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## Correctional Education Association - Wisconsin

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### WRC Library Honored as Wisconsin Library of the Year

The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) honored its 2014 award winners at a reception at its WLA Annual Library Conference. The event was held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The WLA Awards and Honors Committee recognized winners of the Library of the Year, Librarian of the Year, Trustee of the Year, Citation of Merit and the Muriel Fuller Awards.

The Library of the Year is presented to any type of Wisconsin library, library system or library network for distinguished achievement in service. This year's Library of the Year Award was presented to the Wisconsin Resource Center Library in Winnebago for its distinguished achievement in library services. Sara Krouse is the managing librarian and Libby Kraft and Becky Schultz are assistant librarians.

The Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. WRC is a secure treatment center that provides specialized mental health care for 344 male inmates and 41 female inmates transferred from the DOC Division of Adult Institution prisons.

In addition to the Library of the Year Award, WLA also recognized the following award winners:

- The Librarian of the Year is chosen for outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service. This year's Librarian of the Year is Tessa Michaelson Schmidt who works for the Public Library Development Team with the Department of Public Instruction.
- This year's WLA Citation of Merit is given to Al Buechel, Fond du Lac County Executive, for his exceptional support of libraries as a public official.
- The Trustee of the Year is Cari Schaeffer for being a "one of a kind" volunteer from Schreiner Memorial Library in Lancaster.
- Muriel Fuller was a mentor and inspiration for Wisconsin Libraries. The award named in her honor goes to Martha Gammons, Public Relations Coordinator, for her outstanding accomplishments, which have significantly improved and benefited library services for the Arrowhead Library System.

taken from WLA Blog, [www.wisconsinlibraries.org](http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org)

# Two New Education Directors Named

The role of Education Director within the institution is a crucial component of the overall program services provided to inmates in DOC custody. Education is a vital factor to productive participation in treatment programs as well as work assignments and serves as the cornerstone in a strong foundation for successful reintegration back to the community upon release. The Education Director is responsible to provide effective oversight and leadership to the education department team.

To fill these important roles, DOC Secretary Ed Wall is pleased to announce the appointment of new Education Directors at two institutions.

## Chad Cline - Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution

On November 30, 2014, Chad Cline was appointed Education Director at Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution. Chad has worked at PDCI since 2006 as a vocational teacher and has also held positions in the private sector.

Chad has a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology Management from University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a Master of Science in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Chad is a Pearson Vue Certified GED Examiner and a Member of the Crisis Negotiating Team to name a few of his other roles at PDCI.

## Emily Propson - Jackson Correctional Institution

On December 14, 2014, Emily Propson was appointed Education Director at Jackson Correctional Institution. Emily comes to JCI from Wisconsin Women’s Resource Center where she was an Adult Education Teacher. Before working at the Resource Center, Emily worked at Waupun Correctional Institution as a Communications Teacher, Fox Lake Correctional Institution as an Adult Basic Education Teacher, and Oshkosh Correctional Institution in Education and Reentry as an intern.

Emily has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, Broad-Field Social Science from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and a Masters Degree in Administrative Leadership, Adult & Continuing Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Emily is a certified trainer of Thinking for a Change and a member of the DOC Cross Divisional Team for Cognitive Based Programs.

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# Correctional Education Association 2015 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 **February 1, 2015**.

## 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 and Training Day at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club on May 4-5, 2015. 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 70th Correctional Education Association International Conference & Training Event to be held at the Hyatt Hotel Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia on July 12-15, 2015.

**HURRY!!!** Phone, fax, or mail your nomination by **February 1, 2015** to:

**Margaret Done**  
**CEA-W Awards & Recognition Committee**  
**Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility**  
**P.O. Box 05740**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53233-05740**  
**Phone: 414-212-3535**  
**Email: [margaret.done@wisconsin.gov](mailto:margaret.done@wisconsin.gov)**

# Shaking Things Up: New Tools for Reentry

Coming home from prison is no easy feat. Each person will experience a variety of challenges and encounter unique hurdles. Reentry preparation can include obtaining a GED; writing resumes, honing skills and getting ready for work; finding identification, shelter, clothes, food and transportation; preparing to reintegrate with family and friends, and much more. There is no 'guide book' nor are there 'best practices' to ensure success.

Making things even more difficult, reentry resources, workshops and strategies vary greatly among institutions and few reentry resources are available to all inmates, nationwide. Fair Shake is one of these resources.



FCI Ray Brook Reentry Affairs Coordinator Sue Kieffer and Fair Shake Director Sue Kastensen work with FCI Ray Brook inmates to build a reentry curriculum around the Fair Shake's Reentry Packet

Fair Shake is a national reentry tech-based resource center which – like a virtual hardware store – offers free tools, materials and information to support people who want to build bridges of trust, engagement and success. In the web-based resource center ([www.fairshake.net](http://www.fairshake.net)), visitors will find a Resource Directory filled with 15,000 entries plus resource guides from around the country; they will be able to learn to use computers, prepare for employment and connect to education. They will have access to the Reentry Packet and the free office-in-the-clouds for Fair Shake members. Visitors will also be able to learn to understand other reentry stakeholders such as employers, family members and the greater community. All this – and much more – is useful for the formerly incarcerated, but what about the hundreds of thousands of people who prepare to go home each year?

To ensure a variety of information is available to inmates in any institution – prison or jail – Fair Shake has created software that behaves almost exactly like their website except for one important detail: the 15,000 links are not connected to the internet. Even with this loss, software users are able to access the full Resource Directory to find addresses and phone numbers. They are able to print any or all of the Reentry Packet, they can learn how to use a mouse, create files and folders to hold their resume, and develop the computer skills necessary to take the GED. They can learn about the Personal Web Page, the incredible opportunities available on the Educate Yourself page and see the links to the career websites that will have the most up-to-date information regarding careers and job openings once they are released. Presently the 1 GB software is ready for stand-alone computers, but the organization hopes to have the thin-zero-client software version available in early 2015.

For the institutions that are not ready to utilize the software, Fair Shake offers an 88 page Reentry Packet, which contains a variety of information addressed in the software and on the website. Creative and industrious inmates in a number of institutions have built a reentry curriculum around the Reentry Packet. One of these groups is the Ray Brook Reentry Initiative in Ray Brook, New York, Fair Shake is now collaborating with the group to create worksheets and discussion questions to post on the website and send out with packets.

An inmate at FCI Oxford, who used the packet to create curriculum, shared the following comment:

*Each member of our class was able to successfully develop a personal Roadmap to Reentry (an individual reentry plan) by incorporating the tools and information in the Fair Shake Reentry Packet! It addressed so many of the concerns that men had as they sought to successfully transition as contributing assets to their families, communities and employers.*

Fair Shake is now working on a Reentry Kit that staff and inmates can use as a base to create their unique reentry classes. The kit will include up to 30 Reentry Packets, worksheets and discussion questions, short videos for each of the classes as well as a PowerPoint and a copy of the software (with no installation limit).

If you would like to check out the Computer Basics tutorial, the Resource Directory or a Reentry Packet, please visit [www.fairshake.net](http://www.fairshake.net). For a brief introduction to the features of our website or to share your vision of successful reentry, call Kristen or Sue: 608-634-6363, or send them an email: [information@fairshake.net](mailto:information@fairshake.net).

## 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 Region III CEA Conference, the 70th 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:

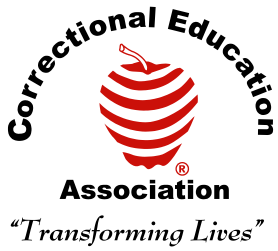
- ❖ Title of presentation
- ❖ Intended audience
- ❖ Presentation description (200 words or less)

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 February 1, 2015. Submit your proposal to:

**Holly Audley, Office of Secretary Reentry Unit-EBP Manager  
CEA-Wisconsin Awards & Recognition Committee  
3099 East Washington Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704  
Phone: 608-240-5022  
Email: [holly.audley@wisconsin.gov](mailto:holly.audley@wisconsin.gov)**



# Call for Presentations

**Region III & IV CEA Conference & Training Day  
 May 4-5, 2015  
 Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club,  
 Madison, Wisconsin**

The Wisconsin Chapter of CEA will be hosting the Region III & IV CEA Conference & Training Day on May 4-5, 2015. 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!

Possible workshop topics may include: vocational education, basic literacy instruction, HSED/GED preparation, math instruction, financial literacy, special education, juvenile programming, county jail programming, library services, technology in the classroom, professional development, and other areas.

Sessions will last 75 minutes. You are responsible for providing all materials and of handouts needed for your session. Due to incompatibilities of hardware/software, you must provide a computer, if needed, for your presentation. We will provide screens, LCD projectors and flipcharts.

## **Deadline for proposal submission: February 1, 2015**

You will be notified by March 1, 2015, if your presentation is selected.

### Mail proposals to:

**Peggy Meyers, Education Director-ABE  
 Wisconsin Technical College System  
 Office of Student Development & Assessment  
 4622 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53707**

### or e-mail to:

[peggy.meyers@wtcsystem.edu](mailto:peggy.meyers@wtcsystem.edu)

### or fax to:

**608-266-1690**

### Workshop title: (12 words or less)

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### Workshop description: (65 words or less)

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### Intended/Targeted Audience: (Check all that apply)

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| <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:**

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**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.

<p><b>1. Name of Presenter:</b> _____ <b>Title:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Agency:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Agency Address:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Telephone: (Day)</b> _____ <b>(Evening)</b> _____</p> <p><b>E-mail Address:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Biographical Data:</b> _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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# Project Blake Brings Art to Incarcerated Teens

Every Thursday afternoon at 2:00, the Secure Detention classroom at the Fond du Lac County Jail turns into an art studio. Students put their class work away and become sketchers, artists, painters, creators.

“Makes you feel like you’re not in jail,” says a student preparing to color a drawing that looks like a starburst.

“It’s something to do that’s different — it’s fun and you don’t have to go to lockdown,” says another juvenile.

Project Blake, as the art program was later called, started in Secure in late summer 2011 and continued after Beata Lieders, founder of the program, lost her son, Blake, in a drowning accident in June 2012.

“Though a large part of my heart was gone and broken, “Lieders says on her Project Blake Facebook page, “I pressed on because Blake loved art and the freedom art gave him. Blake enjoyed helping others and had a very gentle spirit. I want to live in those shoes.”

Project Blake lives not only in Secure, but also in an Open Art Studio held once a week for teens and young people at Marian University in Fond du Lac. Some of the Open Studio attendees are former Secure inmates and some are even court-ordered to attend the Studio.

Projects that Secure students have worked on include: basket weaving, jewelry making, leather crafting, acrylic painting, creating survival bracelets, and making bowls and other sculptures from clay.

Some things that stand out as positives for Lieders include the fact that some Secure students have made a choice to change through their experience with art.

“Hey, I can do this. I can do this instead of smoking dope,” she says teen inmates have told her.

“It’s about being a positive mentor for the kids,” she says, adding that she envisions making Project Blake a nationwide art program for troubled kids. Funding for the program has come yearly though Elks National Foundation Impact Grants since 2012.

Lieders says that she is also interested in starting a similar program in other Secure Detention facilities in Wisconsin.

Summing it up, “When I do art,” another student said, “I feel the ability to be heard.”

If you are interested in discussing how to start a program similar to Project Blake at your facility, you may contact Beata at 920-979-0999 or [beata.lieders@gmail.com](mailto:beata.lieders@gmail.com).

by: Ken Holehouse, former volunteer  
Fond du Lac County Jail

**Learn All About CEA-Wisconsin at:**  
**[www.ceawisconsin.org](http://www.ceawisconsin.org)**



# Call for Nominations

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

- ✓ **Juvenile Facilities Member**
- ✓ **Local Education Agency Member**
- ✓ **Jail/Detention Center Member**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**
- ✓ **Member-At-Large**

Any CEA-Wisconsin member is eligible to run for office. All officers and board members serve two-year terms. Nominations are to be sent to:

**Peggy Meyers, Education Director-ABE**  
**Wisconsin Technical College System**  
**Office of Student Development & Assessment**  
**4622 University Avenue, Madison, WI 53707**  
**Phone: 608-267-9684**  
**Email: [peggy.meyers@wtcsystem.edu](mailto:peggy.meyers@wtcsystem.edu)**

Nominations must be received by **March 1, 2015**. Newly elected members will assume their offices at the May 2015 Executive Board Meeting.

## Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project

Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project sends books to prisoners in the state of Wisconsin free of charge. The Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project believes that books are tools for learning and can help open minds to new ideas and fresh possibilities. By sending books to those in prison, they hope to foster a love of reading and encourage the pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement.

The Wisconsin Books to Prisoners Project is now accepting book donations. Please contact them at 608-257-6050 or visit their website: [www.rainbowbookstore.org/b2p](http://www.rainbowbookstore.org/b2p).

For further information and a brochure on how to order books contact:

**Wisconsin Books to Prisoners**  
**Rainbow Bookstore**  
**426 West Gilmore Street**  
**Madison, WI 53703**

## Mark Your Calendar

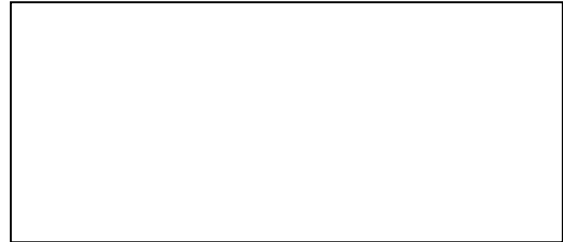
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**Madison, WI**

**Sharon Neemann, CEA-W Secretary**  
**Wisconsin Resource Center**  
**P.O. Box 16**  
**Winnebago, WI 54985**



## President's Message

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."  
— John F. Kennedy

Your CEA-W Board of Directors is working hard to plan an amazing two-day Region III & IV CEA Conference and Training Day. For a conference to be successful, leadership and learning must come together. In order to encourage your leadership to submit a workshop proposal, the board has doubled the showcase award to \$500. You'll note that the deadlines for the award and for regional conference proposal are the same – February 1, 2015. We all know that great things happen in our classrooms, and we encourage you to share!

Speaking of sharing – I hope that you'll have many chances to share with family and friends the spirit of this holiday season.

*Laura*  
[lreisinger@lvcv.org](mailto:lreisinger@lvcv.org)

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