



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145295

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DATE: 5/20/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO DONATE BOOKS ORIGINALLY DONATED BY
VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO TARRANT COUNTY, D/B/A TARRANT
COUNTY SHERIFF'S INMATE SERVICES OFFICE**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the donation of books originally donated by various organizations to Tarrant County, d/b/a Tarrant County Sheriff's Inmate Services Office.

BACKGROUND

On August 20, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #143731, accepted book donations from various organizations for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Inmate Services Office.

In September 2024, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office implemented a tablet-based system through Smart Communications to provide reading materials to inmates digitally.

With the transition to the tablet-based system, physical books are no longer being utilized within the inmate program. The Inmate Services Office is requesting approval to donate the unused books to organizations that can benefit from the materials. Although specific recipients have not yet been identified, the books will most likely be distributed to multiple organizations such as other correctional or detention facilities, churches, or community-based groups.

A list of the books proposed for donation is attached for reference.

FISCAL IMPACT

The donation of the books will have no fiscal impact on Tarrant County.

SUBMITTED BY	Sheriff	PREPARED BY:	Ellen Brown
		APPROVED BY:	Martin Klahm

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

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