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Journal Articles

EJ 559 760

Describes services offered by the Spokane County Library District at the Spokane County Juvenile Detention facility. Highlights include author visits; cooperation with the teaching staff; meeting the varying needs of different types of residents; and reading programs.

EJ 488 301

Describes the growth and development of a library program serving a shelter for abused and neglected children and youth and a juvenile detention center in Orange County (California). Program funding, materials preferred by teen users, library management, special events, and problems are discussed. Teen patrons and their use of the services are described.

EJ 528 120

Describes a study of two-year college faculty teaching credit courses in correctional facilities to determine their opinions regarding scheduling, library services, and availability of computers. Finds that faculty were concerned about difficulties in using library services and scheduling problems due to rigid prison schedules. Includes 15 citations.

EJ 405 807

Describes a survey of state libraries that examined the extent to which prison libraries employ civilian staff and perceptions of the usefulness of special graduate programs or courses for prison librarianship. It is concluded that there is a limited market for librarians with specialization in prison librarianship and special planning is required to meet that need. Contains nine references.

EJ 539 729

The population of state and federal prisons quadrupled between 1971 and 1991, increasing demand for library resources. Outlines the history of prison libraries (1700s-1990s); discusses prison libraries and librarians, law collections, reference services, literacy programs, and funding. Provides a bibliography of prison librarianship covering resources and theory, history, and personal accounts of prison librarians.

EJ 481 833

Discusses features of the National Literacy Act that are of interest to librarians. Highlights include a new definition of literacy; cooperation between providers and government agencies; new programs, including state resource centers, national workforce strategies, services for prisoners, and family programs; amendments to existing legislation; and the National Institute for Literacy.

Describes interactive bibliotherapy and poetry therapy as services that use literature as a catalyst for personal growth and healing through a facilitator. Their use in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, adult education centers, prisons, and chemical dependency units is discussed. Reading bibliotherapy is described, and use for spiritual growth is explained. Includes 13 references.


Prison libraries present a growing employment opportunity for librarians, but there is little statistical or descriptive information about prison libraries. A survey was conducted of Ohio prison libraries to create a profile and increase appreciation and understanding of them. Information was collected about library users, types of materials, serial subscriptions, circulation, budget, size, security, hours, automation, and librarian qualifications.


Describes College Library and Research Center research library and computer center located at maximum-security prison. Explains that center provides graduate students with library resources and computer facilities needed to complete thesis projects and other sociological research. Benefits described include improvements in quality of educational experience, possible increases in students' feelings of self-efficacy, and increased social cooperation among students.


Recognizing that the Netherlands is a multicultural society and prisoners from other cultures are especially isolated, the Dutch prison library service attempts to provide materials in different languages. A network of centers of support responsible for specific languages and a computerized catalog help prison libraries serve varied prisoner needs.


Prison library programming has positively affected inmate rehabilitation by providing a venue for learning and literacy education. Describes programs where inmates read and performed operas and participated in essay contests. Highlights San Quentin's Fathers as Teachers: Helping, Encouraging, Reading, Supporting (FATHERS) program and Cook County Jail's Programmed Activities for Correctional Education (PACE).


Reports on the American Library Association (ALA) 1992 Annual Conference. Highlights include awards given; libraries' futures; bibliographic instruction; NREN (National Research and Education Network); telecommunications; lack of status in librarianship; proposed guidelines for patron behavior; interlibrary loan; the Americans with Disabilities Act; virtual libraries; serving prisoners; and interactive media.

Discusses the impact of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) on state prison libraries. Evaluations of the LSCA are reviewed; the effectiveness of the LSCA in the areas of library budgets, staff, and book collection size is considered; and recommendations for further research are suggested. Contains 22 references.


Argues that, in spite of the financial burden on local, state, and federal justice systems, prison libraries must be transformed from access-to-the-courts programs and emerge as community information and cultural centers that provide both electronic and book formats.


Describes the experiences of a librarian who assists with prison law library outreach for the Minneapolis State Law Library. Topics addressed include the importance of good reference interviews; legal reference versus legal advice; confidentiality; and the rewards of public service.


Describes the historical and present roles of the prison library, as well as the nature of the prison librarian position. Identifies and analyzes the obstacles confronting a prison librarian when selecting academic materials and making those materials accessible to prisoners.

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ERIC/EC Publishes Spring 2000 “Research Connections”

The ERIC/OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) Special Project at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education (ERIC/EC) recently published the Spring 2000 issue of “Research Connections,” its biannual, eight-page topical review of proven school-based research in special education.

This issue, “New Ideas for Planning Transitions to the Adult World,” will be posted soon on the ERIC/EC Web site at (http://ericc.org/osep-sp.htm).

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