

## **UUAA Prison Books 2016-17 Annual Report**

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 2016...our 11<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

Some highlights during 2016:

- 1) Continued providing Books/Reading materials to Prison Readers.  
THE HIGHLIGHT for 2016 is that we have now delivered a cumulative total of **over 130,000 books** to Fed/State/Local facilities!
- 2) Continued emphasizing Children books for Washtenaw County Jail reception area...reading materials for little visitors and a chance for a “free” book, our compliments!
- 3) Prison Facilities...(14) Total Correctional Facilities are on our delivery calendar. Our collection sources include (10) recognized Libraries and Organizations including own Congregation-
- 4) We continue the 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 and Ionia (4) Prison Facilities using drop-ship in 2016.

UUAA Prison books continue to collect books from Congregants and outside organizations while distributing these “valuable” commodities to different Prison Facilities. BUT during early 2017 CY, the Prison Books Team will address an aging “Team Membership” and attempt to recruit younger/stronger members to better support pick-up/delivery needs (“stevedores”). Without replenished ranks the Prison Books effort will be reduced in scope to a more sustainable operation. (reduced storage space and limits on access at UUAA have also placed greater demands on book transport/movement needs- “stevedores” are even more critical )

Prison Books is grateful for your continuing contributions to this worthy cause (donation site in SGD Wing upper corridor) and for the wonderful volunteer efforts provided by UUAA members. **THANK UU !...contact us if you want to join the FUN!**