

Region H



LA County Jail Book Drive

October 16 - November 16



**Donate paperback books
to your local county library!**

There is a **43% reduction in recidivism rates** for inmates who utilize a library and participate in prison education programs.

What kinds of books should I donate?

- Fantasy novels
- Adventure novels
- Crime novels
- Spiritual books
- Poetry
- Self-help books
- Books in Spanish

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Donation Guidelines

- NO hardcovers, **ONLY paperback books**
- NO textbooks
- NO pornography
- NO depictions or descriptions on how to create weapons or defeat jail security
- NO depictions or descriptions on how to commit crimes
- NO depictions or descriptions on illegal gambling or unlawful lottery
- **MUST** be in good condition / shape



Region H Book Drive FAQ

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Do the books have to be new?

No, the books do not have to be brand new. However, they must be in good condition so they can be accepted.

Do you accept any hardback books?

NO. The books must be paperback only or the donation will not be allowed in the facility.

How do I know what LA county library is accepting book donations?

Books can be dropped off at any **LA County Library** location. To find the location closest to you, visit <https://lacountylibrary.org/library-locator>

Do I need to label my donations?

Yes, please mark the books as “**Books4Jails**” to help reduce the administrative burden on the libraries and so they can send out donations with ease.

Can I donate magazines?

Yes! Magazines in good condition can be donated as long as they do not contain staples. Bound magazines or magazines where the staples have been removed are acceptable.

Why can't I donate textbooks?

We have received a surplus of donations in this category and are not in need of more at the moment.

I have more questions about this book drive, who can I contact?

Please email Raquel Ibarra, MSW, at ribarra.naswca@socialworkers.org

