



Resources for Families in Illinois

Recommended by Building Bonds Through Books

In addition to the book provided by BBTB, here are some resources families may find helpful in navigating education as well as community resources. We have also provided a supplemental reading list that your local librarian may help you find!

1. Chicago Children's Museum

<https://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org/beyond-incarceration>

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Beyond Incarceration is a new program in its pilot phase, that supports children with incarcerated parents through 3 programs: Field trips for extended families and support networks who often reside in communities disproportionately affected by incarceration; arts-focused programs for children and caregivers; and museum-based visitation for children and their incarcerated parents. *The Chicago Children's Museum also offers 3 free family days/year, and discounted admission for EBT/WIC enrollees.*

2. One for One Chicago

<https://www.oneforonechicago.org/contact-us>

One For One is a non-profit organization supporting young adults living in Chicago neighborhoods with high rates of violent crime and joblessness. They also offer to teens their Keeping Grounded Garden Program, which provides paid summer internships to One For One teens at urban farm locations on the west side of Chicago.

3. Lincoln Library (Springfield's Public Library)

<https://www.lincolnlibrary.info/events/upcoming>

The Lincoln Library provides events for all ages. Including movie Mondays, story time, and engaged learning. Use the filter bar on the left to sort by age range.

Please refer to our National Resources page for further assistance!

4. Chicago Public Library

<https://chipublib.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>

The Chicago Public Library provides events for all ages. Including grab and go crafting kits for ages 6-19, film screenings, story time, and game on. Use the filter bar on the left to sort by age range, branch location, and type of service.

The CPL also offers homework help and online resources for kids and teens. Sign up for a library card in-person or online.

<https://www.chipublib.org/get-a-library-card/>

Reading List:

Ages 3-8:

- Missing Daddy by Mariame Kaba & Bria Royal
- Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me by Daniel Beaty
- Our Moms (Living with Incarcerated Parents) by Q. Futrell
- Kennedy's Big Visit by Daphne Brooks
- My Daddy's in Jail by Anthony Curcio

Ages 8-12:

- Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart by Vera B Williams
- Jakeman by Deborah Ellis
- An Inmate's Daughter by Jan Walker

Ages 12+:

- All I Ever Wanted...Stories of Children of the Incarcerated by Erika Duncan, Tanasha Y. Gordon

Parents/Guardians:

- Children with Incarcerated Mothers Separation, Loss, and Reunification by Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Danielle Dallaire
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