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A&M 4592

Unit ID

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Unit ID

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Unit Date

circa 2006-2026

Language

English .

source

Appalachian Prison Book Project

Creator

Appalachian Prison Book Project

Extent

73.33 Linear Feet 58 record cartons, 15 in. each; 2 document cases, 5 in. each

Repository

West Virginia and Regional History Center

Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

Records of the Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP), a non-profit organization that supports and furthers educational justice throughout the Appalachian region by providing books and educational opportunities to incarcerated people, among other initiatives. These records include primarily correspondence from people in prison requesting specific books, as well as notebooks logging volunteer hours and books sent and other materials (Box 46), and incarcerated pen pal letters (Box 49).

The addendum of 2025 January 28 consists of correspondence from incarcerated people requesting books and journals (2023-2024).

The addendum of 2026 March 13 consists of correspondence from incarcerated people requesting books, journals, and pen pals (circa 2024-2026).

Keywords

Appalachian Prison Book Project

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Initial Accession

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250379

Unit Date 2006-2021

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250380

Unit Date 2006-2011

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

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Unit Date 2013-2015

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

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Unit Date 2006-2012

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

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Unit Date 2012-2015

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

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Unit Date 2012-2016

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

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Unit Date 2011-2017

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Unit Date 2013-2014

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Unit Date 2014-2014

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Unit Date 2016

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Unit Date 2018

Mixed Materials 20 (Box)

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Unit Date 2019

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Unit Date 2020

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Unit Date 2021

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Unit Date 2020

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Unit Date 2020-2021

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Logs of Books Sent

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Unit Date 2013-2018

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Scope and Contents

The logs document the name of the incarcerated requester, location, prison name, and title of book sent.

Incoming Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250426

Unit Date 2021

Mixed Materials 47 (Box)

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Unit Date 2020-2021

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Pen Pal Project Correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250428

Unit Date 2020-2021

Mixed Materials 49 (Box)

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Scope and Contents

Letters from incarcerated people to their pen pals on the outside and vice versa. The program was facilitated by APBP, and was founded in 2021.

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250429

Unit Date 2023-2024

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Unit Date 2023

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Incoming Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250431

Unit Date 2023-2024

Mixed Materials 51 (Box)

Incoming Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250432

Unit Date 2023

Mixed Materials 52 (Box)

Incoming Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/250433

Unit Date 2023-2024

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