



State of Wisconsin

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Friend:

Correctional libraries face unique challenges that other libraries may not, but they still strive to promote a life-long love of learning and reading. These libraries, located in state prisons and county jails, are in serious need of materials and would greatly appreciate donations from other libraries, churches, publishers, the public, and other sources to help build and maintain a diverse and timely collection.

The Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND), in partnership with the Department of Corrections and Department of Public Instruction, has created a special sub-committee on prisons to assist correctional libraries by collecting and distributing written materials for inmates in our state facilities. The COLAND sub-committee on prisons is dedicated to helping these correctional libraries reach male and female inmates by helping them collect materials in subject areas of greatest need. These efforts will help those incarcerated to become productive citizens when they re-enter their communities. Multiple studies over the past two decades have shown that inmates who improve their reading and educational performance stand a better chance of becoming working citizens than those who struggle with reading.

COLAND encourages you to donate books that are in good condition, current and, with the exception of literary classics, published within the past 3 years. Donated books must match the subject areas that are listed on the enclosed Wisconsin Department of Corrections Collection Development Areas List. Paperbacks are usually preferred, but this format is required only for books given to inmates in segregation status. Hard covers are allowed in the general collections of most institutions. Please follow the instructions below to deliver the materials.

All donations may be shipped directly to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections - Library Project, 3099 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53707-7925. You may also arrange for delivery by contacting Tim Drexler of South Central Library System at (608) 266-4643. There is no charge if the shipment is small and the donating or delivery site public/private library is served by the South Central Library System delivery service.

Your donations are appreciated and will help to improve the quality of life for inmates and their families throughout Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandra D. Melcher'.

Sandra Melcher, Chair
Council on Library and Network Development

Wisconsin Department of Corrections Collection

Development Areas

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Areas in need of updating

African-American History/Culture
Auto/Electric Car Repair
Biographies
Building and Trades Skills
Business
Children's Books
Computer Science
Current Best Selling Fiction
Eco-friendly living
Entrepreneurship
Foreign Languages
Graphic Novels
Health and Wellness
High Interest Low Literacy Level
Home Repair
How to write/poetry
Large Print Fiction and Non-Fiction
Legal Materials
Literacy Materials
Literary Classics
Materials written in Spanish fiction and non-fiction
Non-fiction subject areas
Parenting
Reference Materials
Self-Help
Sign Language
Sports
True Crime
Urban Fiction
Vampires
Welding

Areas that do not need updating

Romance Novels (Harlequin, Silhouette)
12-Step Programs
Best Seller Fiction from the early 2000s
Christian Studies