

## Additional Resources

- Haymarket Books Not Bars
  - [haymarketbooks.org/pg/pg/books-not-bars](https://haymarketbooks.org/pg/pg/books-not-bars)
- How to Start a Prison Books Collective
  - [prisonbooks.info/img/resource-starting-a-group.pdf](https://prisonbooks.info/img/resource-starting-a-group.pdf)
- Jailhouse Lawyer's Handbook
  - [jailhouselaw.org](https://jailhouselaw.org)
- Little Free Library World Map
  - [littlefreelibrary.org/map/](https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/)
- National Prisoner Resource List
  - [prisonbookprogram.org/for-people-in-prison/national-prisoner-resource-list](https://prisonbookprogram.org/for-people-in-prison/national-prisoner-resource-list)
- The Books Banned in Your State's Prisons
  - [themarshallproject.org/2022/12/21/prison-banned-books-list-find-your-state](https://themarshallproject.org/2022/12/21/prison-banned-books-list-find-your-state)

## Gleaning for Books Through Bars Programs



## Where to Glean Books

- Stoops and swaps
- Buy Nothing groups
- Bookstore overstock
- Schools and universities
- People who work in publishing often have more advance reader copies (ARCs) than they know what to do with!
- Library overstock
- Little free libraries



- Host a book drive



If dropping off books in-person, stick around to fulfill requests! It's fun and can give you a better sense of what people are looking for.



## Frequently Requested Genres

- Dictionaries, language learning
- Coloring, how-to-draw, origami, crafting
- Puzzles, crosswords, sudoku
- Thrillers, mysteries, horror
- Sci-fi/fantasy
- Urban fiction
- Manga, comics, graphic novels
- History, philosophy
- BPOC memoirs, fiction
- Zodiac, astrology, occult
- Trade/business (construction, writing, finance, etc.)
- Self-help
- Yoga and fitness
- Prisons and legal guides

\* all aforementioned genres in Spanish



## Find a Books Through Bars program near you:

\*accepts donations by mail

There are more than 50 BTB programs across the U.S., including:

Books Through Bars programs send free reading materials to people in prisons, jails, and detention facilities.

- Inside Books – Austin, TX\*
- Books to Prisons – Birmingham, AL
- Midwest Books to Prisoners – Chicago, IL\*
- Prison Library Project – Claremont, CA
- LGBT Books to Prisoners – Milwaukee, WI\*
- Women's Prison Book Project – Minneapolis, MN\*
- NYC Books Through Bars – New York, NY
- Books to Prisoners – Seattle, WA\*
- Books Behind Bars – Wildwood, NJ\*

[prisonbookprogram.org/prisonbooknetwork-en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books\\_to\\_Prisoners](https://prisonbookprogram.org/prisonbooknetwork-en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books_to_Prisoners)



Books packed by Midwest B2P

**Gleaning books to recirculate to a BTB program** is an easy way to reduce book waste, share literature, get to know people in your neighborhood, and build an abolitionist practice in your daily life.

**Most BTB programs rely on book donations to fulfill requests.** While many orgs have book wishlists you can purchase from online or at a local bookstore, buying new books can be expensive.

**Read your BTB program's book donation guidelines.** Some do not accept hardcover books, books with a lot of wear, or books outside of specifically requested topics. Most prisons also do not allow spiral-bound books, or books with writing, highlighting, or stains. **New and like-new paperbacks are most preferred.**

Donating unusable books will create more work for volunteers working with limited space.



NYC BTB's basement workspace