

Book Vendor and Nonprofit Organization Updates

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To: Incarcerated People in DOC Facilities

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I am happy to share there are three new organizations able to donate books to incarcerated people in Minnesota. This memo provides an up-to-date list of the three ways to receive books in DOC facilities.

1. Purchase books directly from approved vendors.
 - You can purchase new books from the following catalog companies:
 - Books N Things catalogs
 - Hamilton Books catalogs
 - Books can also be purchased directly from the following publishers (books purchased using the “buy from other retailers” option on their websites will not be allowed):
 - Harper Collins
 - Hachette Book Group
 - Penguin Random House
 - Simon & Schuster
2. Receive donated books from approved nonprofit organizations.
 - Individuals may receive new or used books from eight approved nonprofit organizations:
 - Books to Prisoners
 - Midwest Books to Prisoners
 - Prison Book Program
 - Prison Library Project
 - Women’s Prison Book Project
 - NEW: DC Books to Prisons
 - NEW: LGBT Books to Prisoners
 - NEW: Prisoners Literature Project

Please refer to the flyer for details on how to contact these organizations.

3. Access DOC library services.
 - DOC facilities have robust libraries, staffed by professional librarians. Please utilize these free resources and know that facility librarians are regularly assessing demand for specific genres or titles. You can also contact chaplains to inquire about faith-based reading materials.