



CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY LIBRARIES
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YALSA SYMPOSIUM

**"Man, the library
will keep you
outta jail!"**

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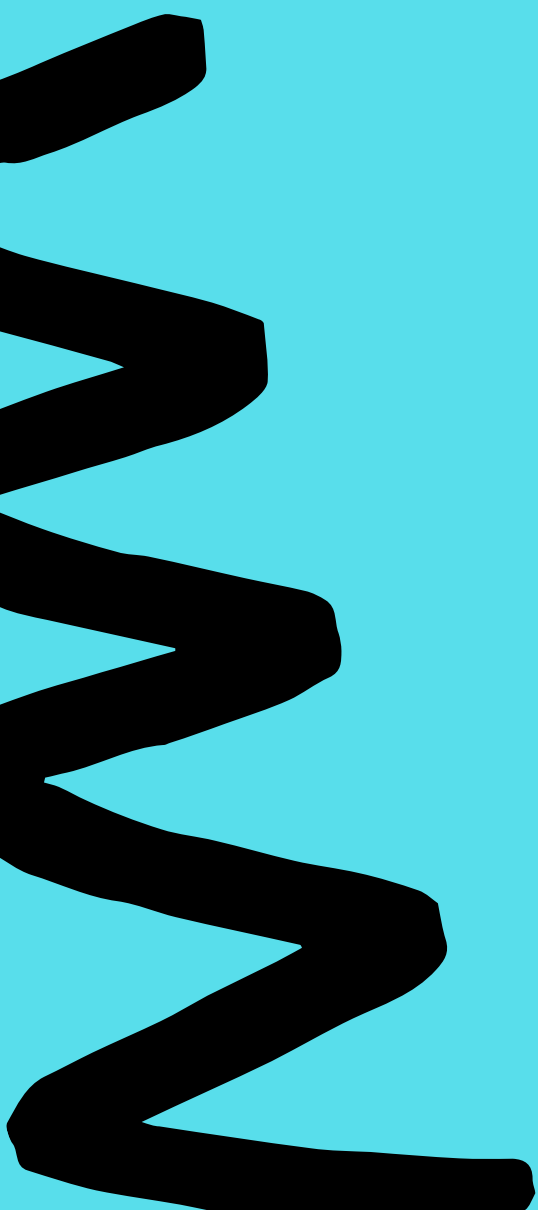
OBJECTIVES

BY THE END OF THIS
SESSION YOU WILL...

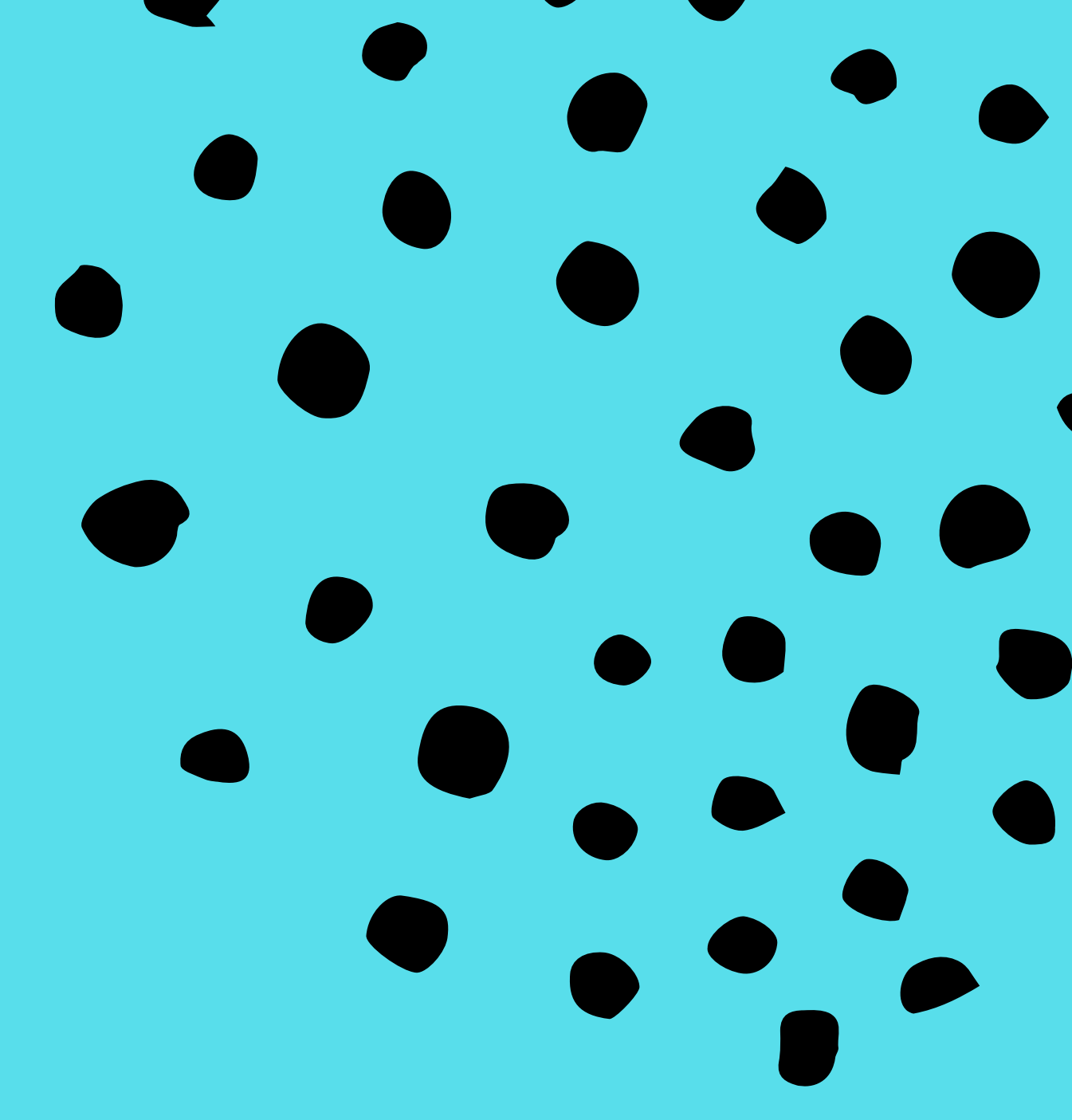
**Understand the
benefits &
challenges of
working with
incarcerated
youth.**

**Be aware of how
to balance your
expectations with
reality.**

**Find personal &
professional
outcomes to
establishing
these
partnerships**



Why Outreach @ Aaron Cohn RYDC?



- A desire to get involved in local juvenile justice/restorative justice.
- New outreach opportunity
- Grant required partnership with facility catering to marginalized youth

Short Term

Sentences are 30 days to a year.

Coed

Most of the offenders are male.

All Offense Levels

All offense levels are housed here and are not separated.

No Librarian

Despite having a media center, there is no librarian on staff. Books are donated. Offenders have low reading scores.

FAST FACTS



Expectations vs. Reality

High-Tech Programs

Only low-tech/no-tech options were allowed.

Access to pre-approved internet content

No response on approval requests.

Consistent communication

Email = less consistent
Phone calls = slightly more consistent

Consistent cohort

Each grant period had a core group by the end but a lot of turnover during.

Work hard for participation

While there were a few reluctant participants, we overall had teens excited to read and participate.

Work hard for credibility with the youth

We were as authentic and open as possible and the youth responded to this.

Summer 2018

"Q",
productive
discussions

TRHT Great
Stories Club
grants

Great teens,
noticeable
impact

Spring 2019

Female
participants,
facility issues

Summer 2019

The Impact

"Man, the library will keep you outta jail!" -- Youth during a classroom visit

"It gives them hope and a sense of normalcy and has built their confidence and morale."

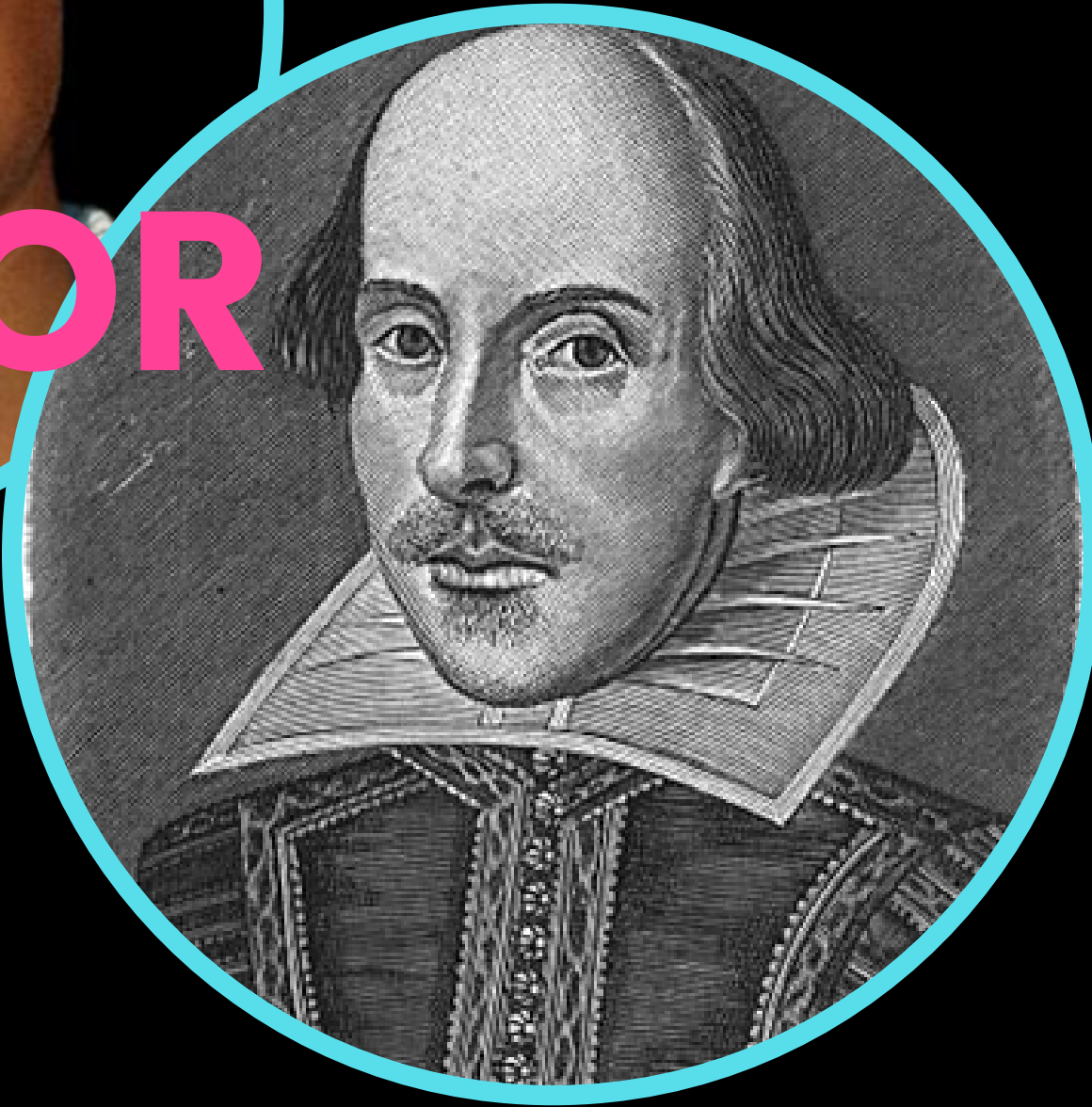
-- An Officer

"I thought reading books was boring. Now reading is fun. I read these books and now I'm reading all the books." -- Book club participant

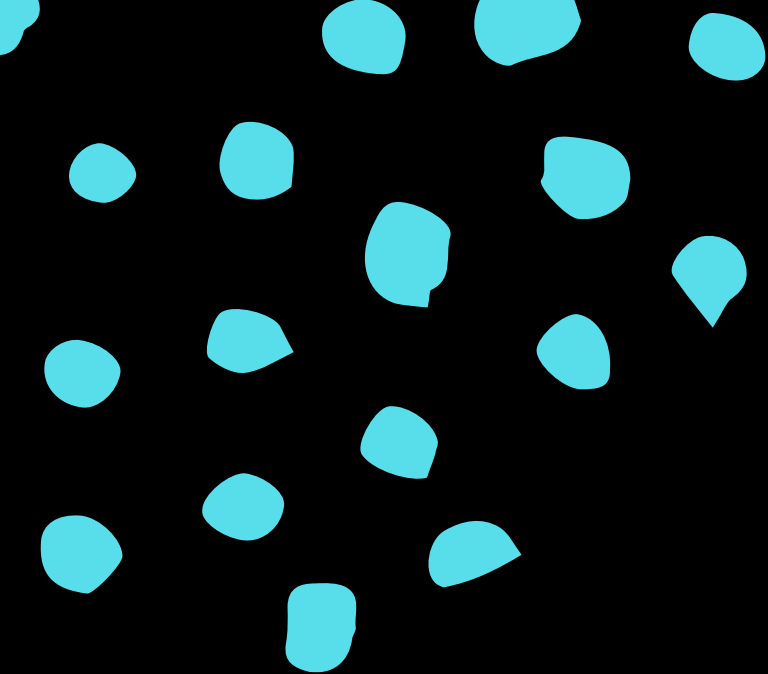
"I never really collaborated with anyone before. I got to work with and form a bond with the other guys." -- Book club participant



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*Adapted from a
BuzzFeed Quiz

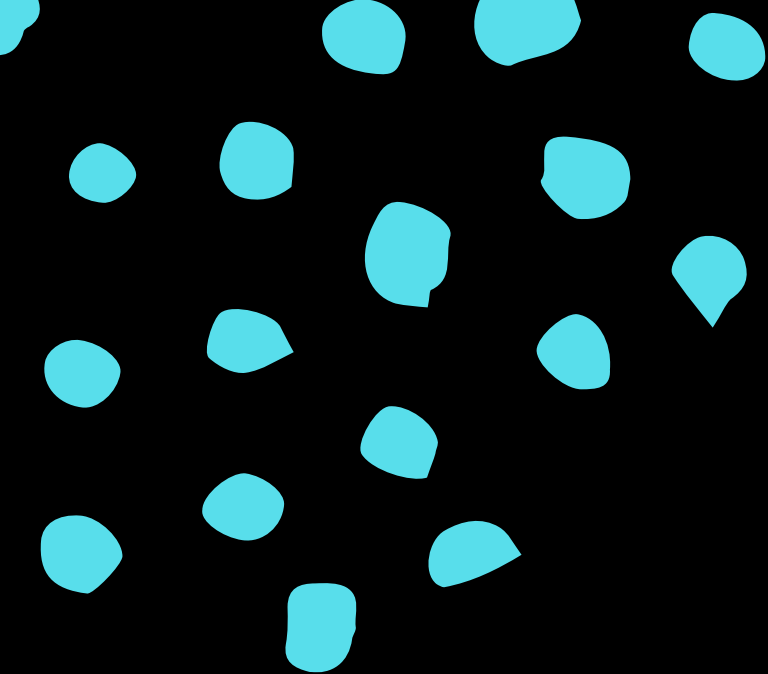


**"You cannot escape fate.
Just as you rose you shall fall
by my hands."**



Tupac

Words of Wisdom

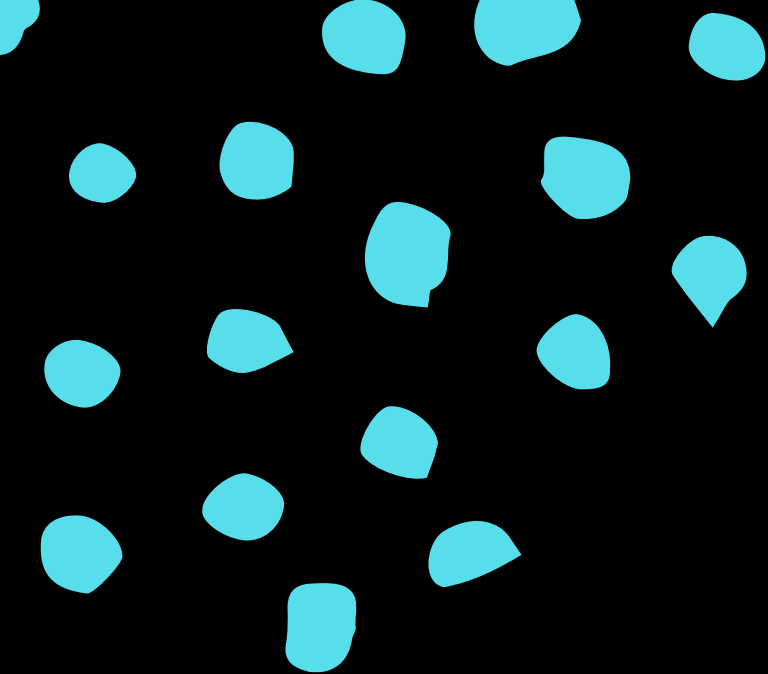


**"I exist in the depths of
solitude pondering my true
goal."**



Tupac

Depths of Solitude

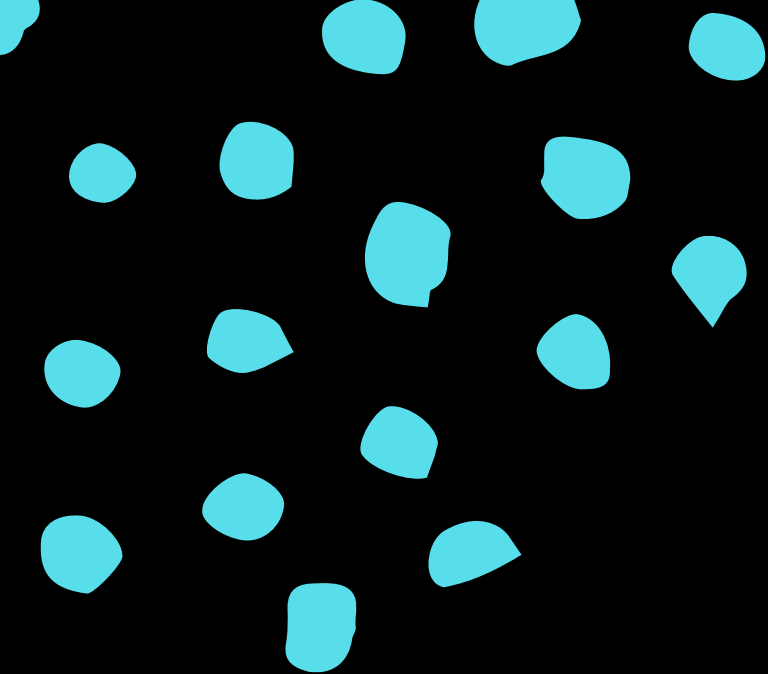


**"Love is too young to know
what conscience is."**



Shakespeare

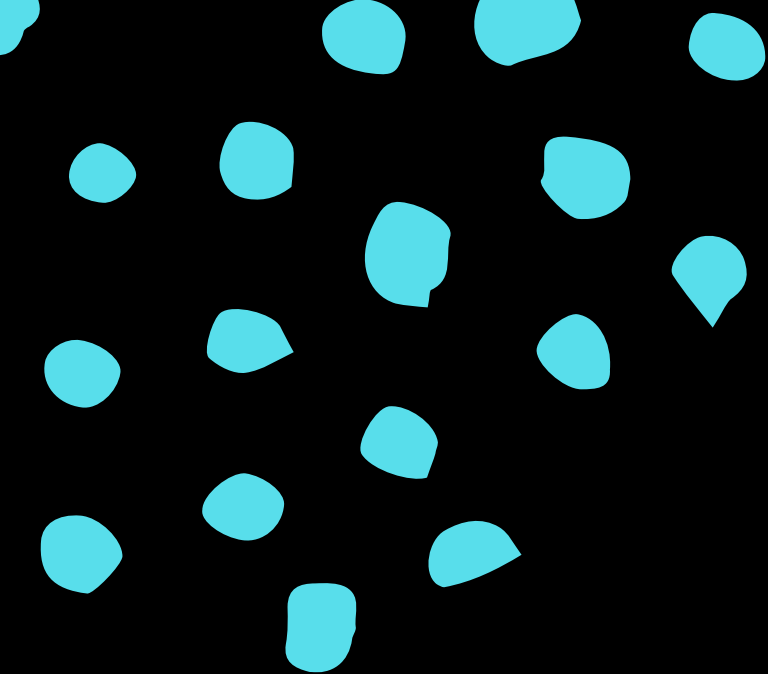
Sonnet 151



**"A coward dies a thousand
times, a soldier dies but
once."**



Tupac
If I Die 2nite
(References Julius Caesar)



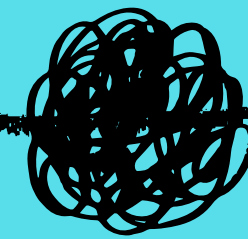
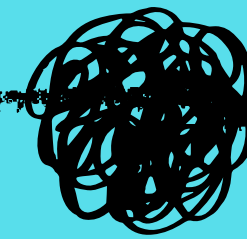
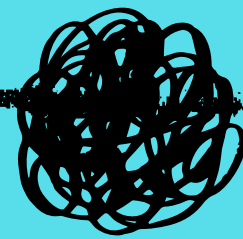
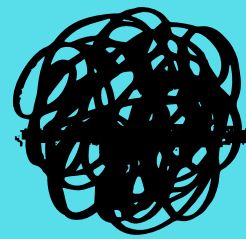
**"We know what we are, but
know not what we may be."**



Shakespeare

Hamlet, Act 4, Scene 5

What Comes Next



Collaborate with DJJ Regional Volunteer Coordinator

Expand to multiple campuses including the Education Transition Center.

Aaron Cohn RYDC

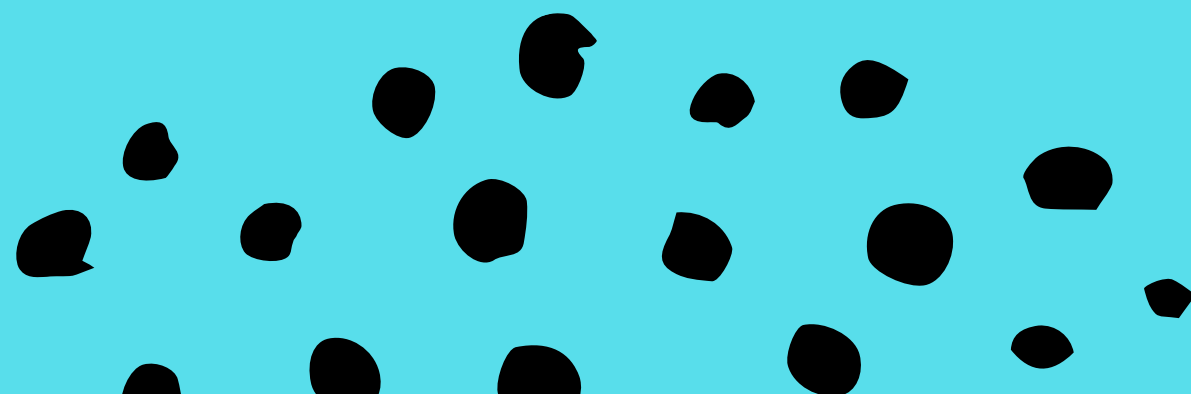
Reformat our outreach approach to better suit their needs along with ours.

Expand to MYDC

Build a relationship and establish a book club.

Influence in Teen Dept.

Researching and implementing restorative justice approaches to behavioral issues.





Deposit Collection

**Books
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Books**

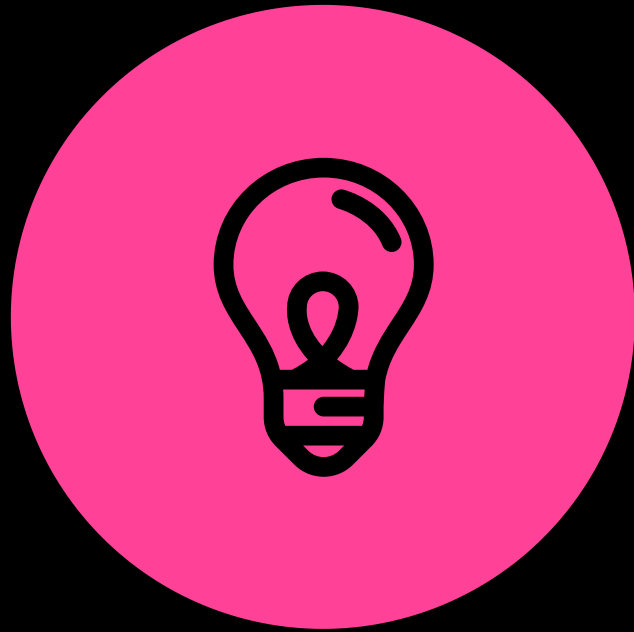


What About You?

HOW CAN YOU AND
YOUR LIBRARY GET
INVOLVED?



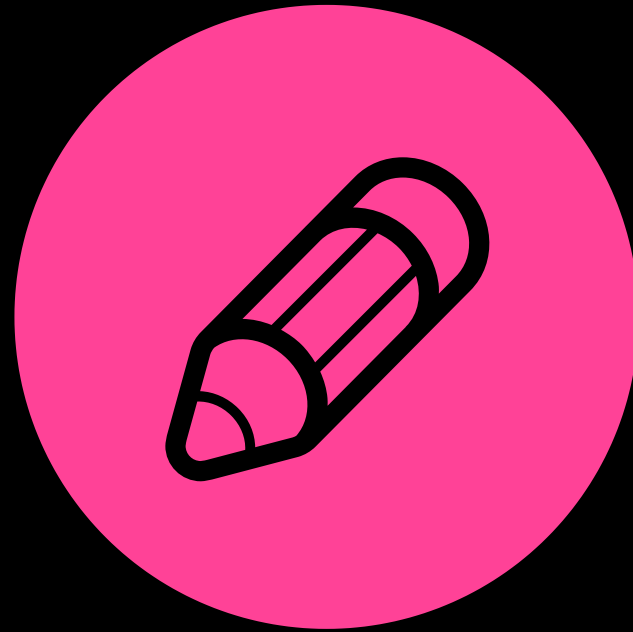
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Brainstorm



Just Do It.



Jot it Down

PARTING WORDS

**GO. TAKE A CHANCE. JUST
DO IT LIKE NIKE.**

R. W.



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