

## **UUAA Prison Books**

UUAA PRISON BOOKS continues in a successful mission to deliver reading materials to confined readers. WE were able to deliver approx. (18,000) books to our readers during 2015-16...our10<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Some highlights during 2015-16:

- 1) Continued providing Books/Reading materials to Prison Readers. Selected facilities are looking for new mediums for their residents. The highlight for 2015-16 is that we have now delivered a cumulative total of over 115,000 books to fed/state/local facilities.
- 2) Continued emphasizing Children and Youth books for our targeted facilities. These materials are useful in reception areas for visitors and the Youth books provide easier reading materials for some readers.
- 3) Continued Prison Facilities: 14 total Facilities. Although, we are experiencing a withdrawal of interest from some facilities as we move forward. The UUAA Program scale may have to adjust during 2016 to reduced demand.
- 4) We continued with 10 donation sources, including our own Congregation.
- 5) We have identified a drop-ship arrangement using Jackson MDOC transport terminal that allows us to service distant facilities. We successfully transported a large shipment to the Marquette Prison facility using drop ship in 2015.

UUAA Prison Books continues to collect books from Congregants and outside organizations while distributing these “valuable” commodities to different Prison Facilities. Through the work of the Prison Books Ministry our program continues to prosper/sustain with as many as (15) UUAA members participating during the year. The donation site is located in the Spiritual Growth and Development (SGD) Wing upper corridor.

Prison Books is grateful for your continuing contributions to this worthy cause and for the wonderful volunteer efforts provided by UUAA members. THANK UU !