Jail & Reentry Services

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San Francisco Library Commission
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:

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, my pen is an unforgiving lover. I'm going to put my experience with your group in a special place in my heart.

Always,

[Signature]

11/3/22
Reentry Resources & Outreach

On the 4th floor
Call (415) 557-4000 and ask for the Business Desk for more information on 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
By appointment only. Call us at (650) 625-1929 for more information on these services.

In The Bridge at Main
The Bridge at Main is on the 4th floor of the Main Library. It is open 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
• use your phone or other device
• get started with Word, Excel, and other Office programs

Veterans Resources
Resources available on veterans’ benefit and legal 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
• more!
Get started. Learn how to get started. Call (415) 557-4388 for more information on the online streaming resources.

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.

Fun for kids
Bring your kids to the Library! Ask at your neighborhood branch about children’s storytimes and special events.

SFPL Reentry Resources
for People Who Recently Experienced Incarceration

Main Library
1001 laminate Street (at Grove Street)
(415) 557-4000
sfpl.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.
Reentry Resources & Outreach
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**

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

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

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https://alaeditions.org/standards/

Panelists (left to right):
- Reginald Dwayne Betts
- Jeanie Austin
- Randall Horton
- Enrique Rivera
- ALA Executive Director, Tracie D. Hall, Moderator
Expanding Information Access to Incarcerated People
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Local Projects & Partnerships

Partners include:

- San Francisco Sheriff’s Office
- SF Treasurer/Tax Collector - Financial Justice Project
- Jail Justice Coalition
Local Projects & Partnerships

New Family Visiting Room at County Jail 2
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Throughout the U.S., even “free” tablets can be prohibitively expensive.

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
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.