

Be a Books Through Bars Volunteer!

Books Through Bars provides prisoners with quality educational materials and engages the public in discussion about the criminal justice system.

We need your help with the following tasks:



WHO we need to volunteer	WHAT skills volunteers need	WHEN we need you
Book Packer: read prisoner book requests, select appropriate books, package them for mailing	Must be able to comprehend book requests, select books on related topics and write legibly	Tuesdays 7:30pm-10pm 1 st /3 rd Saturdays 11am-3pm [You don't need to attend each week]
Drivers: transport stamped book packages to 30 th Street Post Office	Must be licensed and insured driver with your own car	Flexible, but should be able to commit to once per month
Youth Mentor: assist our young volunteers as they select and package books	Must be able to attend several packing sessions before acting as mentor; must be patient and enjoy working with youth	Tuesdays 7:30pm-10pm 1 st /3 rd Saturdays 11am-3pm [You don't need to attend each week]
Office Help: sort and shelf incoming book donations, open mail, restock shelves, and other office tasks	Must be able to complete tasks in a timely fashion and with minimal supervision	Flexible, but should be able to commit to three hours per week
Book Acquisition: organize book drives, purchase inexpensive books at library sales, and/or request donations from publishing companies	Must be willing to communicate with Books Through Bars coordinator before acquiring books	Flexible
Fundraising: organize fundraisers to benefit Books through Bars	Must be willing to communicate with Books Through Bars coordinator about your plans	Flexible

We are located at 4722 Baltimore Avenue in West Philadelphia. Please call 215-727-8170 or email info@booksthroughbars.org if you want to help out!