Art Contest Winners and Finalists

Congratulations to the "free2create" Art Contest winners! They will each receive a $100 gift certificate to any BEST BUY store. Thanks to BEST BUY and our Friends groups for their contributions and support.

Middle School Winner
- Side walk chalk
- 8th grade

High School Winner
- Drizzle of colors
- 10th grade

Dreamland
- 6th grade

Fantasy
- 6th grade

Our world
- 8th grade

Between day and night
- 7th grade

Vegas a street in perspective
- 6th grade

Express yourself in your own way
- 7th grade
Sunset on the beach
9th grade

Thinking
9th grade

Red rose
10th grade

Ana's dream
10th grade

Work in progress
10th grade

Rein and the Kurochi
10th grade

Free thoughts come from creative minds
11th grade

A lone drifter
12th grade

A new point of view
11th grade

The last king
12th grade
Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility

Open to residents of Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility only

- OAYRF Photos
- Wish List
- Make a Donation
- View all Library Locations

The Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitation Facility was established in 1959 as a treatment center for adolescent young men. Its primary mission is to teach the youth skills to succeed so that upon their release, they are able to positively and constructively reintegrate themselves within their local communities. The OAYRF houses 100 boys who have been placed there after being incarcerated at the Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall facility.

All of the teens at OAYRF have been exposed to the books and library programs at Juvenile Hall. While at Juvenile Hall, their innate curiosity was sparked by their positive experience with books and reading. Because of this exposure, they have become aware of the breadth of resources available at the library. With the addition of a library at OAYRF, residents will be able to continue improving their literacy skills and kindling the spark that was ignited by the discovery of all the treasures a library has to offer.

Juvenile Hall Library

Open to residents of Juvenile Hall only

- Juvenile Hall Library Photos
- Resident Poetry
- Book List: Locked Up Street Life
- View all Library Locations

The Betty Frandsen Library at the John A. Davis Juvenile Hall opened its doors to residents on November 1, 2008 with the mission to promote a love of literature and reading, support the school curriculum, and encourage the development of a lifelong habit of self-directed learning. The library is named after Betty Frandsen, founder of a bedtime reading program called the Late Show Readers. Volunteers come to the living units and read stories over the intercom to the residents after lights out.

Library staff conducts an introductory class for incoming residents to teach them how to search the catalog and request materials. Teens from each living unit visit the library once a week to learn how the library is organized and if time permits, play a fun, lightly competitive game to reinforce what they have learned. The rest of the visit is devoted to exploring the collection and checking out books.

Staff at the Juvenile Hall Library also schedules author visits and art sessions with the teens, encourages them to participate in the annual summer reading program, researches reference requests, recommends good reads, and issues Contra Costa Library cards to all incoming residents. Many of the teens have repeatedly stated that they never read an entire book until they used the library at Juvenile Hall. Many have also said they thought they hated reading until they discovered all the books that speak to their experiences and involve subjects that are geared towards their interests. These teens often become some of the most avid users of the library.

How To Help

- Are you interested in working with at-risk teens? Volunteers are now needed for Contra Costa County Library's outreach program Technology for Teens in Transition (T3). T3 volunteers work one-on-one with youth incarcerated in Juvenile Hall, using the Internet for both school projects and general surfing. If you'd like more information about this program, please email Alison McKee or call us at 925-937-2704.
- Support the library's collection by purchasing titles from our Amazon Wish List!
- Become a member of the Late Show Readers!
- Shop at the Hall Closet, a thrift store run by the Juvenile Hall Auxiliary, a small non-profit volunteer organization designed to assist at-risk youth.
Books for Juv. Hall/Orin Allen

In Yo' Grill: The Faces of Hip Hop
by Michael Benabib (Author), Bill Adler (Author)

In Stock. Offered by Amazon.com.

Legends of Rock: The Artists, Instruments, Myths and History of 50 Years of Youth Music (Music and Sound) by Ernesto Assante (Author), et al.

In Stock. Offered by Amazon.com.

The Demonata #9: Dark Calling by Darren Shan (Author)

In Stock. Offered by Amazon.com.

The Way I Am by Eminem (Author), Sacha Jenkins (Author)

In Stock. Offered by Amazon.com.

Street: The Nylon Book of Global Style by Editors Of Nylon Magazine (Editor)

In Stock. Offered by Amazon.com.