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*BOOKS INSPIRE US TO DREAM.  
THEY ENCOURAGE GROWTH AND SELF-REALIZATION;  
THEY AWAKEN US TO ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THAT LIFE  
HAS TO OFFER.*

**Women in Portland Publishing** is proud to announce its second annual book drive, June 27–August 3. In conjunction with several area bookstores and publishers, WiPP will station drop-off boxes at key locations locally. This year’s drive will benefit three very different and very important programs: **Regence Boys & Girls Club**, **Books to Oregon Prisoners**, and **Portland Books to Prisoners**. Portland publishing company **Oni Press** will be matching donations up to 100 books.

**Regence Boys & Girls Club** opened in North Portland, June 18, 2007. Its new literacy learning centers will provide vital assistance to youths ages six–eighteen in their pursuit of knowledge and imagination. Unit Director Nathan Johnson explains, “We are getting some supplies from the other Clubs, but books are always in high demand. We love to be able to send books home with kids, but don’t necessarily have the system set up to do so...We are looking to build our library first.” As of yet, the club’s library shelves are empty. WiPP would like to change that. *New and used books are accepted.*

**Books to Oregon Prisoners** formed three years ago by **Portland Books to Prisoners**, and both strive to bring books into prison libraries and directly into the hands of inmates. They have a need for books covering topics such as history, science, indigenous studies, women’s/feminism studies, African-American studies, Latina/o studies, and books in Spanish. Science fiction and fantasy are also welcome, as are dictionaries and thesauruses. They cannot accept books that contain depictions of weapons, martial arts, or nudity. *They have a need for both new and used books:* used books will be added to prison libraries, and new books will be mailed directly to inmates.

*A GOOD BOOK CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE*

Drop-off boxes are located at the following locations:

<b>Annie Bloom’s Books*</b> 7834 SW Capitol Hwy	<b>Looking Glass Bookstore*</b> 7983 SE 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	<b>Twenty-Third Avenue Books*</b> 1015 NW 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue
<b>In Other Words*</b> 8 NE Killingsworth St.	<b>A Children’s Place*</b> 4807 NE Fremont Street	<b>Ink &amp; Paper Group</b> 1825 SE 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue (M–F, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.)

\*When donating new books, WiPP encourages you to support these local bookstores.

We are **Women in Portland Publishing**: editors, writers, graphic designers, marketing and publicity professionals, small publishers, and aspiring students of the trade. We are spirited, creative, multi-talented, and resourceful, using our collective skills and Web site to support each other while uniting the local publishing scene. We also strive to serve the greater Portland community, assisting those in need and coming full circle to present the endless benefits that come from working together. For more information about WiPP, please visit our Web site: [www.womeninpublishing.com](http://www.womeninpublishing.com).