

2. Acceptance of Donated Books from Various Organization for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Inmate Services Office



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 08/20/2024

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED BOOKS FROM VARIOUS
ORGANIZATION FOR THE TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S
INMATE SERVICES OFFICE**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court accept donated books from various organizations included in the attached list for Tarrant County Sheriff's Inmate Services Office.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office relies on large donations of reading materials throughout the year from various organizations. These materials are passed from the Inmate Services Office to an inmate in the Tarrant County Jail once a request is received from the inmate. Due to the large inmate population and the fact that the inmates usually keep these items, the Inmate Services Office must constantly obtain large donations of reading materials throughout the year to meet the needs of the inmates.

Texas Local Government Code, Section 81.032, allows the Commissioners Court to accept donations for the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county or a county officer. To ensure compliance with this statute, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office is requesting the acceptance of donations of reading materials from the organizations outlined in the attached list.

With approval, the donation period will be from August 6, 2024, to December 31, 2024. If the program continues beyond December 31, 2024, the Sheriff's Office will seek approval again from the Commissioners Court. The Sheriff's Office will also continue to seek approval from the Commissioners Court before adding any new organizations to the list. The Individual donations of religious materials by family members to a specific inmate will remain unchanged.

The donation of reading materials has been previously discussed with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Sheriff Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jessica Redding
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Reading Material Donors

Reading material donated for the dissemination to requesting inmates within Tarrant County Sheriff's Office jails.

Rescued Not Arrested – Bibles, Devotionals (English & Spanish)

Liberation Prison Project – Buddhist Inspirational/study books

KCBI – Bibles (English & Spanish)

Kenneth Copeland Ministries – Bibles, Devotionals (English & Spanish)

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth – Bibles, Devotionals (English & Spanish)

Islamic Association of Fort Worth – Qur'ans, Booklets on Islamic faith & prayers

Our Daily Bread Ministries – Devotional booklets

Mr. Don Anderson (local minister) – Bibles, Inspirational books

Doing His Time – Devotionals

The Gideons International – Bibles, pocket New Testaments

Rabbi Mordecai Griffin (local Rabbi) – Booklets on Jewish faith & prayers

World Book Bank – Inspirational books, Devotionals

Prison Alliance – Inspirational books, Devotionals, Bibles

1687 Foundation – Inspirational books, Devotionals

American Bible Society – Bibles

Journey To Freedom Foundation – Inspirational books

Love Press – Inspirational books, Devotionals

Prison Impact – Inspirational book

Inside Books Project – Inspirational/Recreational books

Freedom in Jesus Prison Ministries – Inspirational books

Gateway Church – Inspirational books

Hebrews Prison Ministry – Inspirational books

Muslim Outreach and Reentry – Qur'ans, Booklets on Islamic faith & prayers

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Amitabha Buddhist Society of USA – Buddhist Inspirational/study books

Mr. Joel Pistone (private citizen) – monthly Devotional booklets

Gateway Church Prison Ministry – Inspirational books

Lighthouse Publishing – monthly Devotional booklets

Amazing Facts Prison Ministry – Inspirational books & devotionals

Mr. Shuhdi Hashim (private citizen) – Qur’ans, Booklets on Islamic faith & prayers

Ms. Kay Hopkins (private citizen) – Bibles

Half Price Books – Recreational books

Fort Worth Public Library

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COUNTY SHERIFF'S INMATE SERVICES OFFICE**

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

Tim O'Hare
County Judge