

Donate!



We fund our project in many different ways. We host benefit concerts, art shows, and other fundraisers, and we are always looking for new relationships with local and statewide businesses. However, private contributions are absolutely essential to ensuring that our books get out to the people who need them. You don't have to become a member to help our project! Your contributions will always make a difference. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please mail it to:

**12th Street Books
Inside Books Project
827 W. 12th Street
Austin, TX 78701**

Please make checks payable to "Inside Books Project."
Inside Books is a joint project of 12th Street Books
and the Rhizome Collective.

Be a member!



If you're interested in making a personal investment in the Inside Books Collective, whether as a volunteer or as a donor, please consider becoming a member of the Inside Books Collective. As a member, you would be included on our members' mailing list and participate in shaping IBP's mission and future. Members contribute either regular volunteer service or regular donations. For volunteers, we offer a wide variety of experience applicable to many career paths (not to mention a fun, laid-back community of fellow volunteers.) For donor-members, we can arrange for monthly or yearly renewing contributions. Call or email to join!



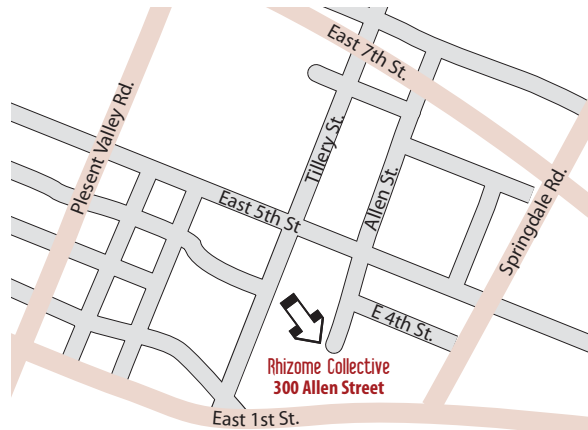
Directions:

We work out of our space at the Rhizome Collective, at 300 Allen Street, in Austin.

By car: From I-35, go east on 7th Street for about two miles, then take a right on Allen St. Allen is just past Pleasant Valley, and dead ends into the warehouse, which will be on your right.

By bus: The Silver Dillo, and routes 4, 17, 100, and 300 all stop within a few blocks of the project. The 4, 17, and 100 stop at the downtown transfer center at 11th and Congress, in front of the Capitol. Please refer to the Capital Metro bus schedule or call 474-1200. www.capmetro.com

* When you get to the Rhizome: Walk through the courtyard garden to the back/middle warehouse. We will be on your right.



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Free Books to Texas Prisons

At the Inside Books Project, we work with prisoners to create change, both in their lives and in the system that has incarcerated them. Books will be the agents of that change.

In 2005, over 150,000 people were incarcerated in the state of Texas. Out of 106 prison facilities, only 85 were equipped with libraries. Many facilities have little or nothing to offer in important areas like African-American and Mexican-American history, GED and other standardized test training, coping with specific medical conditions, and art/craft instruction. The Inside Books Project fills that gap, providing prisoners with free books in these and other subject areas. Last year, we sent over 18,000 books to individual prisoners—and we're growing fast.

By means of education, we aim to help prisoners make successful transitions into society. At the same time, we stand outside the state apparatus as an important independent source of resources, information, and ideas. A good book earns a reader's trust and provokes reflection and inquisitiveness that better equip the reader for life in and out of society. As an organization, we try to emulate that approach. By responding to the curiosity and needs of individual prisoners, we aim to minimize bureaucracy and engage each prisoner's mind outside of the context of a "correctional system."



Since our inception in 1998, we have seen the demand for reading material skyrocket. In 2006, we filled more than 700 requests per month, or 8400 requests for the year. We remain the only books-to-prisons nonprofit in the state of Texas. As more prisoners hear of this opportunity to educate themselves, new book requests keep pouring in.



In 2004, the Austin Chronicle named us "**Best Volunteer-Run Organization**" in the city. Through the dedication of our core volunteers, we are able to keep overhead costs extraordinarily low. In fact, in 2006, 67% of our budget went straight to shipping costs. If you choose to help support the Inside Books project, you can be sure that your time and money are well spent.

A wide range of studies agree that in-prison education lowers rates of recidivism, or the likelihood of a prisoner committing another crime after his or her release. The Inside Books Project serves unmet needs in the education of all Texas prisoners. If a prisoner cannot access a book, or cannot access any books, we alone provide an open door to a universe of information. Inmates share the information and resources they receive through our efforts, thus creating informal communities of literacy and learning. We are always seeking new ways to help these communities, and to fulfill our mission of change.

The Inside Books Project is a completely volunteer-run organization. We rely on your help and donations to achieve our mission. There are four major ways to help...

Volunteer!



We hold volunteer hours three times a week!

THURSDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7pm – 11pm	11am – 3pm	7pm – 11am

These are the times when we actually process the requests prisoners send us. Come by, check out our library, have a cup of tea, and help us write letters and mail packages! We work out of a space at the Rhizome Collective, located at 300 Allen street (see map). We have other volunteering opportunities as well. Just ask!

Donate Books!



The Inside Books Project library is stocked with donated books. We buy some books, but we rely heavily on your support. If you would like to donate books or supplies, you can bring them to:

- **12th Street Books**, located on 12th Street between Lamar and San Jacinto in Austin. They are open 10am - 6 pm, M-Sat.
- **Monkeywrench Books**, 100 E. North Loop. There is a drop-box out front.
- **Café Mundi**, located at 1704 East 5th St., between Comal and Chicon.
- **Bouldin Creek Coffeehouse**, at 1501 S. 1st St., on the corner of Elizabeth, also has a drop box.
- **Volunteer nights** at 300 Allen St.

If you have large book donations and need to make other arrangements, please contact us by phone or through e-mail.