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Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

CEA-Wisconsin Training Day Returns to the Osthoff Resort

CEA-Wisconsin Training Day May 5, 2014 Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake

When making your professional development plans for 2014, be sure to include the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day. The Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will hold its annual training day on May 5, 2014 at the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake.

A wide variety of workshops will make this training day an excellent professional development opportunity for educators working in prisons, jails, and detention centers. The CEA-W Board is constructing a program that includes workshops on re-entry, literacy, special education, county jails, vocational education, and other areas. More information about the new GED 2014 and opportunity to have your questions answered will be available. Also featured will be vendor displays and a silent auction.

Special networking opportunities will be available at the training day for:

- Jail Instructors
- Librarians
- Guidance Counselors

A complete training day program and registration form will be included in the March/April issue of the CEA-Wisconsin newsletter.

For training day participants who would like to arrive early and enjoy the beautiful Osthoff Resort, the Osthoff has agreed to offer a limited number of rooms at state rates for May 3 and 4.

Mark May 5, 2014 on your calendar and plan to join us for an informative and fun training day. It will be a great training opportunity for correctional educators! Hope to see you at the Osthoff.

A Call for Presentations is on pages 4-5

CEA-W Board Doubles Showcase Award

Would you like to present a workshop about your program, classroom activities, or special area of interest? The Wisconsin Chapter of the Correctional Education Association would like to help.

The CEA-Wisconsin Board recently doubled the amount it will be offering to help defray the professional expenses for a CEA-Wisconsin member to present a workshop at the CEA-Wisconsin Training Day, the Region III CEA Conference, the 69th International CEA Conference or another professional education or correctional conference. The amount of the grant has been increased from \$250 to \$500. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the skills and talents of Wisconsin’s correctional educators.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be an active CEA member, submit a proposal outlining the workshop you wish to present, and submit a statement of support from your supervisor. Your presentation may be on an existing program that has been effective, a new innovative program, creative classroom activities, unique instructional methods, or a special project. The CEA-W Board will review the proposals received and select the one to receive the \$500 grant.

Your proposal should include:

- ❖ Title of presentation
- ❖ Intended audience
- ❖ Presentation description (200 words or less)

Entries will be evaluated on:

- ❖ Relevance to the needs of correctional students
- ❖ Creativity
- ❖ Effectiveness of program or techniques
- ❖ Potential to be used in other settings
- ❖ Interest to conference attendees

The deadline for submission of your proposal is January 1, 2014. Submit your proposal to:

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CEA-Wisconsin Awards & Recognition Committee
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Revitalized Library Brings Books to Juveniles

In the last issue of this newsletter, Stephen Lilienthal wrote “Public and prison libraries are becoming aware of how they can better help people returning from prison to integrate more successfully into their communities. Libraries, both public and prison, can play vital roles in linking prisoners and those who’ve left prison with knowledge to surmount information gaps.” Shouldn’t jail libraries and juvenile detention libraries have the same goal?

Several years ago, the student library in the Secure Detention Facility at the Fond du Lac County Jail could, at best, be considered disorganized. Fiction books mixed with non-fiction, fantasy with chick lit, historical books with sport atlases. The small book collection had grown through donations over the years, but no one had taken the time to organize or catalog the books let alone determine if they were suitable for the juvenile audience.

Shelley Armstrong, a reference desk librarian from the Fond du Lac Public Library, volunteered to examine the books and see what could be done to make them more accessible to students. Armstrong checked every book against a unique librarian’s app and, not only was able to catalog the books according to genre, but also found a number of books more suitable for adult readers; those books were subsequently donated to the adult section of the jail.

Armstrong categorized the remaining books according to the following genres: chick lit, comics (meaning comic paperbacks like Captain Underpants), general fiction, sports, historical, inspirational, mystery-suspense, fantasy, war, classics, sci-fi, and non-fiction.

“Thanks to the public library, Fond du Lac High School, and local book clubs, we now have a series of books and more juvenile appropriate books for our population,” said Lt. Linda Schmitz, Juvenile Superintendent. “We’re proud of our selection and the system developed by Armstrong which makes it easy for kids to pick out books.”

The largest collections are chick lit and fantasy — and these are also the most read books. Popular authors include the writer of the Eragon series, Nicholas Sparks, who is ‘Shakespeare’ to the chick lit readers, and James Patterson’s mystery novels.

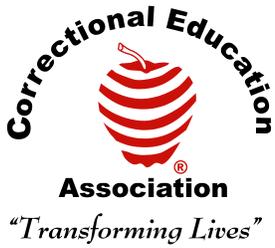
The library is located in the school classroom and is accessible during school and recreation times. The public library donates duplicate or discarded teen books from its collection and the writer of this piece, who is also a full-time volunteer teacher in the juvenile classroom, visits book sales to add suitable titles.

Jail Corrections Officer Janell Kreif put together a checkout system with a two-fold purpose: maintaining a two-book checkout limit and making sure that no book is damaged or defaced. With this in mind, the following procedure is followed:

- Juveniles are allowed to check out two books at a time
- Books are inspected for damage/graffiti by both the Juvenile and the Officer upon issuance
- Issuance information is logged in the juvenile library checkout book
- Upon return of the book, it is again inspected by an officer for any damage/graffiti
- Misuse or damage to any books/facility property may result in disciplinary action

With almost 1500 books now available, the library is used on a regular basis. A number of students have told staff that they were not readers before, but that they are now reading recreationally for the first time in years. Some are also found exploring the public library when they get out of jail.

by: Ken Holehouse, Fond du Lac County Jail Volunteer



Call for Presentations

CEA-Wisconsin Training Day

May 5, 2014

The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

The Wisconsin Chapter of CEA will be hosting its annual training day on Monday, May 5, 2014. A wide variety of workshops will be needed to make this conference an excellent professional development opportunity. This is your opportunity to share information about your program or services with correctional professionals!

Sessions will last 75 minutes. You are responsible for providing all materials (i.e. copies of handouts, AV equipment, etc.) needed for your session. Due to incompatibilities of hardware/software, you must provide a computer and projector, if needed, for your presentation. We will provide screens and flipcharts.

Deadline for proposal submission: December 20, 2013

Mail proposals to:

Laura Reisinger, Education Coordinator
 Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley
 800 Wisconsin Street #70
 Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

or e-mail to:

lreisinger@lvcv.org

Workshop title: (12 words or less)

Workshop description: (65 words or less)

Intended/Targeted Audience: (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> County Jails/ Detention Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> ESL/ELL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female Offenders | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting | <input type="checkbox"/> Reintegration/ Reentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational/ Technical Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Secondary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Preferred presentation time (circle one):

No Preference

AM

PM

Are you planning to attend the whole conference? (circle one):

Yes

No

I need the following equipment (circle needed item/s):

Screen

Flipchart

Special Arrangements/Needs/Concerns:

Presenter Information: Please make sure this information is complete and accurate as it will be used for the conference program. Include as many sheets as needed for the number of presenters.

1. Name of Presenter: _____ **Title:** _____

Agency: _____

Agency Address: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Biographical Data: _____

2. Name of Presenter: _____ **Title:** _____

Agency: _____

Agency Address: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Biographical Data: _____

To join CEA go to: www.ceanational.org

Correctional Education Association 2014 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Purpose:

The Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin (CEA-W), in cooperation with the International Correctional Education Association, has established the TEACHER OF THE YEAR award to recognize outstanding educational contributions by a teacher in a correctional facility.

Who Is Eligible:

To be eligible, the teacher must:

- spend at least 51% of his/her work time in classroom instruction
- have taught in correctional facilities a minimum of two years
- have demonstrated leadership qualities and be active in promoting improvements in correctional education
- have demonstrated devotion to the teaching profession as evidenced by a willingness to work beyond his/her job description
- have been an active member of CEA for the past one year

Teachers who were nominated previous years, but were not selected as the CEA-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR may be re-nominated. CEA-W Board members are not eligible for nomination.

Nomination Process:

Anyone may submit a nomination for TEACHER OF THE YEAR. The nomination may be a colleague or the teacher him or herself. The nomination deadline is **January 1, 2014**.

Qualities To Be Considered:

- Teaching excellence
- Classroom and program innovation
- Professional development activities
- Ability to serve as a representative for correctional education in the state of Wisconsin

Awards:

The CEA-W TEACHER OF THE YEAR will receive a plaque attesting to his or her achievement. He/she will receive a \$250 stipend and will be furnished expenses to compete against winners from five other Midwestern States at the Region III CEA Conference. If the Wisconsin Teacher of the Year is selected as the Region III Teacher of the Year, he/she will be furnished expenses to attend the 69th Annual CEA International Conference to be held in Arlington, Virginia on June 22–25, 2014.

HURRY!!! Phone, fax, or mail your nomination by **January 1, 2014** to:

Margaret Done
CEA-W Awards & Recognition Committee
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center
21425A Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182
Phone: 262-878-6000 ext. 5017
Email: margaret.done@wisconsin.gov

DOC Awarded Grant to Provide Technology Career Training to Offenders

The US Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs has awarded the Wisconsin Department of Corrections a \$454,214 grant to provide technology career training to inmates.

The goal of the Second Chance Act Technology and Careers grant is to increase the post release employability of offenders in related technology-based jobs and career fields. The objective of the program is to support the education, training, mentoring, support services and job placement for incarcerated adults in a technology field.

The grant money will be used to enhance DOC's relationship with Moraine Park Technical College for course development and instruction. It will also be used to help the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board provide employment training and job placement. Legal Action of Wisconsin will also see assistance from the grant to help offenders clear up any minor issues on their record that are barriers to employment.

The Reentry Unit and Division of Adult Institutions Office of Program Services collaborated with other agencies to apply for the grant. The grant coordinator is Dr. Sadique Isahaku, DAI education coordinator. He received assistance in preparation of the grant from Tracy Hudrlik when she held the position of reentry employment coordinator, Dr. Charles Brendel, MPTC Dean of Continuing Education, and DWD Program and Policy Analyst, Rebecca Kikkert.

Inmates meeting the criteria for participation must reside at TCI, FLCI, KMCI, OSCI, RYOCF, or RCI and be releasing to a southeastern Wisconsin county (Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington or Waukesha).

by: DOC Public Information Office

Correctional Education Loses a Friend

On August 18, correctional education lost a true friend. Art Besse was born on October 24, 1945 in Ashland, Wisconsin. He graduated from Ashland College and received his advanced education at Harvard and UW-Stout.

Art was one of the early leaders in the War on Poverty, having served as the Executive Director of Northwest Community Service Agency. He had a long and distinguish career of over 30 years in Employment and Training for the State of Wisconsin. During these years he developed an extensive knowledge of the needs of ex-offenders and the regulations and opportunities relating to their re-entry to the community and employment. He wrote extensively about his field and was published many times.

In 1993, Art founded Art Besse and Associates LLC where he served as President. Art presented dozens of workshops for state and county correctional staff, service agencies, and community organizations; including several workshops at CEA sponsored conferences. Art retired from his business in 2012, turning the business over to Steve Pierce.

The CEA-Wisconsin Board honored Art with its Showcase Award in 2009. It was one of many recognitions that Art received for his outstanding contributions to correctional and community services.

A memorial service was held at the Town of Cross Plains Community Center in Pine Bluff, Wisconsin on October 12.

LHS/CLS Hold Summer Games

The Summer Games at Lincoln Hills (LHS) for boys and Copper Lake School (CLS) for girls takes place annually following Labor Day from September 3rd through the 6th. The Games, in one form or another, have occurred in the institution for decades. During the Summer Games, regularly scheduled programming is suspended while the residents at LHS and CLS participate in a variety of team and individual events that were originally created under the premise of the Olympics.

Each year, the objectives of the Games are to promote pro-social interactions among the youth and staff, to teach and promote positive sportsmanship, to foster camaraderie, and to aid in the continued development of youths' functional life skills. Additionally, this is an opportunity for the residents at the institution to have a break from school and other responsibilities within the institution and to simply enjoy having fun and just be "kids."

Event planning begins mid-summer and incorporates the ICS management system as a structural foundation. All staff are involved in the planning and execution of the Summer Games.

Throughout this year's week of Summer Games, most of the youth participated and competed in individual events that they voluntarily signed up for. All residents were encouraged to participate in multiple events and a variety of staff from numerous departments within the institution, particularly the education department, assisted in organizing and running the individual events. All other departments including administration, security, maintenance, the main kitchen, health services, and the storeroom played vital roles in making this year's Summer Games a success! New this year, were volunteers from the Foster Grandparent Program who judged the LHS and CLS Poetry Performance events.

The specific events that took place in LHS included softball, the mile run, the 100 and 200 meter dash, Bean Bag Toss, Kick Ball, "Jeopardy" trivia, and Chess. CLS events included Fashion Design, where girls picked 7 pieces of clothing and/or accessories from several bags, then put together an outfit, Badminton, Kickball, Wally Ball, Bean Bag Toss, "Jeopardy" trivia, Performance Poetry, and an Obstacle Course the last day with both staff and youth participating, which entailed a lot of laughing.

The final day of the Summer Games in both CLS and LHS included an outdoor picnic lunch, where staff cooked and served youth, and a closing ceremony with awards handed out and a slide show of photos from throughout the week. This year, the closing ceremony in CLS included the singing of the national anthem by the Girls' Choir.

All youth were offered the opportunity to invite family members to attend the final day of the Games. Guests attending participated as spectators, partook in the picnic lunch, and attended the closing ceremonies. This year was the first year that families were incorporated and nearly 30 guests attended.

by: Pandora Lobacz, LHS/CLS

Guide Helps Offenders Get Started

In July 2012, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education published a guide for people who are incarcerated and for those on community supervision (probation and parole). The guide, *Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need*, will help offenders get started — or continue — on the path to further education and training.

The guide advises offenders that earning a high school credential, getting a certificate or license in a career technical field, or earning an associate or bachelor's degree will help them advance in their career, and, ultimately, life. By advancing their education offenders will have more to offer employers, and will improve their chances of getting and keeping a good job — and earning promotions. They'll increase the

amount of money they can earn, gain new skills, and make new contacts. Continuing their education and training also can help strengthen the offenders' role in their family and community.

The *Take Charge of Your Future: Get the Education and Training You Need* Guide is designed so that user can go through it from start to finish, or just read or print out the chapters that he needs most. It covers the steps involved in setting goals, getting organized, finding employment, and pursuing an education — from a high school credential to a college diploma. It also provides advice about getting money to pay for an education. It won't answer every question, but it will direct the offender to resources where he can get his questions answered and get more information. The Guide does not provide information on services in specific states, but, wherever possible, it suggests a way to find that information.

This Guide is in the public domain. Authorization to reproduce it in whole or in part is granted. It is available on the U.S. DOE's website: <http://www.ed.gov/bout/officeslist/ovae/pi/AdultEd/correctional-education.html#4>. Or copies of the Guide may be ordered online at: <http://www.edpubs.gov>.

Creativity Contest Deadline — December 1

The deadline for submissions the eleventh annual edition of the CEA-Wisconsin Creativity Contest is quickly approaching. Encourage your students to express themselves in drawings (black ink on 8½ by 11 white paper) and writings up to 1000 words including poems, letters, essays, and short stories. The deadline for submissions is December 1st.

Each year CEA-W publishes original prose, poetry, and ink drawings from Wisconsin's jail, prison, and juvenile facility populations. All levels of writers and artists are encouraged to offer submissions. Authors and artists whose works are selected will each receive two free copies of the booklet when it is published in May.

Contest rules and the submission form are available on the www.ceawsiconain.org website or by contacting Libby Kraft at the Wisconsin Resource Center at elizabeth.kraft@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Call for Nominations

During March, the Correctional Education Association-Wisconsin will be conducting its annual election for Executive Board Members. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

Executive Officers

President-Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Board Members

Maximum/Minimum Security Representative

Medium Security Representative

State Agency Representative

At-Large Representative/Newsletter Editor

Any CEA-Wisconsin member is eligible to run for office. All Offices and Board Members serve two-year terms with the President-Elect assuming the office of President at the end of his/her term. Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2014**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2014 Executive Board Meeting.

Nominations are to be sent to:

Laurie Jarvis, Adult Education Instructor

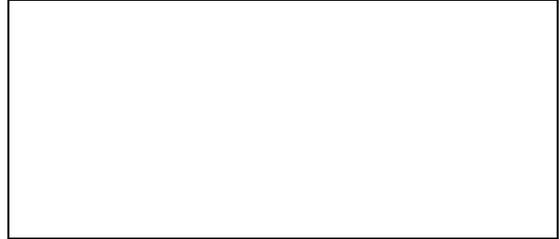
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President's Message

The CEA-W Board held its September meeting at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Schools. We took a tour of the facility and met some of the teachers and counselors who work there. We also met two of the volunteer grandparents who spend up to 40 hours a week volunteering at the facility. Everyone we met was enthusiastic about their programs and working with the juvenile population. Thank you Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake for a great day!

This newsletter is filled with opportunities to be involved in CEA-W:

- Please encourage your students to submit their writings and drawings for the Creativity Contest. The deadline for submissions is December 1st.
- Please consider presenting at the annual Training Day in May. The call for presenters is enclosed. We would love to hear about your program and successes in working with incarcerated students.
- We are accepting nominations for Teacher of the Year. Nominate a co-worker today! We have a very humble CEA membership in Wisconsin, but look around and nominate someone who deserves to be recognized.
- We are accepting nominations for CEA board positions.

It is a great time to be a CEA-Wisconsin member and there are many ways to be involved in promoting correctional education in Wisconsin.

Mary
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