

# CCF: County Corrections Facilities Library Jail Services

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## ***CCF Mission Statement***

*Santa Cruz Public Libraries, in partnership with The Sheriff's Department, are committed to delivering programs and services for educational and personal development, to promote reentry success, as well to ease stress caused by incarceration, leading to an enriched and safer environment for people who are incarcerated, jail staff, and all Santa Cruz County residents.*

# CCF: Where We Serve

- **SC Main Jail**
  - Average population 280
  - CCF serves approx 80 a month
- **Rountree Medium Facility**
  - Average population 27
  - CCF serves approx 20
- **Rehabilitation & Reentry Facility**
  - Average population 42
  - CCF serves approx 25
- **Blaine St. Women's Facility**
  - Temporarily closed
- **Juvenile Hall**
  - Average population 24
  - CCF serves approx 20



# CCF: Who We Serve

- Demographics of Jail Population\*
  - 4.8% Black
  - 35.1% Latino
  - 57.3% White
- Demographics of Juvenile Arrests\*
  - 3.2% Black
  - 66.9% Latino
  - 25.6% White
- SC County Demographics\*\*
  - 1.5% Black
  - 34% Latino
  - 87% White



\*California Department of Justice (2019). 2013-2018 OpenJustice.

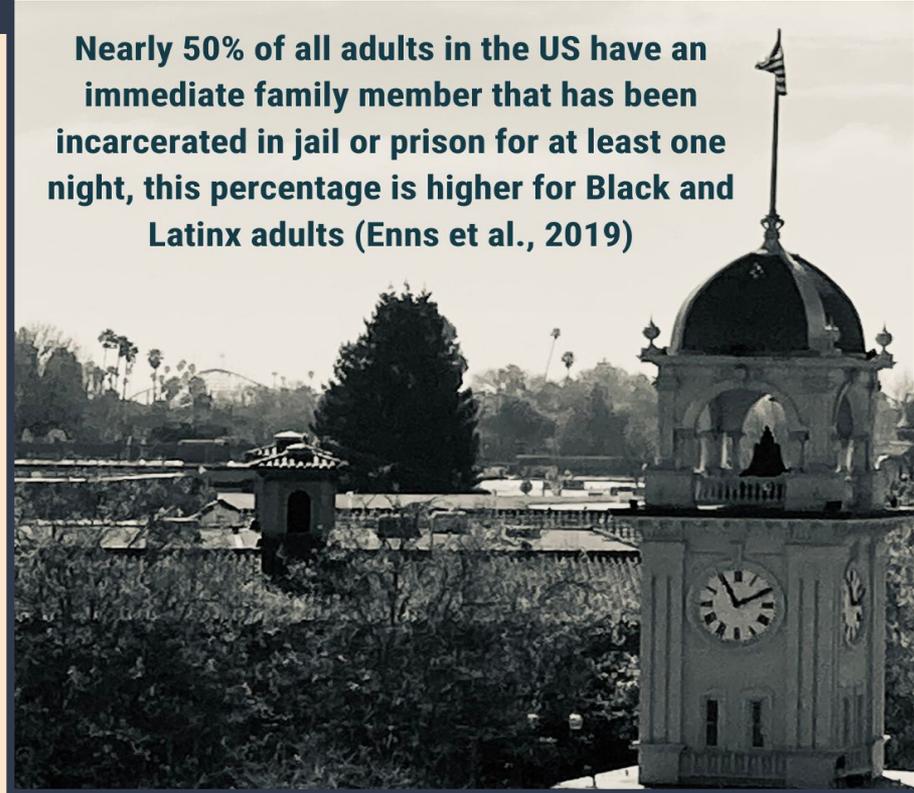
\*\*US Census, 2019

# CCF: Equity in action

## Library Services to People Who Are Incarcerated:

- Encourages a life-long relationship with the library, so that individuals & families may benefit from library services & programs throughout their lives after incarceration
- Promotes reentry success
- Eases the stress of incarceration
- Creates a positive relationship with the community
- Provides services to those who may not otherwise have access

**Nearly 50% of all adults in the US have an immediate family member that has been incarcerated in jail or prison for at least one night, this percentage is higher for Black and Latinx adults (Enns et al., 2019)**



# CCF: Team, managers, & volunteers

- Founders: Janis O'Driscoll & Sheriff Jim Hart
- Manager: Jessica Goodman
- CCF Lead: Jesse Silva
- People & Stories Coordinator: Susan Nilsson
- CCF Support Staff: Rachel McKay & Davis Banta
- Collection Management Services
- We love our Volunteers!!!!



Rachel McKay in the CCF office, photo by Kevin Painchaud

# CCF: Services & Programs

- **Services**

- Book delivery
- Register library accounts for all
- Fill general book requests

- **Programs**

- People & Stories
  - In-person
  - TeleClass
  - Distance Learning

## Library Services

*"I really appreciate your help with these book requests, it makes my time in jail much more manageable..."*

*"... thank you for the service you are providing in here it really helps my mental health and depression when I have books to read"*

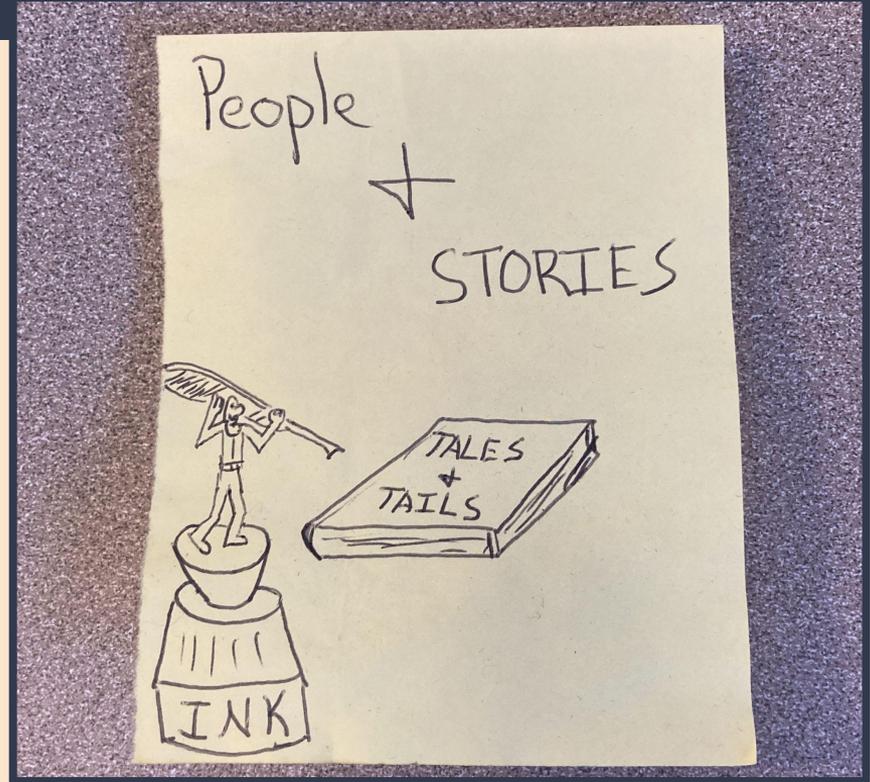
## People & Stories

*"This story made me feel appreciation for strong, meaningful words. I really loved the way she made a living for herself. I can only think how much self-worth or self-esteem that her honest words gave her"*

*"This was a great piece... The writing style is very complex and often required re-reading sections, as you would do with a poem. But I really enjoyed the challenge of this... I'm saving this one to read again"*

# CCF: People & Stories

- Introduces marginalized populations to relevant literature
  - Develops self-confidence, conflict resolution, & self-expression
  - Participants receive a MileStone certificate after 12 classes
- MileStones can be used to earn an earlier release



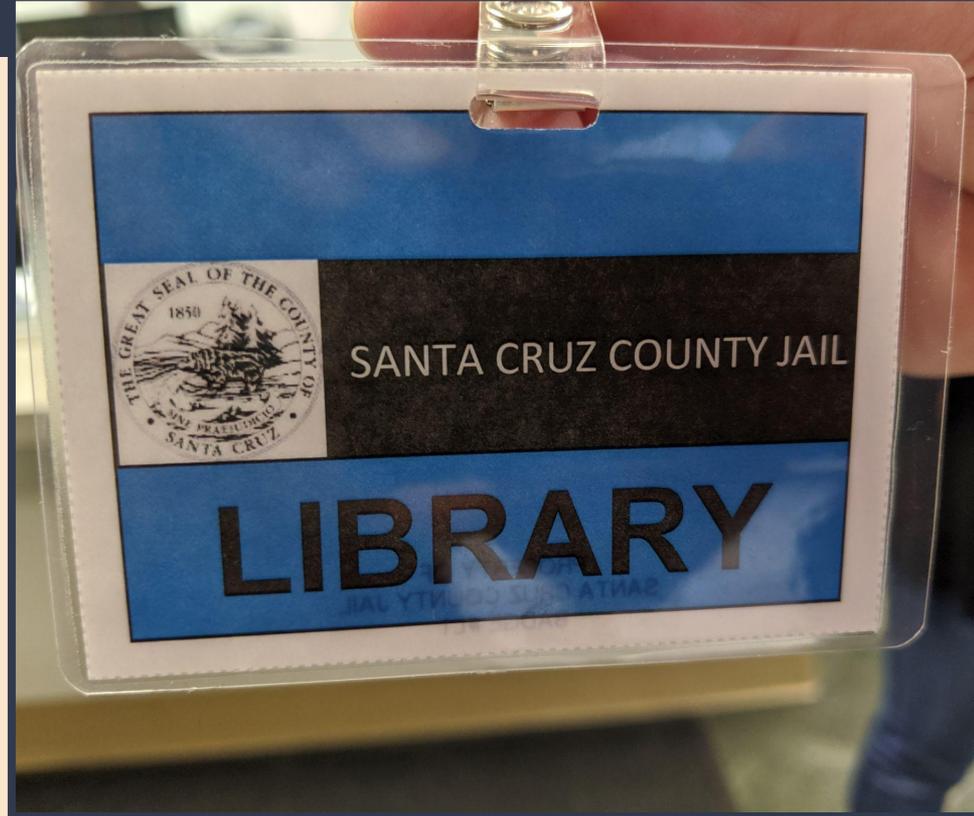
# CCF: Special collection of books

- Annual Budget of \$6000.00
  - Sheriff's contributes \$3000.00
  - SCPL contributes \$3000.00
- Collection Highlights
  - ~ 800 titles
  - ~ 200 Spanish language titles
  - ~ 600 English language titles
  - ~ 200 paperbacks for Juvenile Hall



# CCF: Planning for the future

- Juvenile Hall Programs
- Early Literacy Programs
- Strengthen Services for Decarcerated Populations



# CCF: Why we do this work

## ***Statement of Purpose***

*As a public library, it is our responsibility to provide library services to all. By actively engaging with and equitably serving people impacted by incarceration, library programs and services benefit not only those inside the jails, it also serves the community as a whole. The CCF Team provides access to information, education, and relevant resources through library programs and services to youth and adults incarcerated in Santa Cruz County and the cities within the county. We provide library account registration, library book lending, and People & Stories, a short story discussion group that brings relevant literature to those who may not otherwise have access.*

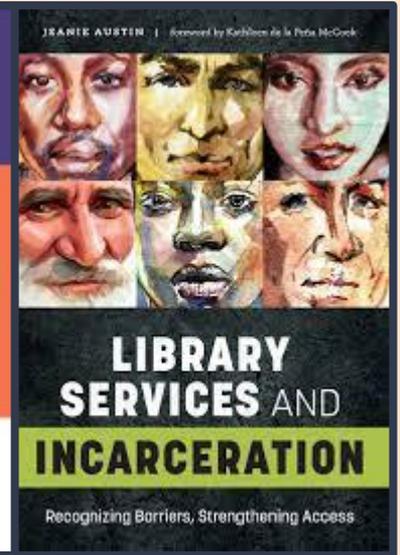
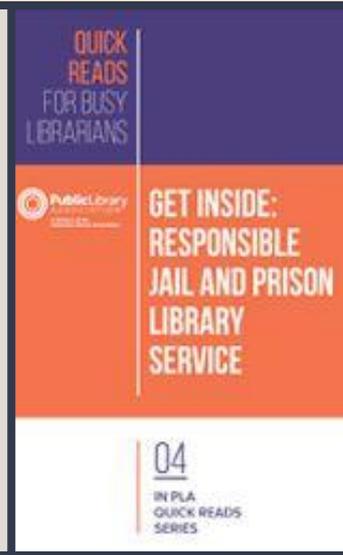
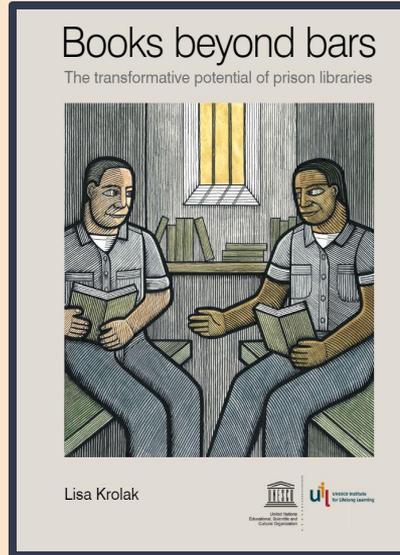


Solitary Garden, UC Santa Cruz

# CCF: Want to learn more?

- Recommended Reading

- ***Books Beyond Bars***, by Lisa Krolak
- ***Get Inside: Responsible Jail & Prison Library Service***, by Nick Higgins
- ***Library Services & Incarceration: Recognizing Barriers, Strengthening Access***, by Jeanie Austin



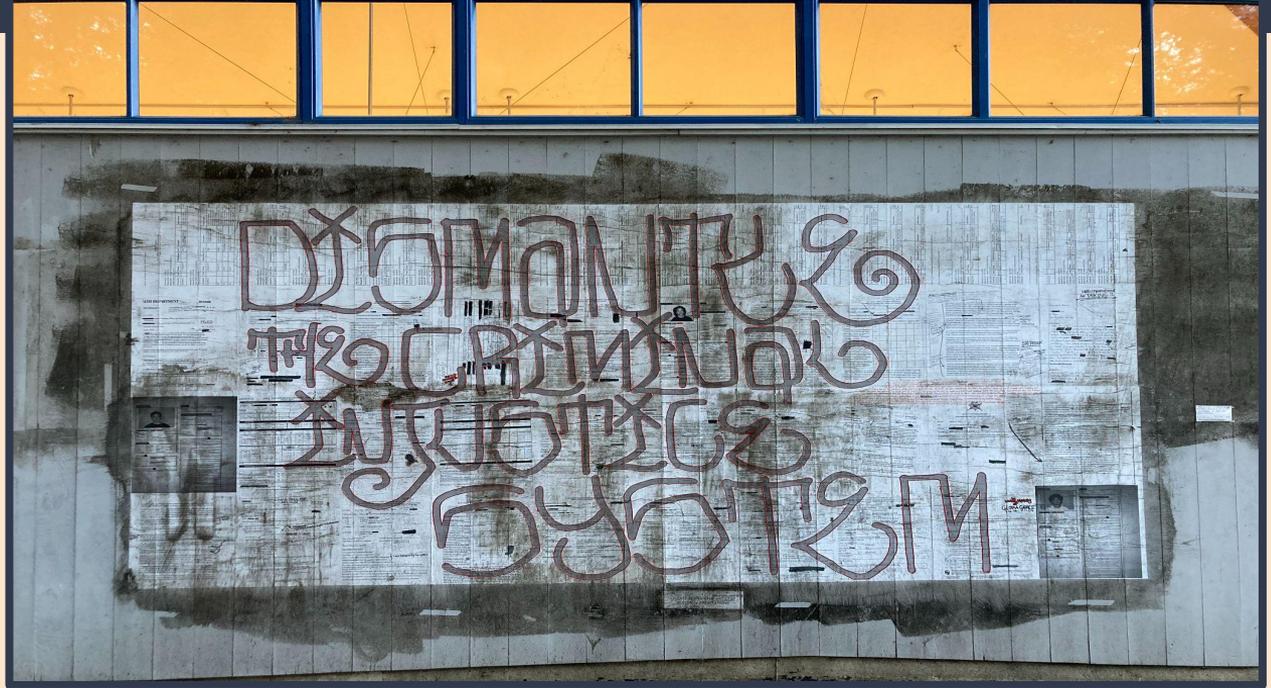
# CCF: Thank you

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