisonerservices@msn.com

Services: Offers support, referrals, guidance, educational and religious programs, pen pal service, free Jewish books (to Jewish inmates only).

Prison Book Program

Address: c/o Lucy Parson's Bookstore
1306 Hancock St, Suite 100
Quincy, MA 02169
617-423-3298

E-mail: info@prisonbookprogram.org

Website: www.prisonbookprogram.org

Services: The Prison Book Program has been supplying individuals and groups of prisoners with free, quality reading material since 1972. We believe that literacy and access to reading materials are crucial for the personal, spiritual, and political development of all people. We offer a free National Prisoner Resource List to all prisoners. We do not offer a catalog of books, so please request books by topics. When requesting books, please send us your prison's restrictions on reading material. Donations, including stamps, are always welcome. Be patient, we have over a 3 month backlog of requests. We do not send books to Texas, California, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, or Maryland (except Jessup).

Prison Book Project

Address: PO Box 396
Amherst, MA 01004-0396
413-584-8975

E-mail: prisonbookproject@riseup.net

Website: www.prisonbooks.org

Services: You may request books by topics of interest. We do our best to meet the needs and demands of inmates. You may also request a specific book and we will try to find it for you. No mailing list or catalogue. Donations of artwork and poetry for fundraising greatly appreciated. Sorry, no Texas inmates.

Prisoners' Literature Project

Address: Bound Together Bookstore
c/o Prisoners' Literature Project
2022 Blake Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
415-672-7858

E-mail: prisonlit@yahoo.com

Website: www.prisonersliteratureproject.com

Services: Please request types of books—not specific titles. No legal books. Stamps or donations are greatly appreciated but are not required. Sorry, no Texas or Oregon prisoners. Only 1 request per year and please note, there is a several month delay.

The Prison Library Project

Address: PMB 128

915-C West Foothill Blvd
Claremont, CA 91711

Website: www.prisonlibraryproject.org

E-mail: doug@prisonlibraryproject.org

Services: The Prison Library Project supplies books free of charge to inmates who request them. We try to provide an ongoing invitation to prisoners to embrace personal responsibility, growth, and a deeper appreciation for the world of books, ideas, and education. We offer books on self-help, personal and spiritual growth, wellness, and metaphysical books. No law books, technical, or GED, and no catalogue

Real Cost of Prisons Project

Address: 5 Warfield Place

Northampton, MA 01060

E-mail: info@realcostofprisons.org

Website: www.realcostofprisons.org

Services: RCPP works to strengthen and deepen the organizing capacity of people and communities struggling to end mass incarceration. Resources include a website with useful up-to-date research, books, links to hundreds of organizations, PDF's of RCPP created materials, including three comic books (Prison Town — Paying the Price, Prisoners of a Hard Life — Women and Their Children, and Prisoners of the War on Drugs) and the newest sections “Comix from Inside” and “Writing from Prison.” Our comic books are free to prisoners and to organizers, advocates, family support groups, educators and others.

California Coalition for Women Prisoners

Address: 1540 Market St., Suite 490

San Francisco, CA 94102
415-255-7036

Website: www.womenprisoners.org

E-mail: info@womenprisoners.org

Services: CCWP is a grassroots social justice organization that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex. They offer several brochures and various resources.

San Diego California Coalition for Women Prisoners

Address: c/o World Beat Center

2100 Park Blvd
San Diego, CA 92101
619-987-7553

Services: SDCCWP sends books to women prisoners on various women's and political issues. Please write to request a free book list. Stamp donations are appreciated to pay for shipping.

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

Address: 426 W. Gilman Street
Madison, WI 53703
608-257-6050

Website: www.rainbowbookstore.coop/b2p

E-mail: info@rainbowbookstore.org

Services: We send books to prisoners in the state of Wisconsin free of charge. We believe that books are tools for learning and can help open minds to new ideas and fresh possibilities. By sending books to those in prison, we hope to foster a love of reading and encourage the pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement. Since our founding in the Fall of 2006, WBTP has sent books to thousands of prisoners across WI and in dozens of other states.

Women's Prison Book Project

Address: c/o Boneshaker Books
2002 23rd Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55404
612-729-5845

Website: www.wpbp.org

E-mail: womensprisonbookproject@gmail.com

Services: Since 1994, the Women's Prison Book Project has provided women in prison with free reading materials covering a wide range of topics from law and education (dictionaries, GED, etc.) to politics, history, and women's health. There are other prison book projects, but we seek to meet the specific needs of women in prison.