

RSL Give A Book

Can you send a book to someone in a UK prison?

We have all been affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, our daily routines, contact with friends and family members, all interrupted. The outbreak has impacted the most vulnerable members of society particularly badly, and perhaps none more than those in the UK's prisons. With prisons visitations postponed indefinitely, most libraries closed, and no access to the internet, prisoners are now facing significant hardship with extremely limited contact with their networks of support.

Now more than ever, we hope that literature can provide a form of emotional support for those in difficulty. Give a Book are supporting prisons with donations of books to be distributed on the wings, but foreign language books are in very short supply. **Below, you'll see the direct requests Give A Book have received from UK prisons, and the particular languages they are in need of.**

We are asking our Fellows to donate books – particularly foreign language copies of your books – to prisons. While Give A Book ordinarily accepts donations of books that are then disseminated to a number of prisons, there isn't a central office open at the moment.

If you possibly can, please:

- **Send any new foreign language books directly to a prison** – contact olivia@giveabook.org.uk for prison address details
- **Take a photo and post it on social media**/send to Rosie Beaumont-Thomas (rosie.beaumont-thomas@rsliterature.org) – tagging the RSL, Give A Book and using #RSLGiveABook

HMP Wormwood Scrubs	Eastern European languages are in big demand especially Polish, Romanian and Albanian as well as Panjabi, Arabic and Farsi
HMP Pentonville	In particular, interested in Polish, Romanian, Albanian, Lithuanian, Vietnamese, Somali, Kurdish, Arabic and Persian (Farsee)

HMP Forest Bank	Any languages please
HMP Whatton	In need of Eastern European language books please – books for adults only, both non-fiction and fiction
HMP Thameside	Please can we register for some adult foreign language books as we're always on the look-out to broaden our foreign national section
HMP Norwich	Any
HMP Bullingdon	Any
HMP Liverpool	Any
HMP Chelmsford	Any
HMP Huntercombe	Any – foreign nationals prison

HMP Wandsworth	Any
HMP Birmingham	We'd be very grateful for any adult Eastern European language books, and if there are any Arabic book too that'd be great also
HMP Maidstone	These would definitely be useful for HMP Maidstone, which is a foreign national prison – any languages welcome.
HMP Lincoln	Any
HMP Styal	Women's prison. We are in need of some new stock, particularly Polish and Romanian