

# Prisoners' Right to Read: An Interpretation of the *Prisoner's Book*

The American Library Association asserts a compelling public interest in the preservation of intellectual freedom for individuals of any age hel

- Collection management should be governed by written policy, mutually agreed upon by librarians and correctional agency administrators, in accordance with the *Principles of Library Administration* and its interpretations.
- Correctional libraries should have written procedures for addressing challenges to library materials, including a policy-based description of the disqualifying features.<sup>3</sup>
- Correctional librarians and managers should select materials that reflect the demographic composition, information needs, interests, and diverse cultural values of the confined communities they serve.
- Correctional librarians should be allowed to acquire materials that meet written selection criteria and provide for the multi-faceted needs of

5. [“Services to People with Disabilities: An Interpretation of the \*r r B o\*,”](#) adopted January 28, 2009, by the ALA Council under the title "Services to Persons with Disabilities"; amended June 26, 2018.

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