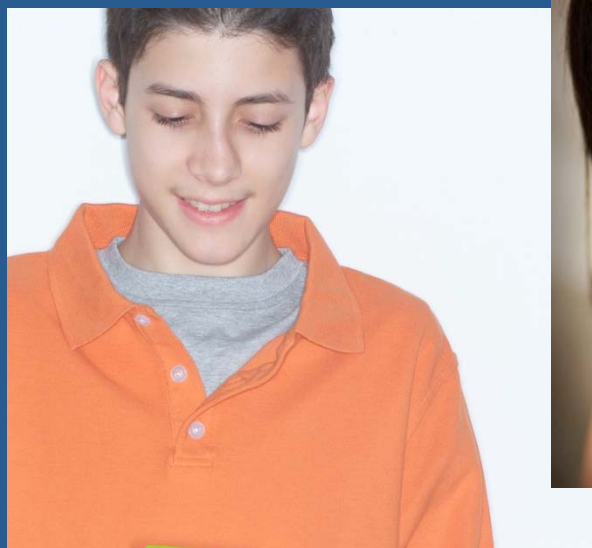


San Mateo County Library Youth Incarceration Outreach



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- 85% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems.
- Prisoners score poorly on reading assessments, and low literacy levels are strongly associated with low paying jobs, unemployment, poverty, and crime.
- 7 in 10 prisoners perform at the lowest two literacy skill levels. Access to books is essential to reading development.
- Studies of education and training programs show results both in increasing employment and cutting recidivism.
- This is where a lot of our youth are, especially minority youth. And for many of them, it's their last chance for education.

Program #1

- Two teen service staff go out to “Courts School” quarterly
- Booktalk
- Students choose one book to keep

Program # 2

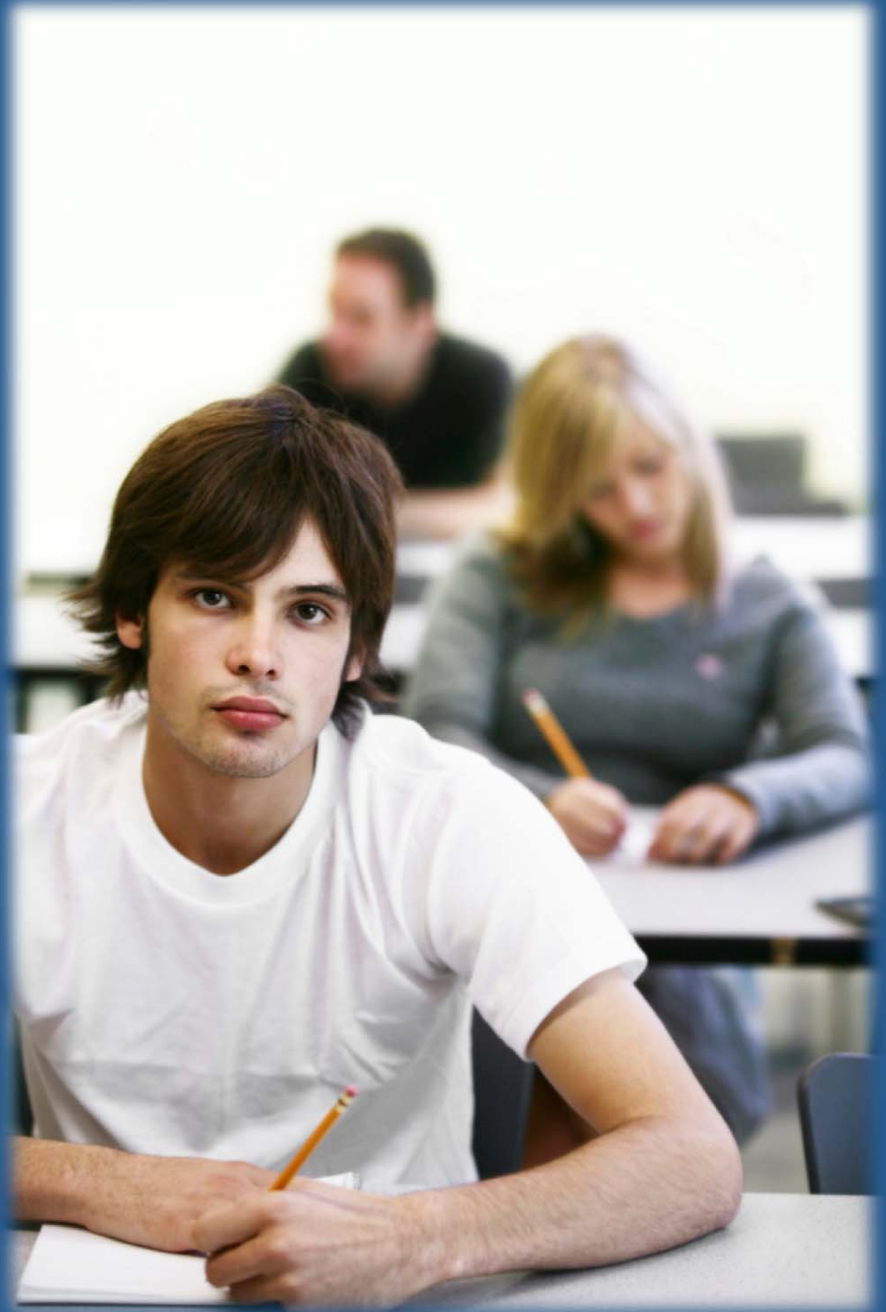
- Library and literacy staff run a book club for G.I.R.L.S. program
- 2 staff discuss one book over 4 weeks
- Girls keep their book



Author visits at G.I.R.L.S



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