I. Organizations in Pennsylvania
   a. UUPLAN: Anti-Mass Incarceration
      i. https://www.uuplan.org/justice-teams/anti-mass-incarceration/
      ii. “We work to end mass incarceration, especially of people of color, due to unjust drug laws; mandatory minimum sentences; unfair administration of justice including over-policing, cash bail, and prosecutorial overreach; educational apartheid; inferior education; poor access to employment; and devastated communities. Our focus is to promote programs to rehabilitate prisoners and assist returning citizens, support expungement clinics throughout the state, and help dismantle Life Without Parole.”
   b. Decarcerate PA
      i. https://decarceratepa.info/
      ii. “Decarcerate PA is a grassroots campaign working to end mass incarceration in Pennsylvania. We demand that PA stop building prisons, reduce the prison population, and reinvest money in our communities.”
      ii. “The purpose of this directory is to provide a comprehensive listing of agencies in Pennsylvania, and to some extent nationally, which serves the needs of inmates, ex-offenders, victims of crimes and their families, criminal justice professionals, volunteers and support persons. This directory is also intended to promote networking among the various individual agencies working within the criminal justice system.”
   e. Selections from the Human Rights Watch: Pennsylvania: Prison Resources
      i. Note: The Human Rights Watch has a very comprehensive list.
   f. ACLU Pennsylvania: Cannabis Crackdown
      i. https://www.aclupa.org/issues/criminaljustice/cannabis-crackdown/

II. Research guides from libraries
   a. Note: some of the following resources may not be available to non-patrons. If this is the case, visit your local library. They should be able to provide access directly or by Interlibrary Loan. That is how you can get resources for free from subscription databases.
      i. Free Library of Philadelphia: Returning Citizens
         2. “Resources for returning citizens in the transition from incarceration to society including information on job training, housing assistance, and counseling services. One such resource is Bridges, which offers returning citizens from jails and prisons information on resources available in the City of Philadelphia. The guide offers resources for returning citizens, including how to get a GED, information on health care access, and contact information for employment options and training programs.”
ii. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Lloyd Sealy Library: *Prisoner Reentry, Probation and Parole: Before You Start*
   1. *Before You Start*
   2. *Getting Started*
   3. *Recent Books, Reports and Dissertations*
   4. *Magazine, Journal and Newspaper Articles*
   5. *Statistics*
   6. *Internet Sources*

iii. Florida International University: *Mass Incarceration*
   1. [http://libguides.fiu.edu/incarcerate](http://libguides.fiu.edu/incarcerate)
   2. Lists numerous resources

iv. Bennington College, Crossett Library: *Incarceration in America: General Information*

v. University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Library: *Mass Incarceration: Mass Incarceration Topics*
   1. [http://libguides.law.memphis.edu/ProjectMI](http://libguides.law.memphis.edu/ProjectMI)

vi. Columbia College Chicago Library: *Black Lives Matter: Policing & Incarceration*
   1. [http://libguides.colum.edu/blacklivesmatter/policing](http://libguides.colum.edu/blacklivesmatter/policing)

vii. Delaware County Community College: *Institutional Discrimination & Mass Incarceration*

viii. Rowan University, Campbell Library: *Mass Incarceration – Law and Justice Studies*
    1. [https://libguides.rowan.edu/c.php?g=247959&p=3809588](https://libguides.rowan.edu/c.php?g=247959&p=3809588)

III. Podcasts from the “Hear Here” newsletter from “The Guardian”
   a. Note: Descriptions are provided by “Hear Here”.
      b. *Ear Hustle*
         i. [https://www.earhustlesq.com/](https://www.earhustlesq.com/)
         ii. “Incarcerated podcast host Earlonne Woods is currently serving 31 years in San Quentin state prison for attempted second-degree robbery, and he’s keen to tell the world what life is really like on the inside. As the second season of Ear Hustle kicks off, it’s in turns as funny, horrific and moving as ever. Hearing a prisoner talk about trying to choreograph a hug with his mum because he hadn’t had that kind of physical contact for 13 years is heartbreaking but, thankfully, there are lighter moments too.”

IV. Resources about *The New Jim Crow* by Dr. Michelle Alexander
   a. The “Take Action” webpage from *The New Jim Crow* website
      i. [http://newjimcrow.com/take-action](http://newjimcrow.com/take-action)
ii. Contains links to many organizations taking leadership on this issue. Description from the website: “Since the publication of *The New Jim Crow*, a number of groups and organizations have dedicated themselves to the task of genuine movement building to end our nation’s current caste system. Others have been working to end mass incarceration for many years. This is not a complete list by any means, but it is a place to start.”

1. **Media Appearances**
   a. [http://newjimcrow.com/media](http://newjimcrow.com/media)

2. **Bringing Down the New Jim Crow Radio Documentary Series**

3. **Print Media**
   a. [http://newjimcrow.com/media/print-media](http://newjimcrow.com/media/print-media)

4. **Study & Organizing Guides**
   a. [http://newjimcrow.com/study-guides](http://newjimcrow.com/study-guides)

b. Note: some of the following resources from libraries may not be available to non-patrons. If this is the case, visit your local library. They should be able to provide access directly or by Interlibrary Loan. That is how you can get resources for free from subscription databases.

i. Cornell University Library: *The New Jim Crow Library Guide: Introduction*
   1. [http://guides.library.cornell.edu/newjimcrow/introduction](http://guides.library.cornell.edu/newjimcrow/introduction)

ii. Seattle Central College, COSI (Conversations on Social Issues): *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
   1. [http://libguides.seattlecentral.edu/c.php?g=107610&p=697849](http://libguides.seattlecentral.edu/c.php?g=107610&p=697849)

iii. Skyline College: *New Jim Crow*
   1. **Source Evaluation**
      b. **Links to Relevant Web Sites**
         i. [http://guides.skylinecollege.edu/c.php?g=375803&p=2565816](http://guides.skylinecollege.edu/c.php?g=375803&p=2565816)

V. **Resources about Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson**

a. **The Book**

b. **Bryan Stevenson**
   i. [http://bryanstevenson.com/the-author/](http://bryanstevenson.com/the-author/)

c. **See the Stories**
   i. [http://bryanstevenson.com/see-the-stories/](http://bryanstevenson.com/see-the-stories/)

d. **Video**

e. **Get Involved**
   i. [http://bryanstevenson.com/resources/](http://bryanstevenson.com/resources/)

f. **Discussion Guide**

g. **News**
h. Note: some of the following resources from libraries may not be available to non-patrons. If this is the case, visit your local library. They should be able to provide access directly or by Interlibrary Loan. That is how you can get resources for free from subscription databases.
   i. Metropolitan Community College: *Penn Valley – Justice Mercy*
      1. [http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy](http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy)
      2. *Websites*
         a. [http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy/websites](http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy/websites)
      3. *Multimedia*
         a. [http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy/multimedia](http://libguides.mcckc.edu/justmercy/multimedia)

VI. **Online Resources**
      i. [https://urbanfaith.com/2017/05/the-families-of-mass-incarceration.html/](https://urbanfaith.com/2017/05/the-families-of-mass-incarceration.html/)
   b. “Rattling the Cage” by Adam Gopnik, The New Yorker, April 10, 2017
      i. [https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/04/10/how-we-misunderstand-mass-incarceration](https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/04/10/how-we-misunderstand-mass-incarceration)
   c. “Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie 2017” By Peter Wagner and Bernadette Rabuy, *Prison Policy Initiatives*
      i. [https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2017.html](https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2017.html)
      i. [https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/reverse-mass-incarceration-act](https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/reverse-mass-incarceration-act)

VII. **Other Books**
   a. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
      i. [https://www.amazon.com/Hate-U-Give-Angie-Thomas/dp/0062498533](https://www.amazon.com/Hate-U-Give-Angie-Thomas/dp/0062498533)
      ii. 8 starred reviews ∙ William C. Morris Award Winner ∙ National Book Award Longlist ∙ Printz Honor Book ∙ Coretta Scott King Honor Book ∙ #1 New York Times Bestseller!
      iii. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.”
      1. Other resources about this book
      2. “Angie Thomas: The Hate U Give“ Chicago Humanities Festival
         a. [https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+hate+u+give&view=detail&mid=C32F114941F3780FCD08C32F114941F3780FCD08&&FORM=VRDGAR](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=the+hate+u+give&view=detail&mid=C32F114941F3780FCD08C32F114941F3780FCD08&&FORM=VRDGAR)

b. “The bestselling young-adult book by Angie Thomas looks at police violence through the eyes of a teen girl.”

d. **An American Marriage: A Novel** by Tayari Jones  

ii. “Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn’t commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy’s time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy’s conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together. This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. An American Marriage is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.”

1. Additional information about this novel  


c. **The Sun Does Shine** by Anthony Ray Hinton  
i. [https://eji.org/the-sun-does-shine](https://eji.org/the-sun-does-shine)

ii. “Anthony Ray Hinton spent nearly 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. He walked out of the Jefferson County Jail as a free man on April 3, 2015. ‘The sun does shine,’ he said as he was embraced by family and friends.”

d. **Insane: America’s Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness** by Alisa Roth  
i. [http://alisaroth.com/](http://alisaroth.com/)

ii. *Insane: America’s Criminal Treatment of Mental Illness*, is an urgent exposé of the mental health crisis in our courts, jails, and prisons, out now from Basic Books.

iii. In America, having a mental illness has become a crime. One in four fatal police shootings involves a person with mental illness. The country’s three largest providers of mental health are not hospitals, but jails. As many as half the people in US jails and prisons have a psychiatric problem.  

In *Insane*, journalist Alisa Roth goes deep inside the criminal justice system to reveal how America’s tough-on-crime policies have transformed it into a warehouse for people with mental illness, one where prisoners are denied proper treatment, abused, and punished in ways that make them sicker. She takes readers from the
overwhelmed mental health units of the Los Angeles County Jail, to the women’s prisons of Oklahoma, which have one of the fastest-growing populations of people with mental illness in the country. She introduces us to ordinary people whose untreated mental illnesses drive them repeatedly into the justice system—and in some cases, to their deaths.”

e. *Prison Baby: A Memoir* by Deborah Jiang Stein
   i. [http://www.beacon.org/Prison-Baby-P1006.aspx](http://www.beacon.org/Prison-Baby-P1006.aspx)
   ii. “Even at twelve years old Deborah Jiang Stein, the adopted daughter of a progressive Jewish couple in Seattle, felt like an outsider. Her multiracial features set her apart from her well-intentioned white parents, who evaded questions about her past. But when Deborah discovered a letter revealing the truth—that she was born in prison to a heroin-addicted mother and spent the first year of her life there—she spiraled into emotional lockdown. For years she turned to drugs, violence, and crime as a way to cope with her grief. Ultimately, Deborah overcame the stigma, shame, and secrecy of her birth and found peace by helping others—proving that redemption and acceptance are possible, even from the darkest corners.”

f. *Literacy Behind Bars: Successful Reading and Writing Strategies For Use With Incarcerated Youth And Adults* by Mary E. Styslinger, Karen Gavigan, Kendra Albright (eds.)
   i. [https://library.ohio.gov/books/literacy-behind-bars/](https://library.ohio.gov/books/literacy-behind-bars/)
   ii. “*Literacy behind Bars: Successful Reading and Writing Strategies for Use with Incarcerated Youth and Adults* is a practical resource for teachers, librarians, administrators, and community stakeholders who work with incarcerated youth and adults. The book includes examples of authentic literacy practices that have been successfully used with those incarcerated around the nation. These include: - creating graphic novels, - book clubs, - writing about gang life, - reading buddies, - urban literature - developing a writing workshop - establishing a school library.”
   Review from goodreads.com

g. *The Death of Innocents: Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions* by Sister Helen Prejean
   ii. “From the author of the national bestseller *Dead Man Walking* comes a brave and fiercely argued new book that tests the moral edge of the debate on capital punishment: What if we’re executing innocent men? Two cases in point are Dobie Gillis Williams, an indigent black man with an IQ of 65, and Joseph Roger O’Dell. Both were convicted of murder on flimsy evidence (O’Dell’s principal accuser was a jailhouse informant who later recanted his testimony). Both were executed in spite of numerous appeals. Sister Helen Prejean watched both of them die. As she recounts these men’s cases and takes us through their terrible last moments, Prejean brilliantly dismantles the legal and religious arguments that have been used to justify the death penalty. Riveting, moving, and ultimately damning, *The Death of Innocents* is a book we dare not ignore.”
VIII. Films
   a. 13th
      i. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5895028/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
      ii. “An in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation’s history of racial inequality.”
         1. Additional Information