



Jail & Reentry Services

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SFPL Services to Incarcerated People

- Weekly library service at two county jails; every three weeks at JJC
- Reference by Mail
- Reentry and outreach
- *Expanding Information Access to Incarcerated People* Mellon-funded grant project
- Local projects and partnerships



County Jails & Juvenile Hall Library Service



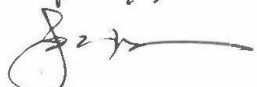
Reference by Mail



Dear San Francisco Public Library: 11/3/22

I just received your response to my inquiry request and wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I was stunned at how extensive your group researched my question. It was amazing! You are amazing. It's kindness like yours that helps me realize I can make it on the outside.

I made you this thank you card. Please excuse the corrections; gel pen is an unforgiving lover. 😊 I'm going to put my experience with your group in a special place in my heart. ♥

W/ways,

 Joseph
 Federal Inmate
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Reentry Resources & Outreach



San Francisco Public Library
 Jail and Reentry Services
 jailandreentryservices@sfppl.org

SFPL Reentry Resources for People Who Recently Experienced Incarceration

Main Library
 100 Larkin Street (at Grove Street)
 (415) 557-4400
 sfppl.org

Call your neighborhood library for info about similar programs at your branch. See the back of this brochure for branch information.

Get a free library card at any location to use our public computers.

All Library programs are free.

On the 4th floor

Call (415) 557-4400 and ask for the Business Desk for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Smart Money Coaching

One-on-one virtual sessions with a financial coach

- make a budget
- plan for your future
- address identity theft

Any librarian can help you sign up for virtual events.

By appointment only. Call or go to sfgov.org/ofc/meet-financial-coach to schedule an appointment. Provided by BALANCE (formerly CCCSSF), a non-profit service and a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Career Coaching

Half-hour sessions with a career coach: résumé review, help with your job search, and more. By appointment only, Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 PM. Call or go to bstjobs.careers.youcanbook.me to schedule an appointment.

Job-Search Programs

- résumé writing
- interviewing
- networking
- more!

Call or go to sfppl.org/events and select "Work It" in the "Topic" dropdown menu.

To find reentry-friendly jobs information, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera or go to sfppl.org/jobresources and select "Resources for Groups" and click on "Reentry."



Small Business Center

- Learn about entrepreneurship and how to start your own small business.
- Get connected to free advising and free entrepreneurship classes from our partner organizations.

Call or email busscitech@sfppl.org. Subscribe to the monthly newsletter listing free events and programs: bit.ly/sfpbiznewsletter.

In The Bridge at Main

The Bridge at Main is on the 5th floor of the Main Library. It is closed on Sundays. Call (415) 557-4388 for more information on any of these programs or to schedule an appointment.

Computer Drop-In

Learn how to:

- get an email address
- type and use a mouse
- get started with Word, Excel, and other Office programs
- use the Internet
- use your phone or other device

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM

Veterans Resources

Resources on veterans' benefits and local services. Call for a one-on-one appointment.

Read Better!

- English-speaking adults get FREE one-on-one tutoring to improve reading and writing skills.
- ESL tutoring for English-language learners.

Online learning

We have everything!

- coding
- language-learning
- online high school
- more!

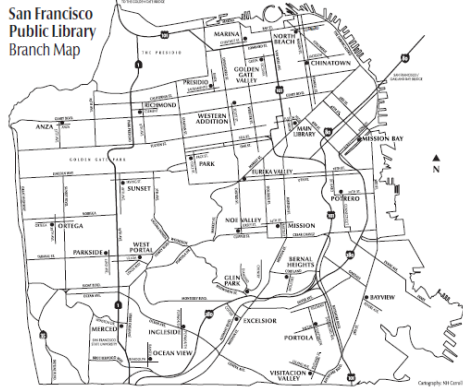
Call, scan this QR code with your smartphone camera, or go to sfppl.org/research-learn/elearning for more information about our online eLearning resources.



Fun for kids

Bring your kids to the library! Ask at your neighborhood branch about children's storytimes and special events.

Looking for more reentry support? Ask for the social worker at the Main Library.



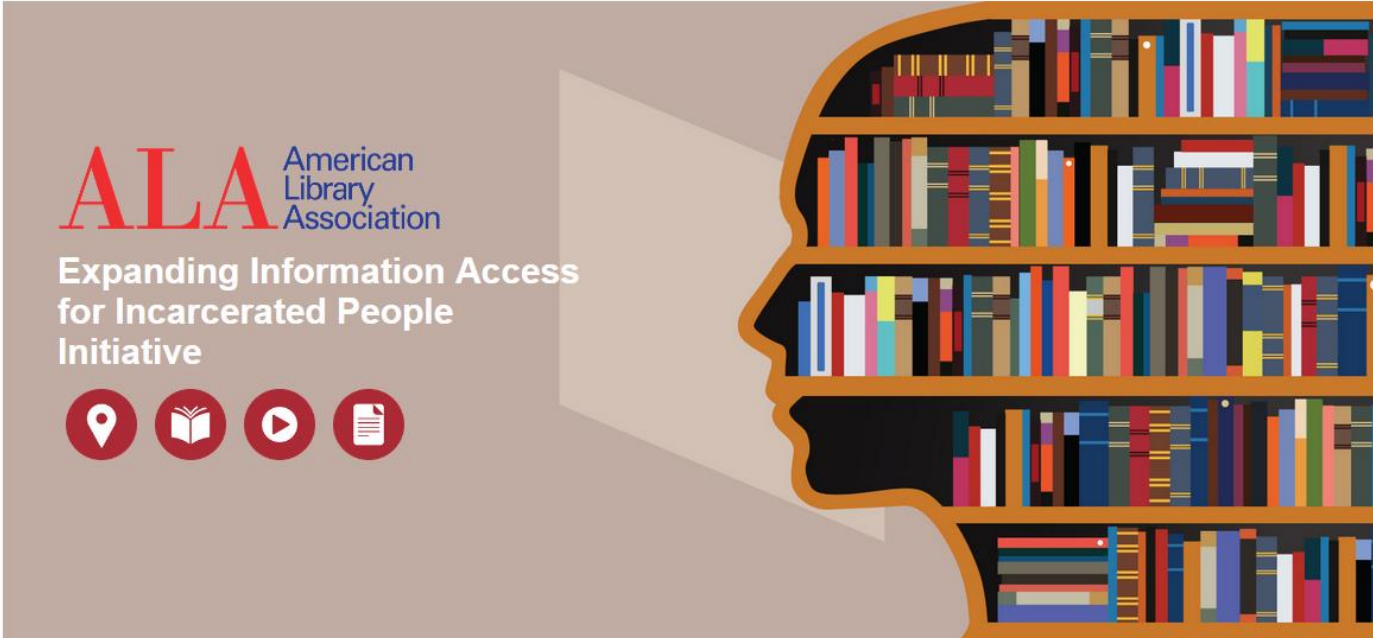
Anza (415) 355-5717	Glen Park (415) 355-2858	Noe Valley / Sally Brunn (415) 355-5707	Presidio (415) 355-2880
Bayview / Linda Brooks-Burton (415) 355-5757	Golden Gate Valley (415) 355-5666	North Beach (415) 355-5626	Richmond / Sen. Milton Marks (415) 355-5600
Bernal Heights (415) 355-2810	Ingliside (415) 355-2898	Ocean View (415) 355-5615	Sunset (415) 355-2808
Chinatown / Him Mark Lai (415) 355-2888	Main Library (415) 557-4400	Ortega (415) 355-5700	Visitation Valley (415) 355-2848
Eureka Valley / Harvey Milk Memorial (415) 355-5616	Marina (415) 355-2823	Park (415) 355-5656	West Portal (415) 355-2886
Excelsior (415) 355-2868	Merced (415) 355-2825	Parkside (415) 355-5670	Western Addition (415) 355-5727
	Mission (415) 355-2800	Portola (415) 355-5660	
	Mission Bay (415) 355-2838	Potrero (415) 355-2822	



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Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People Initiative




<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/diversity/expanding-access-incarcerated-initiative>

Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People Initiative

Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People is an initiative based in San Francisco Public Library's (SFPL) Jail and Reentry Services program, in coordination with the American Library Association (ALA). This project exists to locate library services to incarcerated people and to support the development of new services. It is made possible by a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

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New Standards for Library Services for the Incarcerated and Detained
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Interactive digital map of library services for incarcerated people
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Publicly available professional development video series
- 
White paper on digital literacy



Building Awareness, Building Capacity

Outside and In: Services for People Impacted By Incarceration

by [Chelsea Jordan-Makely and Dr. Jeanie Austin](#)
Sep 08, 2021 | Filed in [News](#)



How libraries are providing services for people impacted by incarceration

“It is not only the books that I appreciate; more important to me is the appreciation that I have for you that you would even think of, or care about, other people that are incarcerated. To many people, except for family or close friends, prisoners are out-of-sight, out-of-mind.”



Building Awareness, Building Capacity



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Revisiting LIBRARY SERVICES
for Individuals who are Incarcerated & Detained

HALF-DAY FORUM

ALA Annual CONFERENCE EXHIBITION
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022

DANIEL GENIS
FROM LIMITS TO LIMITLESS
AT 25: 5 COUNTS OF ARMED ROBBERY
AT 35: AUTHOR JOURNALIST
WORKING BEHIND THE DESK OF A LIBRARY
HAPPILY MARRIED
I was tested. LIVING THE LIFE OF THE MIND Would I pretend to be someone else? NO: and they accepted me as I am

PANEL: LIVED EXPERIENCES

Zy'aire Nassirah
Incarcerated for 30 years
Got out last year
Troubled teen
BOOKS ARE 30 TIMES MORE VALUABLE TO PRISONERS
BECAME A PARALEGAL by READING LAW
WHAT WOULD RE-ENTRY LOOK LIKE?
HOW CAN WE EXPAND SELF-HELP?
NEW BOOKS — BOOKS! NOT ELECTRONIC! SUBSTITUTES

Brandon Morlock
I wanted to start a collective engineering to Community
RAN OFF THE ROAD AT 45 W/ 1.5D TRIP
NOW: I must move forward to accomplish my goals
READING BOOKS TO LIBRARIANSHIP
LIMITS TO SMALL CELL (STORAGE) LIBRARY UNAVAILABLE FOR 10 YRS.

“READING SAVED MY LIFE”

Ensure we capture the historical standards

“We cannot NOT talk about incarceration.”
1 in 2 adults knows someone affected by incarceration.

COMPASSION OF LIBRARIANS
Helped me write my first résumé

LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH ANGER

PRISONERS NEED PERMISSION TO BROWSE ON THE SHELF

BOOKS: AN EVOLUTION FROM FROM: ESCAPISM FROM PRISON LIFE TO: IMPROVING MY LIFE & INTERACTIONS IN PRISON

“A STAND UP GUY”

“I was tested. LIVING THE LIFE OF THE MIND Would I pretend to be someone else? NO: and they accepted me as I am”

“READING SAVED MY LIFE”

PAST LIVES ACCESS A MAKER SPACE TO DO ANYTHING
hiring those who have been incarcerated



- Panelists (left to right):**
- Reginald Dwayne Betts
 - Jeanie Austin
 - Randall Horton
 - Enrique Rivera
 - ALA Executive Director, Tracie D. Hall, Moderator

<https://alaeditions.org/standards/>



Expanding Information Access to Incarcerated People

The screenshot shows a web application titled "WebApp: Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People". The interface is dark-themed and features a central modal dialog box with the following text:

Welcome to the Demo EIAIP WebApp!

[DEMO PRODUCT] This is a demo app created by the SFPL JARS Team as part of its Mellon grant-funded project, Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People. Click on a tab to view map visuals on data the team has collected so far. When a tab is highlighted, click on the "i" icon to view further details on how to use/navigate the tab. In alignment with the SFPL JARS Team's core values, this app prioritizes the use of people-first language when referring to people who are incarcerated, but there may still be some elements that copy the language used in their corresponding data source.

We'd love to hear any feedback you have on the map. It can be related to anything from user experience to suggestions for additional content to include. Use [this form](#) to let us know what you think!

-SFPL JARS Team

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The background interface includes a navigation menu on the left with tabs for "General", "Books to Prisoners Programs", "External Library Partners", "Incarceration Rates by State, 2020", and "Total Incarcerated People per 1,000 Residents, 2020". On the right, there is a list of data visualizations, each with an "i" icon for more information. The map area shows a geographical view of the Americas with labels for "MONTREY MEXICO", "HAVANA CUBA", "MEXICO CITY", and "PORT-AU-PRINCE".



Expanding Information Access to Incarcerated People

WebApp: Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People

General Books to Prisoners Programs ⓘ

- Alabama Books to Prisons
- Appalachian Prison Book Project
- Asheville Prison Books Program
- Athens Books to Prisoners
- Big House Books
- Books Behind Bars (NJ)
- Books Behind Bars (VA)
- Books Beyond Bars
- Books Through Bars
- Books to Prisoners Seattle
- Connecticut Prison Book Connection
- DC Books to Prisons Project
- Great Falls Books Through Bars
- Inside Books
- Ithaca College Books Thru Bars
- LGBT Books to Prisoners
- Liberation Library
- Liberation Lit
- Louisiana Books 2 Prisoners
- Missouri Prison Books Program
- NYC Books Through Bars
- Open Books Prison Book Project

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Local Projects & Partnerships

Partners include:

- **San Francisco Sheriff's Office**
- **SF Treasurer/Tax Collector - Financial Justice Project**
- **Jail Justice Coalition**



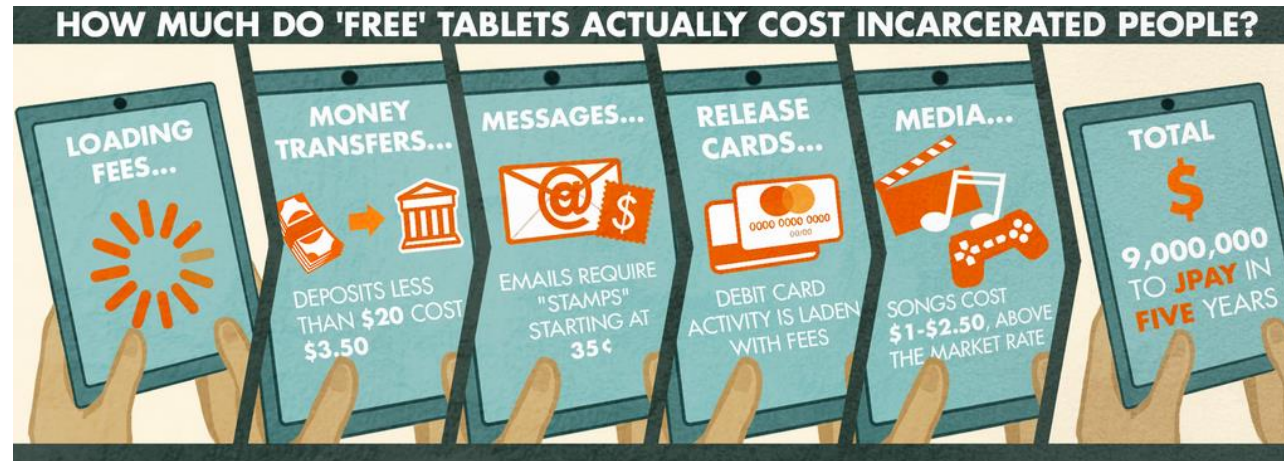
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New Family Visiting Room at County Jail 2



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Throughout the U.S., even “free” tablets can be prohibitively expensive.

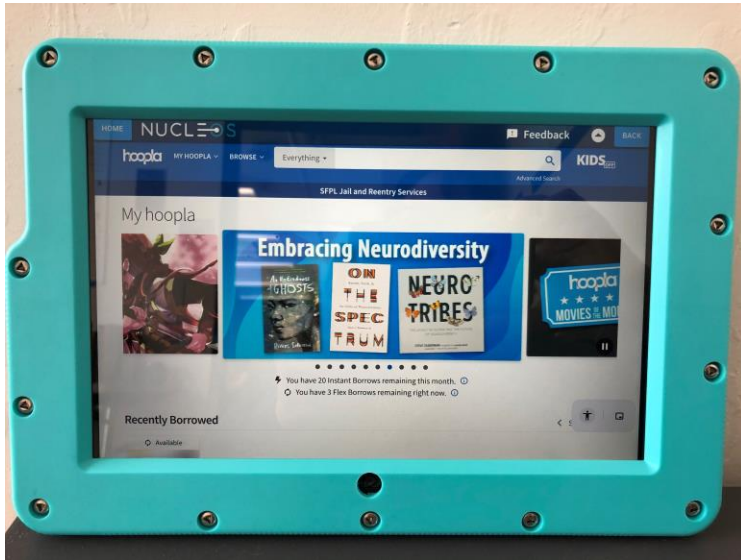


Prison Policy Initiative, 2018 <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/messaging/>

In San Francisco, new program offers incarcerated people free Nucleos tablets with free content through SFPL and other providers.



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January-March 2023

Circulations by Category

Adult Music was the most borrowed category, accounting for **56%** of all circulations.



- Adult Music 56%
- Adult Fiction 27%
- Adult Non-Fiction 13%
- Juvenile Fiction 3%
- Juvenile Non-Fiction 1%
- Juvenile Music 0%



Our Partners



San Francisco

Sheriff's Office



Treasurer & Tax Collector

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



**THE FINANCIAL
JUSTICE PROJECT**
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Thank you!

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**Jody Redifer | Black
Cultural Library Advocate
Program Specialist**



“We, as humans, are never the same person as we were the day before.”

Jody Redifer with a student during studio time at the Donald E. Long Juvenile Detention Center.

