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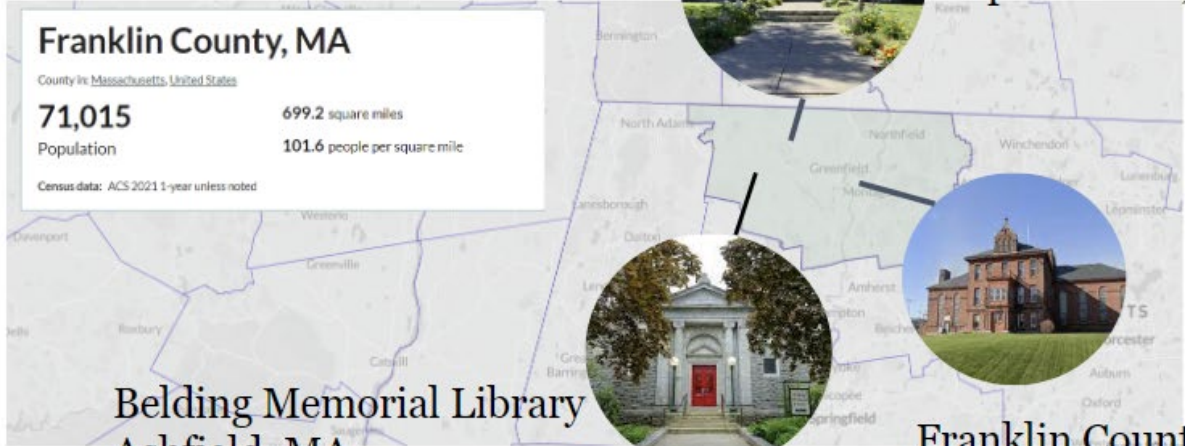
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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION THROUGH LIBRARY SERVICES

Franklin County, MA
County in [Massachusetts](#), [United States](#)
71,015 **699.2** square miles
Population **101.6** people per square mile
Census data: ACS 2021 1-year unless noted



Griswold Memorial Library
Colrain, MA
Population: 1,600



Belding Memorial Library
Ashfield, MA
Population: 1,700



Franklin County Jail
Up to 190 people with 14 officers
Greenfield, MA
Population: 18,000

Western Massachusetts



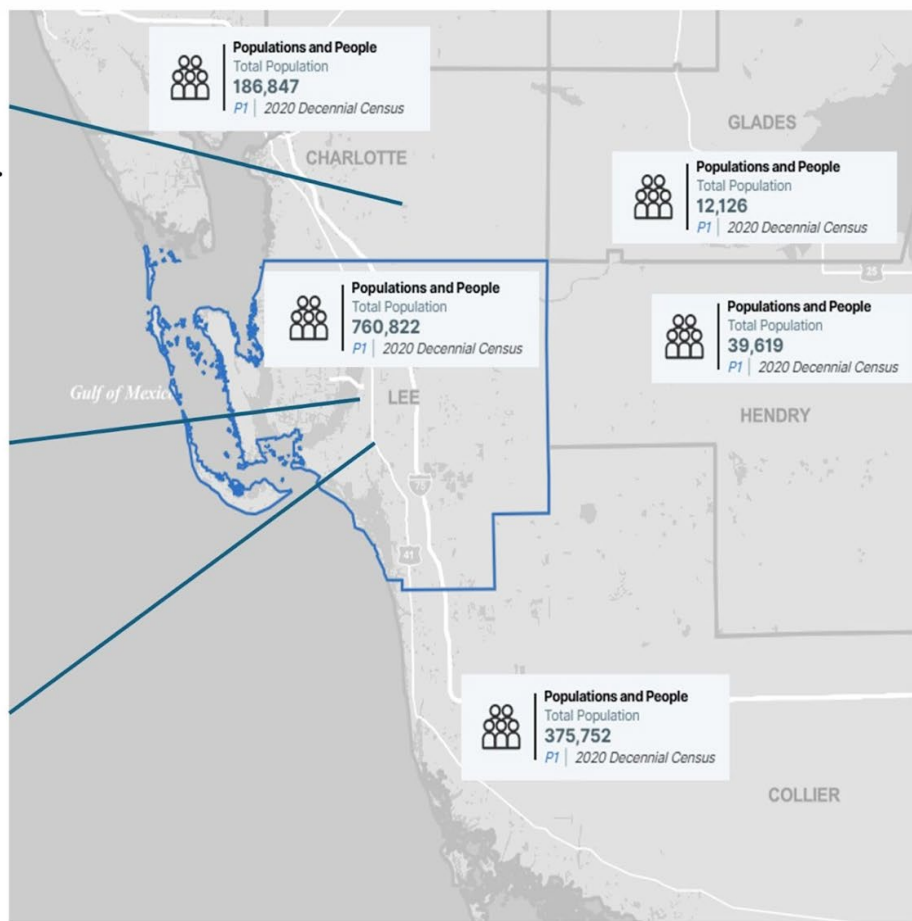
FDC Charlotte C.I.
Up to 1,382 people



13 Branches
Over 294,000
registered users



Lee County Jails
Up to 2,000 people
between three
facilities



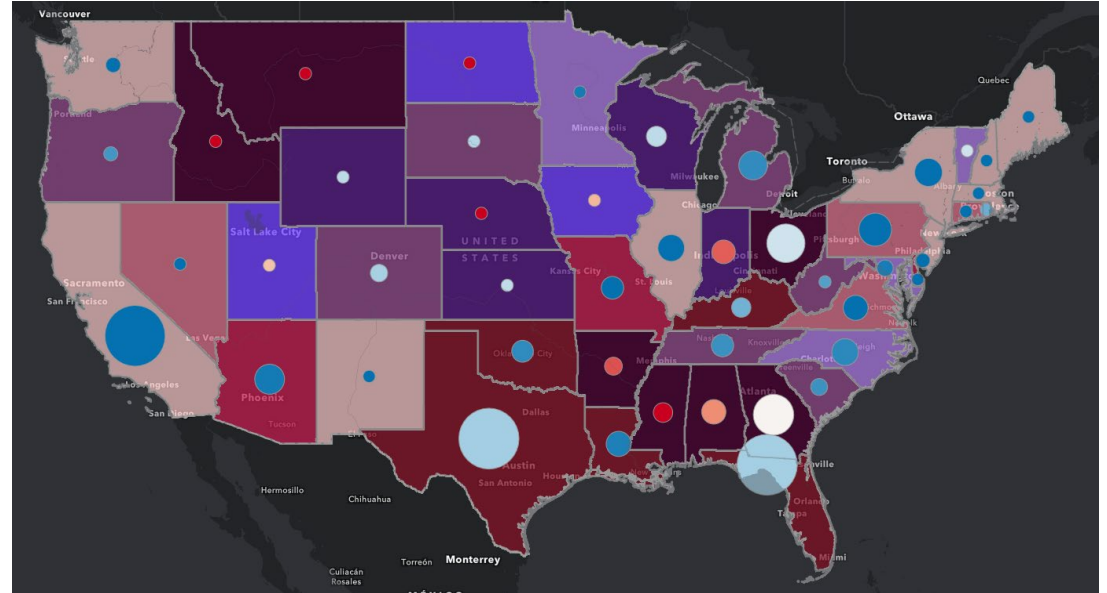
Southwest
Florida

Total People Incarcerated by State, 2022

% Change in Total People Incarcerated, 2017-2022



Total People Incarcerated, 2022



Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People, Mapping Library Services. [San Francisco Public Library](#)

“The prison industrial complex (PIC) is much more than the sum of all the jails and prisons in this country. It is a set of symbiotic relationships among correctional communities, transnational corporations, media conglomerates, guards, unions, and legislative and court agendas.

. . . Imagine a constellation of alternative strategies and institutions, with the ultimate aim of removing the prison from the social and ideological landscapes of our society. . . . Try to envision a continuum of alternatives to imprisonment—demilitarization of schools, revitalization of education at all levels, a health system that provides free physical and mental care to all, and a justice system based on reparation and reconciliation rather than retribution and vengeance.”

–ANGELA Y. DAVIS, [ARE PRISONS OBSOLETE?](#)

Never assume that
everyone who
is locked up has
the same views

THE LANGUAGE PROJECT April 13, 2021

People-First Language Matters. So Does the Rest of the Story.

While we have to be aware that any word we choose has influence, no amount of Googling will reveal the magic word that brings justice into American prisons.

By **WILBERT L. COOPER**


Source: [The Marshall Project](#)

About half of people in state prisons are parents to children under 18


In fact, there are as many children with a parent in prison as there are adults in prison.

1,248,300 ADULTS IN STATE PRISONS NATIONWIDE



 = about 50,000 adults in prison



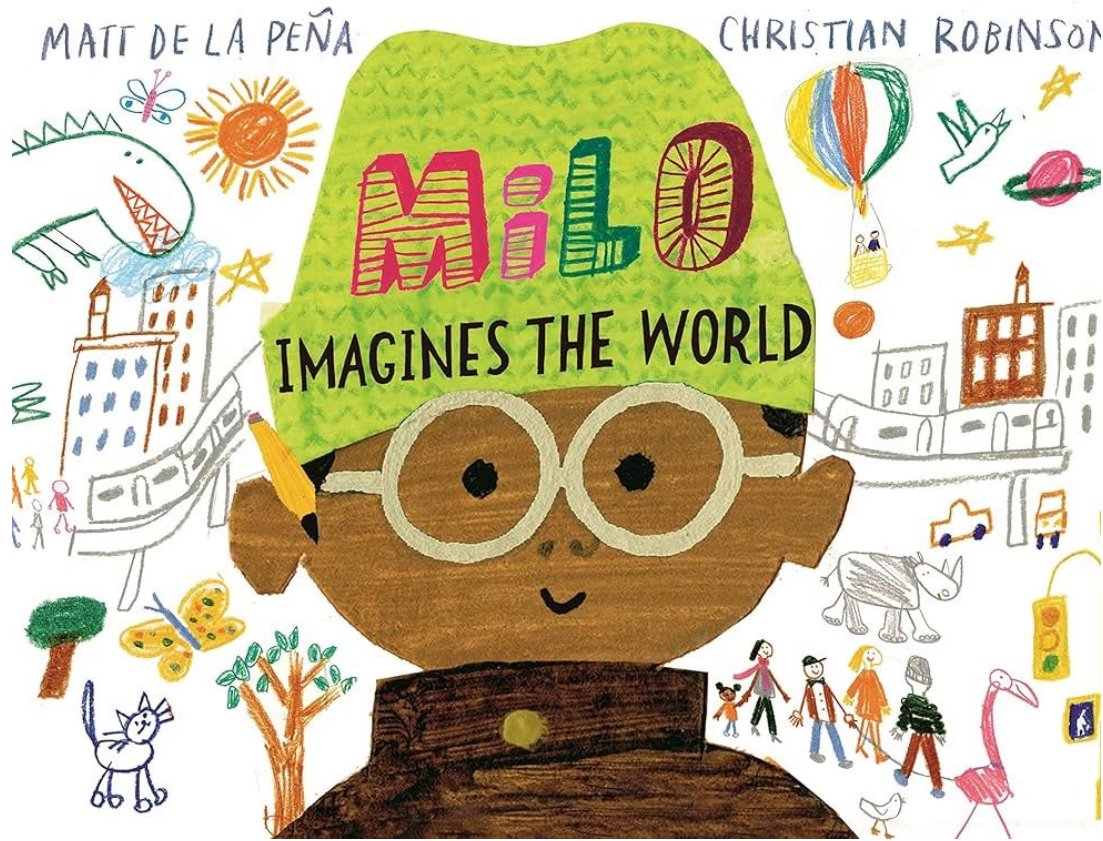
 = about 50,000 minor children

1,252,100 MINOR CHILDREN WITH A PARENT IN STATE PRISON

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics' *Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016* and *Parents in Prison and their Minor Children*.

PRISON
POLICY INITIATIVE

Source: [Prison Policy Initiative](#)



Use your imagination!

Cover art courtesy of publisher GP Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2021

Milo Imagines the World

Prisoners' Right to Read: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association asserts a compelling public interest in the preservation of intellectual freedom for individuals of any age held in jails, prisons, detention facilities, juvenile facilities, immigration facilities, prison work camps and segregated units within any facility.

Source: [American Library Association](#)



What are the Nelson Mandela Rules?

The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners – known as the Nelson Mandela Rules – are the universally recognized benchmark for sound and humane prison management.

When the rules are applied, it benefits all of us.
Prisoners matter.



Source: [United Nations](#)

Revisioning Standards for Library Services for the **Incarcerated and Detained**

An expanded, forward-looking new edition
of the American Library Association's
1992 *Library Standards for Adult
Correctional Institutions*



Source: [American Library Association](#)



ALA OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, LITERACY
& OUTREACH SERVICES





Photo: Sarah stands in front of the FCJ on July 4, 2022, credit, Chelsea Jordan-Makely

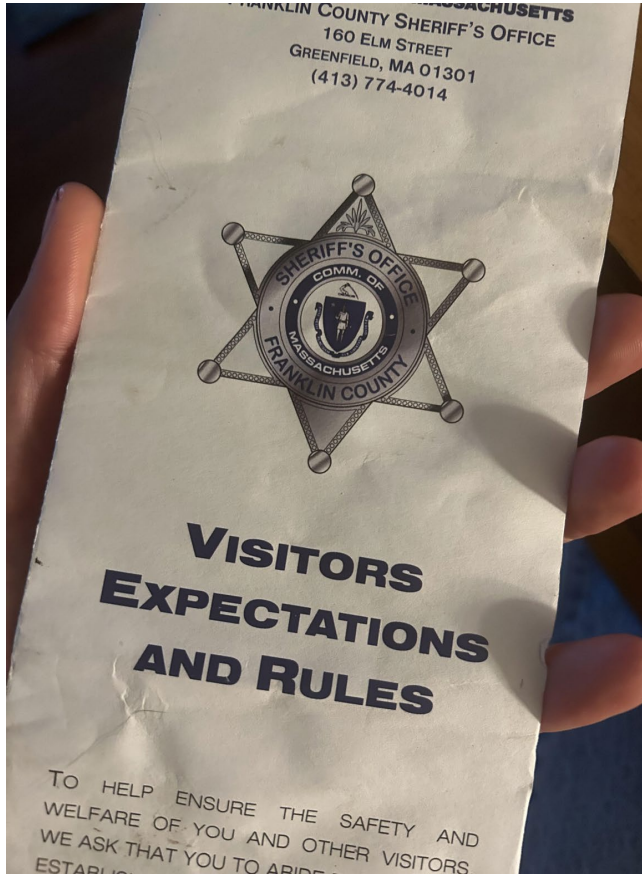


Photo: A copy of the FCJ Visitors Expectations and Rules, credit Chelsea Jordan-Makely

Regular Programs at FCSSO (& equipment used)

- Drop-in library hour for two different units: signing residents up for new library cards, getting old library accounts into good standing/clearing old fines, bringing a selection of paperback library books for residents to check out, filling requests for specific books. All material is brought in a week in advance for security to search.
- We are permitted one rolling book cart, a laptop that is not connected to the internet, and a barcode scanner.
- “Read to the Children”-- recorded storytime program connecting caregivers & kids, planned around holidays (in the past: winter celebrations, Father’s Day, Halloween)
- Pop-up at the Re-entry Center once per month, connecting with recently released folks or currently incarcerated residents who are off-site for educational programs or jobs

Grant to expand jail's literary programs, 'opening up a new world' for Greenfield inmates

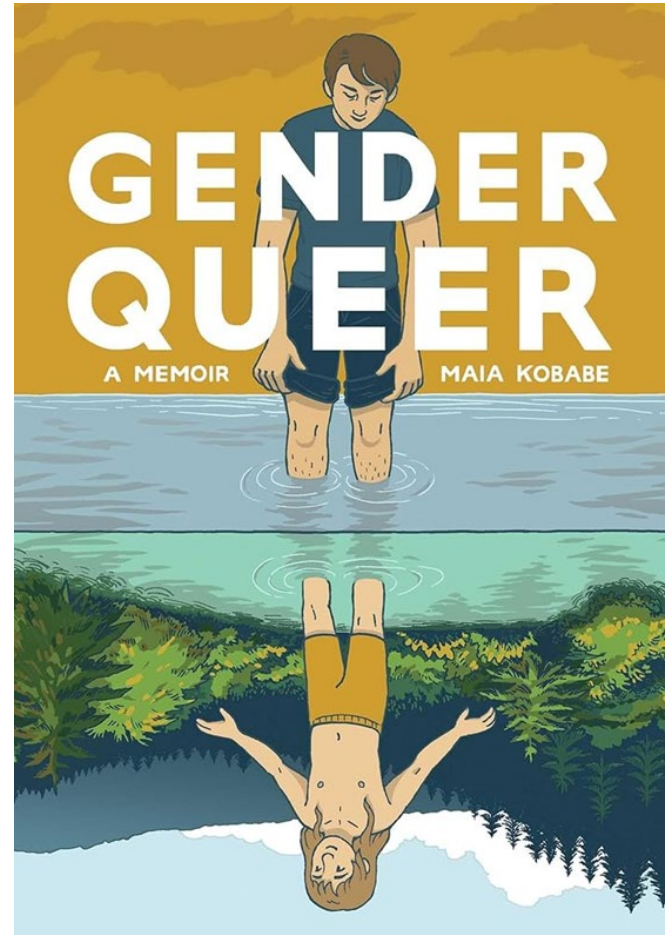


Inmates at the Franklin County Jail and House of Correction in Greenfield discuss the latest book they read in the book club. From

Photo: Greenfield Recorder, 2022; credit, Paul Franz

Restrictions and censorship

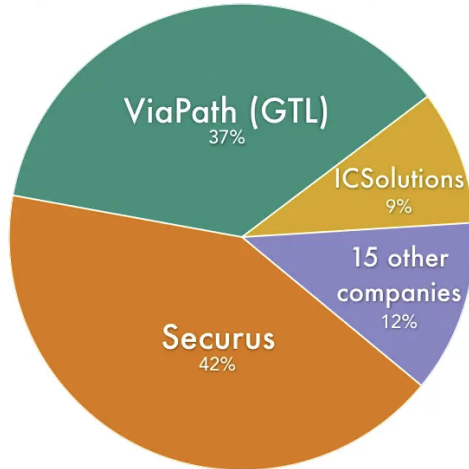
Cover art courtesy of publisher Oni Press, 2019
[*Gender Queer, a Memoir*](#); Maia Kobabe



Digital Access

Three companies make up 88% of the jail and prison phone market

Percent of marketshare held by each company based on the average daily population (ADP) of the facilities they serve.



For detailed data, see https://www.prisonpolicy.org/phones/appendices2022_9.html

You can no longer purchase any new tablet subscriptions for your incarcerated loved one using your PayPal account through securustablet.com

Don't worry - we make it easy for you to support your incarcerated loved one! You can easily continue to pay for services and add money to your incarcerated loved one's Securus Debit account by:

- Downloading the Securus Mobile app and clicking "Fund Securus Debit" to quickly add money without having to create or log into an account.



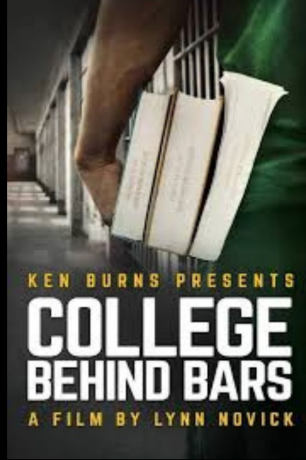
- Creating a Securus online account and adding funds to a Securus Debit account using a credit or debit card, mailing a check to Securus, or using commercial money transfer services such as MoneyGram or Western Union.

Source: [Prison Policy Initiative](#)

ANTICIPATE RESISTANCE FROM WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

There will always be members of the public who think that incarcerated people should not benefit from publicly funded resources.

**"NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF EDUCATION"**



Saturday, September 21 | 11:00-1:00
Greenfield Public Library

**WATCH PART ONE,
FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION**

Presented by Griswold Public Library, in partnership with the
Greenfield Public Library, Belding Memorial Library, Greenfield
Community College Library, Returning Citizens Association, and the
Franklin County Sheriff's Office, thanks to the ALA Building Library
Capacity Grant

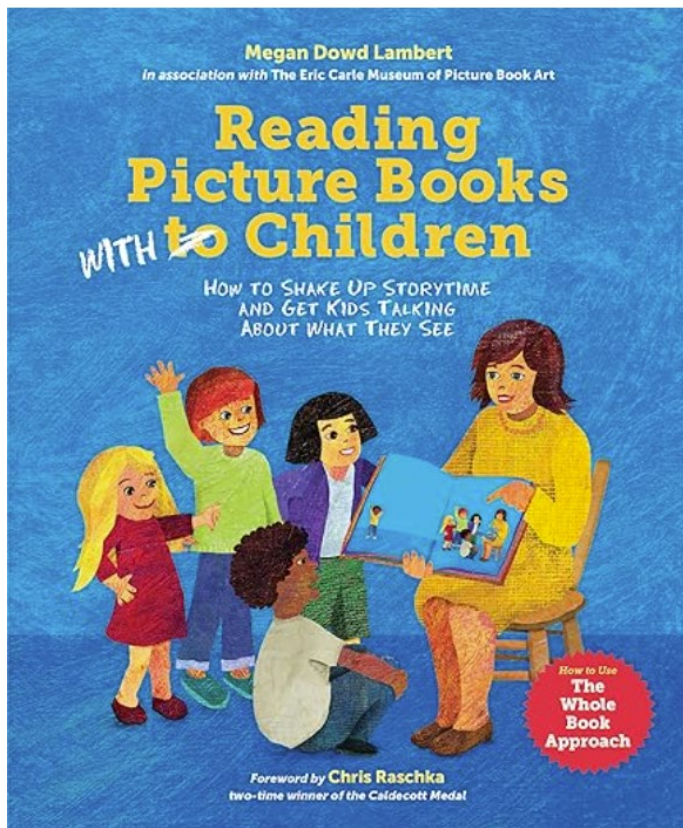
A Prison Banned Books Week (9/15-9/21) event:
Reading is a right!

Host an event for the public!

CONSIDER FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Incarcerated people have families and communities outside of the facility. Public libraries can support and strengthen those relationships.

The goal is to welcome whole families to the public library system, especially if they have had negative experiences in the past.



Eric Carle and the Whole Book Method

Cover art courtesy of publisher Imagine, 2020
Reading Picture Books with Children, Megan Dowd Lambert

CONSISTENCY & PERSISTENCE

EVERY VISIT IS
DIFFERENT FOR
US BUT SHOWING
UP RELIABLY
BUILDS ROUTINES
AND
RELATIONSHIPS.

SUSTAINABLE OUTREACH MODELS

TEMPORARY VS
PERMANENT FUNDING

BUILDING THIS INTO
AN EXISTING
“OUTREACH DELIVERY
SERVICE”

TRAINING MULTIPLE
STAFF MEMBERS

MULTI-LIBRARY
PARTNERSHIPS

MEMORANDUMS OF
UNDERSTAND (MOUS)

OUTCOMES AND IMPACT EVALUATION

4. If you used library services while you were incarcerated at Franklin County Jail, how did it help you, if at all? Help me escape the jail environment mentally for hours at a time.
Other book I borrowed helped with self improvement and yet others help with more information about dealing with issues outside of Jail.

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PRISM Project Toolkit

Are *PRIS*on libraries *M*otivators of pro-social behavior and successful re-entry?

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Welcome!

This project was funded by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#) with one goal of the project being to develop and share the research design for other libraries to adapt and use. This toolkit includes some background information, along with information about research methods and logistics. Please help yourself to this information, including our survey and focus group questions, as it is available under [CCY BY-NC-SA 4.0](#) (Attribution-Noncommercial-Sharealike 4.0 International).

Source: [Library Research Service](#)



Abolitionist Library Association

is a collective of library workers, students, and
community members taking action to
**divest from all forms of policing in
libraries and invest in our collective
liberation.**

Source: [Abolitionist Library Association](#)

9. Is there anything else you want us to know about library services and Franklin County Sheriff's Office?

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