



PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

Sending free books to people in prison since 1972

2022 Annual Report

Dear friend of Prison Book Program,

Thanks to your support, 2022 was a resounding success. A semblance of normality resumed, and the difficulties and irregularities of the pandemic years receded. PBP continued its recent trajectory of dynamic growth. With deep gratitude, I am pleased to share these significant milestones.

- Most important for our readers, we cleared out the backlog of requests which had accumulated during the COVID-19 pandemic and ended the year fulfilling most requests within 60-90 days.
- We expanded our service area to all 50 states, as well as Guam and Puerto Rico.
- Together, the PBP community fulfilled book requests from 15,231 people in 2022, a 38% increase over the 2021 total of 11,004. The average package contained 3.5 books, for a grand total of over 53,000 books.
- We continued to run a lean operation by relying largely on volunteer power and donated books. We finished the year with just 1.75 FTE paid staff.
- We commemorated our 50th anniversary with a series of events which amplified the voices of formerly and currently incarcerated people and connected our community to other people and organizations doing important prison-facing work.
- We hosted an all-time high of 193 volunteer sessions, during which 1,103 unique individuals donated a grant total of 8,320 hours of their time. The value of this time is \$302,681.
- We hosted 50 volunteer groups from companies, schools and colleges, civic organizations and houses of worship.
- We launched our corporate partnership program with two of our longest-standing and most committed corporate supporters.
- We ended the year as an approved book vendor at 1,037 facilities, up 10% from 2021.
- Over 3,000 books were purchased from our online wish lists in 2022.
- More than 400 people received a specific book they needed through our special request queue.
- We took out our first-ever paid advertisement in *Prison Legal News* to spread the word about our services.
- We greatly enhanced our data capacity by implementing a new CRM that combines our historical volunteer and donor databases.

Thank you for all of your support. I look forward to continued growth in 2023 and beyond.

Kelly Brotzman
Executive Director