



# PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

Sending free books to people in prison since 1972

## 2024 Annual Report

- Together, the PBP community fulfilled book requests from 19,875 people in 2023, a 9% increase over the 2022 total and above our goal of 18,600. The average package contained 3.5 books, for a grand total of nearly 70,000 books – all completely free to readers.
- We successfully navigated a transition in our program manager/program coordinator position, conducting an efficient search and hiring a qualified candidate in six weeks.
- Prison Book Program continues to attract thousands of volunteers. In 2024, 1,470 unique individuals attended one of our 198 volunteer sessions. Volunteers donated a grand total of 13,909 hours of their time, a 7% increase from the previous year. The value of this time is \$569,852.
- 41 groups volunteered at PBP in 2024. These groups came from companies, schools, colleges, civic organizations, houses of worship, and more.
- One of PBP's flagship publications, *We The People Legal Primer*, was retired after 20 years and replaced by the brand new [\*Insider's Guide to Jailhouse Law\*](#), one of the most comprehensive free legal resources specifically for incarcerated people in the United States. The new *Guide* includes information on important legal developments in the last 20 years, as well as practical instructions for navigating the legal system.
- Many objectives outlined in our May 2023 strategic plan were achieved in 2024, including: securing additional program and storage space within our current location; soliciting publishers regularly for donations/discounts on high-demand titles; adding two new partner bookstores (Frugal Bookstore and Side Quest); increasing the number of monthly recurring donors; maintaining a balanced budget and avoiding the use of reserve funds; developing processes for responding to everyone who writes to us requesting books, regardless of whether we can send to them; adopting technological tools to track individual orders and count packages sent; and getting PBP featured or mentioned in several national and local media outlets.

- Donors purchased 1,705 books from our Amazon wish list, many of which were special requests: books needed by an incarcerated reader to pursue a specific learning or reading goal.
- *Art from Inside*, a curated collection of approximately 30 works that have been sent to Prison Book Program over the last 50+ years, was displayed in eight local communities in 2024
- In FY24 (7/1/23-6/30/24), individual giving was up 19% from the previous fiscal year. Revenue from grants increased 28%.

Thank you for supporting Prison Book Program in 2024!