



**Pathways at the Los Angeles Public Library  
Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services  
Annual Conference, San Diego, CA  
Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Our goal for Pathways:**

- Help library staff learn and understand how, and with what resources, the library may best provide equitable access to information for individuals as they re-enter their communities and
- Provide meaningful and engaging activities, support, and resources to welcome individuals to the library and support their connections to the community as they re-enter.

**Our Partners:**

- **STAR-** Substance Abuse Treatment And Reentry- United States District Court, Central District of California- court based, cognitive therapy focused reentry programming.
- **EPIC-** Empowering People, Illuminating Change- Residential Reentry programming at the Weingart Center on Skid Row, working with teacher for the program's Computerized Literacy Learning Center (CLLC), administered by Contra Costa County Department of Parolee Education.

**Notable terms:**

- **Parole:** The conditional release of a prisoner before his or her sentence has officially ended. Eligibility for parole is defined by statute and is normally determined by a Parole Board. Parole is revokable should the parolee violate the conditions of his or her release.
- **Probation:** Commonly used to refer to sentences that do not include traditional incarceration. This often includes sentences that involve supervision of an offender for a certain period of time by a probation officer. In some jurisdictions, including federally, probation includes supervision of those conditionally released from prison on parole.
- **Supervised Release:** Similar to parole and probation, except that it is imposed by the judge at sentencing in addition to incarceration.
- **Skid Row:** An area in Downtown Los Angeles that contains the largest stable population of homeless people in the United States. Between 3,000 and 6,000 homeless individuals live along the sidewalks of skid row.

**Resources of Note:**

Correctional Services Programs, New York Public Library: <http://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/correctional-services>

Hennepin County Public Library- Freedom Ticket: <http://www.hclib.org/about/outreach/freedom-ticket>

National Reentry Resource Center: <http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/>

PBS Frontline series "Locked Up" and "The Released" explores challenges for people to reenter.

HBO Documentary- *The University of Sing Sing*. 2011. Explores Hudson Link, the college in Sing Sing and role of prison education to equip inmates to succeed upon release.

Boyle, Gregory. *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. 2011, Free Press. Father Gregory Boyle of Homeboy Industries shares memories and wisdom gleaned from working with ex-gang members and the formerly incarcerated.