

Greetings,

As someone who has been volunteering with the Books to Prisoners program for over 10 years, I am writing to tell you how important these programs are to indigent inmates. I can't tell you how many moving thank you notes we get. Our most common request is the dictionary, as many individuals are learning to read. Reading means access to information, ideas, and skills. Many of our requests are for books on drawing, masonry, plumbing, and other useful skills and hobbies. Not allowing nonprofits to provide free reading materials to the Rikers Island Jail Complex would have a devastating impact on individuals who can't afford to buy from Amazon or Barnes and Noble. Books to Prisoners has over 50 years of experience sending books to prisons without contraband substances. Please don't take away this free service.

Graciously,
Sara Kukkonen