



SENDING BOOKS TO THE INCARCERATED

Some organizations stopped accepting donations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to confirm that a location is currently accepting donations before sending books, and that the books you'd like to send are in demand. Prison policies vary by location and can play a major role in determining which books can be sent to people inside. If you have questions, be sure to reach out before donating. **Always review a specific organizations guidelines and requests before sending any material.**

DO SEND:

Paperbacks & recently published books - Black, Latinx, Queer History - How-to & Self-Help books - Dictionaries, GED/HSE, test prep, study guides, language studies - unused Soduko/puzzles - Guides for starting businesses - Yoga & exercise books - Mysteries, thrillers, sci-fi, fantasy, urban fiction - Comics & graphic novels, fiction & non-fiction in Spanish

Donating Used Books in NY

[New York Public Library Guidelines](#)

Contact: csdonations@nypl.org

[Books Beyond Bars](#)

www.booksbeyondbars.org/donate-books

[Queens Public Library Guidelines](#)

Contact: nili.ness@queenslibrary.org

[Books Through Bars Guidelines](#)

Contact: info@booksthroughbarsnyc.org

[Brooklyn Public Library Guidelines](#)

Contact: dsandoval-hernandez@bklynlibrary.org

DON'T SEND:

Books with spiral bindings - Hard cover books - Textbooks more than 5 years old - Religious pamphlets - Magazines older than the current year - Books in bad condition - Books with highlighting or notes - Anything banned by the prison

Sending Books Via Wishlists

- [Greenlight Bookstore PLSN Wishlist](#)
- [NYPL Corrections Wishlist](#)
- [Books Through Bars NY](#)
- [LGBTQ Books to Prisoners](#)
- [Wellesley Books Prison Book Program](#)
- [Porter Square Prison Book Program](#)
- [Women's Prison Book Project](#)
- [Prisoners Literature Project](#)

Directories for organizations outside NY including Canada & Great Britain: [Write A Prisoner](#) and [the Prison Book Program](#)