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Tool	https://costofpolice.org/	<i>Cost of Police Calculator</i>	ACRE - Action Center on Race and the Economy	A calculator that will give you the overall budget for a city and the budget of the areas police force in terms of \$ and percent	Free
Article	http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2019/no-holds-barred/	<i>No Hold Barred: Policing and Security in the Public Library</i>	Ben Robinson	Explores the three policing frameworks seen in libraries and library literature (liability framework, the security consultant framework, and the First Amendment framework) and how library authors/workers should incorporate insights from other disciplines into their practice to better serve patrons	Free
Statement, News Articles, Video	https://www.gatheringforjustice.org/nypd12	<i>NYPD12</i>	The Gathering For Justice	NYPD 12 is a group of 12 NYC police officers who are suing the City and NYPD over forced racial quotas	Free
Article	https://www.liesjournal.net/volume1-10-againstinnocence.html	<i>Against Innocence</i>	Jackie Wang	A breakdown of why and how making appeals to the public about the "innocence" of people who are policed, incarcerated, or killed by police works against the vast majority of people for whom innocence is not possible or desirable (especially since guilt/innocence is a narrative of the state).	Free
Podcast	https://theintercept.com/2020/06/10/ruth-wilson-gilmore-makes-the-case-for-abolition/	<i>Ruth Wilson Gilmore Makes the Case for Abolition (Part 1 & 2)</i>	The Intercept (w/ Guest host Chenjerai Kumanyika)	"Gilmore offers a comprehensive road map for understanding how we have arrived at the present political moment of brutality and rebellion, and she lays out the need for prison abolition and defunding police forces." Includes transcript.	Free
Slides, Video, Transcript, Collaborative Doc	https://pnla.org/pnla-vps-2020/abolitionist-de-escalation/	<i>Abolitionist De-escalation & the Library</i>	Katy Anastasi	Presentation about prison-industrial complex (PIC) abolition, de-escalation, and libraries. Includes links to video version of presentation, transcript of this video recording with slide descriptions and a collaborative google doc.	Free
Book	https://www.feministes-radicales.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Angela-Davis-Are_Prisons_Obsolete.pdf	<i>Are Prisons Obsolete?</i>	Angela Davis	Illustrates that the time for the prison is approaching an end. Davis argues forthrightly for "decarceration," and argues for the transformation of the society as a whole.	Free (or ~\$11.95 new)

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Slides, Video, Transcript, Collaborative Doc	https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=615123319385564&ref=watch_permalink	<i>Sunday school: Unlock Us, Abolition in Our Lifetime</i>	Dream Defenders	Discussion featuring Cherell Brown, Angela Davis, Derecka Purnell, K Agebebiyi, and more	Free
Resource List	https://medium.com/@micahherskind/resource-guide-prisons-policing-and-punishment-efb5e0f6620	<i>Resource Guide: Prisons, Policing, and Punishment</i>	Micah Herskind	This resource guide offers sources on policing, prisons, and punishment. Some items are applicable to Restorative and Transformative Justice as well.	Free, references some paid items like books
Resource List	https://abolitionjournal.org/studyguide	<i>If You're New to Abolition: Study Group Guide</i>	Abolition Journal	A six week guide centering <i>Are Prisons Obsolete</i> by Angela Davis which also includes weekly videos, podcasts, readings and more. Designed to acclimate beginners in under 5 hours per week either individually or with a group of friends, neighbors or coworkers.	Free, references some paid items like books
Guide	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kwmf8subrhZUfqVb9mrxC9epE_VHhrTl3DscEoDIwuFg/edit?usp=sharing	<i>Prison Abolition Arguments Chart</i>	Dean Spade w/ feedback from Mariame Kaba	A list of questions people frequently ask to undermine or contest abolition and pat answers to respond to those questions, created by a known public abolitionist and speaker.	Free
Blog Post	http://critlib.org/alternatives-to-policing-in-libraries/	<i>Alternatives to policing in libraries</i>	critlib.org	Tweets, guides, and discussion questions on alternatives to policing in libraries.	Free
Guide	https://madsa.ga/2018/07/07/alternatives-to-police-poster-series/	<i>Alternatives to Police Poster Series</i>	Luna Syenite (edited by Speck Kevin Pratt)	Describes scenarios and ways to handle these scenarios without calling the police. An additional URL is https://queeranarchism.tumblr.com/post/175775904760/luna-syenite-imagines-alternatives-to-policing	Free
Slides, Video, Transcript, Collaborative Doc	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg0Lw_I94Jc&list=PLYN1EYMdFkqmeS2pMM157F0PBgAONzHg-	<i>Imagine Freedom</i>	Critical Resistance	A series of videos created by Critical Resistance in coordination with the online art auction "Imagine Freedom: Artworks for Abolition. Speakers in the series include Melanie Cervantes, Ashley Hunt, gloria galvez, Fernando Marti, Kate Deciccio, and Bryant Terry, with artists' talks by Rodney Ewing, Demetri Broxton, Marbre Stahley-Butts, and Rachel Herzing,	Free

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Resource List	https://level.medium.com/abolition-for-the-people-397ef29e3ca5	<i>Abolition for the People</i>	Kaepernick Publishing in partnership with LEVEL	A list of "stories from organizers, political prisoners, scholars, and advocates — all of which point to the crucial conclusion that policing and prisons do not serve as catch-all solutions for the issues and people the state deems social problems."	Free, references some paid items like books
PDF	https://southernersonnewground.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/SONG-Prison-Industrial-Complex-Beast-Drawing.pdf	<i>SONG Prison Industrial Complex Beast Illustration</i>	Southerners on New Ground	Visual explaining the prison industrial complex.	Free
Podcast	https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/msnbc/why-is-this-happening/e/59927721	<i>"Abolishing Prisons with Mariame Kaba" episode of "Why Is This Happening"</i>	Chris Hayes	"What if we just got rid of prisons? The United States is the epicenter of mass incarceration – but exactly what is it we hope to get out of putting people in prisons? And whatever your answer is to that – is it working? It's worthwhile to stop and interrogate our intentions about incarceration and whether it enacts justice or instead satisfies some urge to punish. Prison abolitionist Mariame Kaba wants us to explore some truly radical notions that force us to inspect those instincts towards punishment. Hear her dismantle what she calls the current "criminal punishment system" and instead employ the ideology of restorative justice."	Free
Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bT0YpOmK8NA&feature=youtu.be	<i>Defund Police: An Animated Video</i>	Project Nia & Blue Seat Studios	Visual explanation on defunding the police	Free
Resource	https://dontcallthepolice.com/	<i>Don't Call the Police - Community Based Alternatives to Police in Your City</i>	dontcallthepolice.com	An online directory of local resources available as alternatives to calling the police or 911. Founded dontcallthepolice.com to provide easy access to alternatives to calling the police when faced with a situation that requires de-escalation and/or intervention, not violence.	Free
Video	https://youtu.be/sE3Tn9j1WkU	<i>13th Series: Defunding Police, Dismantling Racist Systems; What comes next?</i>	Baltimore Racial Justice Action	Explores alternatives to our current policing model and imagines a world beyond the current Police State.	Free

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Article and resource list	https://medium.com/@libraryfreedom/its-not-enough-to-say-black-lives-matter-libraries-must-divest-from-the-police-2ab4adea58f1	<i>It's not enough to say Black Lives Matter — libraries must divest from the police</i>	Library Freedom Project	Library Freedom Project is calling the library profession to begin taking away police power in our spaces in order to support our communities and defend the values of librarianship.	Free
Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHdg4dqBMyk	<i>On the Road With Abolition: Assessing Our Steps Along the Way</i>	Haymarket Books, Dean Spade, Woods Ervin & Kamau Walton from Critical Resistance, K Agbebiyi from Survived and Punished NY and Mariame Kaba from Project NIA and Survived & Punished	An anti-policing webinar to discuss steps toward abolition	Free
Slides	https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Vs1Dt53DR6s2vShPZw5xNX-QCDC2Ppws07ct16h_Weg/edit?usp=sharing	<i>On the Road with Abolition</i>	Mariame Kaba	Slides from the "On the Road with Abolition" webinar	Free
Workshop	http://criticalresistance.org/abolition-of-policing-workshop/	<i>Abolition of Policing Workshop</i>	Critical Resistance	Gives participants an understanding and historical overview of policing in the US, and to provide abolitionist ways to resist and not rely on the cops in a range of situations.	Free
Toolkit	http://criticalresistance.org/abolish-policing-toolkit/	<i>Our Communities, Our Solutions</i>	Critical Resistance	Includes numerous resources and tools for developing strong abolitionist, grassroots campaigns against policing.	Free
Toolkit	https://bit.ly/InterruptingToolkit	<i>#DefundPolice Toolkit</i>	Interrupting Criminalization	A toolkit with concrete steps towards divestment from Policing and investment in community safety. Has definitions and practical examples of defunding the police.	Free
Guide	https://www.8toabolition.com/	<i>#8toAbolition</i>	#8toAbolition	8 point guide "to build toward a society without police or prisons, where communities are equipped to provide for their safety and wellbeing"	Free

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Strategies	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TD8k_YAneI3TprDxymkHo9pzGPOCR4PO/view	<i>How to Grow Abolition on Your Campus: 8 Actions</i>	Critical Resistance Abolitionist Educators	Flyer with 8 strategies and actions that students and educators can take up on campuses to talk about and encourage abolition on school campuses	Free
Resource List	http://criticalresistance.org/abolish-policing/	<i>Critical Resistance Resources on Policing</i>	Critical Resistance	Videos, readings, tool kits, organizations, and so much more all related to the police, policing and abolition	Free
Organization	http://wechargegenocide.org/	<i>We Charge Genocide</i>	We Charge Genocide	"A grassroots, inter-generational effort to center the voices and experiences of the young people most targeted by police violence in Chicago." Website also features resources regarding knowing your rights and additional reading.	Free
Organization	https://deeperthanwater.org/	<i>#DeeperThanWater</i>	DeeperThanWater	"A coalition of organizations dedicated to exposing the rampant human rights abuses that prisoners in the United States are subjected to, using the lens of water justice as an entry point." Primarily Massachusetts-based.	Free
Organization	https://www.reclaimtheblock.org/home	<i>Reclaim the Block</i>	Reclaim the Block	Minneapolis-based organization working "to move money from the police department into other areas of the city's budget that truly promote community health and safety." Website also features toolkits and other resources on divestment and public safety alternatives from partner org https://www.mpd150.com/ .	Free
Resource List	https://abolitionistfutures.com/full-reading-list	<i>Introduction to Abolition</i>	Abolitionist Futures	"Short, accessible and introductory texts, podcasts and videos [to] spark informed discussions of abolitionist ideas to take with you to work places, campaign meetings, and conversations with friends and family."	Free, references some paid items like books
Video	http://www.deanspade.net/2014/02/07/no-one-is-disposable/	<i>No One Is Disposable: Everyday Practices of Prison Abolition</i>	Reina Gossett, Dean Spade and Hope Dector	A series of five short online videos on "prison abolition as a political framework, exploring why this is a top issue for those committed to supporting trans and gender-nonconforming people. These videos look at how to build societies where the process of creating justice is as important as the end—communities where no one is exiled."	Free
Tool	https://mappingpoliceviolence.org/	<i>Mapping Police Violence</i>	Samuel Sinyangwe, DeRay McKesson and Johnetta Elzie	"A research collaborative collecting comprehensive data on police killings nationwide to quantify the impact of police violence in communities."	Free

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Guide	https://abolitionanddisabilityjustice.com/reforms-to-oppose/	<i>Reforms to Avoid</i>	Alternatives to Policing Based on Disability Justice	A list of moves toward policing reform that work against disability justice, with supporting disability justice principles	Free
Toolkit	https://www.interruptingcriminalization.com/defundpolice-update	<i>The Demand is Still #Defundthepolice</i>	Interrupting Criminalization	"This update to our June 2020 #DefundPolice toolkit reflects victories won across the country, key strategies deployed, some lessons learned - including tricks, tensions, and roadblocks along the way - and key questions communities are contending with in campaigns to defund police as we look forward to 2021. It contains some excerpts from the original toolkit, but is not intended as a substitute."	Free
Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yrip7iWZeA	"Prisons Make Us Safer" and 20 Other Myths About Mass Incarceration	Barnard Center for Research on Women	"Prisons Make Us Safer": And 20 Other Myths About Mass Incarceration (April 2021) by journalist and activist Victoria Law offers a synthesis of the massive problem of prisons and policing by tracing the rise and cause of mass incarceration, myths about incarceration, misconceptions about incarcerated people, and steps to end mass incarceration on the way to abolition.	Free
Video	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gS3c-4vqdY4	Nicole Fleetwood - Visions of Abolition: Black Women's Fight to End Mass Incarceration	Barnard Center for Research on Women	Art historian and curator Nicole Fleetwood will join us to discuss art production and visual advocacy by Black women to abolish prisons and to end punitive governance. Her talk will expand on her recent book and exhibition Marking Time: Art in the Age of Mass Incarceration, which focuses on aesthetic practices and media of incarcerated artists who use penal space, penal matter, and penal time to produce art about carcerality. Discussing Black women's centrality to the movement for prison abolition, she will focus on a visual archive of US prisons researched over a decade.	Free

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Book	https://www.poorpress.net/product-page/physical-how-to-not-call-the-po-lice-ever	How to Not Call the Po'Lice Ever by	Tiny Gray-Garcia, Leroy F. Moore, Jr., Jeremy Miller, Joey Villarreal, Muteado Silence, Aunti Frances Moore, and all POOR Magazine family	Based off POOR Magazine's revolutionary workshops of the same name and collected here in writing for the first time, this handbook takes readers through the Herstory/His-STORY of Po'Lice Terror of our bodies, lives, children and elders in this stolen land, and then shares the model of the Elephant Council at Homefulness—a poor, Indigenous people/traumatized people's accountability circle, which includes a redefinition of the silently violent, western white supremacist notion of “security,” and enables us to hold each other through trauma and institute a true definition of interdependent safety.	\$20.00