



## CONTACT US

You can find out more about all of our projects, join our mailing lists, or send us electronic messages by going to our website:

**[www.books2prisoners.org](http://www.books2prisoners.org)**

Or you may contact us by phone:

**(708) 782-4608**

Books to Prisoners is a project of the U-C Independent Media Center. The work of Books to Prisoners has been supported by a number of community and religious organizations and has been the recipient of the following awards and grants:

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AmeriCorps Serve Illinois Grant  
Illinois Disciples Foundation Social Justice Grant  
East Central Illinois Community Foundation Grant  
Runner up for the McKinley Foundation Social Justice Award





## ABOUT B2P

Books to Prisoners is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2004 to provide free books to incarcerated people in Illinois and to operate lending libraries in the Champaign County jails. The books sent by mail become the property of the prisoner in an environment that restricts personal possessions and offers few learning opportunities.

Books to Prisoners addresses these problems through our mission:

- to provide books to inmates in Illinois by recycling donated books
- to offer a venue for inmates to tell their own stories
- to educate ourselves and our community about prisons
- to facilitate a quality volunteer experience

## VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers read and respond to letters from prisoners by sending them books from our collection.

You can participate and learn about the many ways to be involved by attending any of our public work sessions. Special group sessions are available upon request and can be tailored to meet your organization's needs.

**Volunteer Sessions held at the IMC Building at 202 S. Broadway, Urbana - Elm St. Door:**

**Tuesdays 7-9pm**

**Thursdays 2-4pm**

**Saturdays 2-4pm**

Volunteers are also needed to work in the Champaign County jails' libraries. As a jail librarian, you will work face-to-face with inmates in our county jails. No special experience is necessary, but you must be at least 21 years old.

## BOOK DONATIONS

Book bins for small donations are located at:

• **Independent Media Center** (the old Urbana Post Office)

202 S. Broadway Ave Urbana IL

• **Common Ground Food Co-op**

Lincoln Square Village - 300 S. Broadway Ave. Urbana IL

• **Strawberry Fields**

306 W. Springfield Ave. Urbana IL

• See [www.books2prisoners.org](http://www.books2prisoners.org) for additional donation sites

Large donations (over 100 books) are welcome, please contact us to make arrangements.

To arrange for a large donation or to organize a book drive, contact us by:

**e-mail:** [book.donations@books2prisoners.org](mailto:book.donations@books2prisoners.org)

**online contact form:** [www.books2prisoners.org](http://www.books2prisoners.org)

**phone:** (708) 782-4608.

## FINANCIAL DONATIONS

The books we send to incarcerated people are provided by donations. The cost of shipping averages \$3 per package. To meet these costs, we sell books that don't meet prisoner requests and rely on donations from organizations and individuals.

Checks should be made payable to UC Books to Prisoners and mailed to:

**UC Books to Prisoners**

**Financial Donations**

**PO Box 515**

**Urbana IL 61803**

