

INSIDE OUT



FVRL ROBOTICS

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has become such a valuable partner in working with the youth in detention. In addition to weekly book deliveries and story discussions, they've now come in and run a robotics course. Students learned how to manipulate an Arduino-based robot bug (named Wink) by using basic C language programming. During the process there was great focus given to problem solving, math skills, and paying attention to detail. It required the students to keep their attention on the tasks for a prolonged period of time. After learning the basics of coding they were able figure out ways to make Wink move, blink his eyes, and even spin in circles.



Oftentimes youth who enter our facility haven't had a lot of success in their educational experiences.

They find sitting in classroom difficult, participating out of their comfort zone and understanding the material a true undertaking. The great thing about this opportunity was that for all of these students, they were able to really shine. For most, they got to excel in ways they didn't even know they were capable of.

When asked for feedback, youth responded that it was a positive experience. It made them feel smart. It was motivating and encouraging. It was a way to bring people out of their shells. It gave them time to work together. They'd love to take more classes like this when they get out. It was frustrating at the beginning, but it became easier. One youth said specifically, "I'm not even in to that sort of stuff, but I really enjoyed myself and learned a lot."



As a teacher in our detention facility for over five years now, I know the more new learning experiences we can give these young people the better. The more chances they have to grow self-esteem and take safe risks, the more we can see their own self-value and confidence grow. I always think about the skills, both academic and personal, I want my own children to have and I try to create a classroom that fosters this growth.

DETENTION SCHOOL BREAK AUGUST 8TH - SEPTEMBER 4TH



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM ALL OF OUR
PET LOVING DETENTION OFFICERS:

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR FURRY
FRIENDS DURING THE FESTIVITIES.**



**WE WANT TO THANK KATY
EVERSON AND MIRANDA
SANCHEZ OF DIVERS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
FOR THEIR PRESENTATION
INTO THE ADVENTUROUS
CAREER OF COMMERCIAL
DIVING. THE INFORMATION
PROVIDED WAS A GOOD EYE
OPENER INTO THE WORLD OF
TRADE SCHOOLS; A GREAT
OPTION FOR THE YOUTH WE
SERVE.**

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DETENTION OFFICER OF THE TRIMESTER

Brandon Anderson was voted by his peers and awarded the D.O. of the trimester for his "Excellence in Programming".

"Brandon has put together several structured programming groups that are exceptional. His energy in presenting them keeps the youth engaged." A. DO

Groups of note:

- Auto Maintenance
- Good Samaritism and Random Acts of Kindness
- 4 Steps to Getting a Job
- The Value of Education

CORRECTIONS CIT

In May, Detention Officers Dan Eierdam and Zach Long completed the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training that was sponsored by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. CIT is a national mental health crisis response training for law enforcement. Twenty one corrections officers represented several agencies from throughout the state; including another juvenile officer from Clallam County. This training is intended to improve safety for corrections staff and inmates, to reduce the number of crisis situations, and to help agencies mitigate risk.

During the training, Dan and Zach were given information that is now available for all officers to access. It's important to identify tools our staff can collectively use to uphold our main goals of safety and security.

Topics included:

- ◆ Suicide Risk Assessment
- ◆ Anger, Rage & Violence
- ◆ Complex Trauma/Behavior
- ◆ Substance Abuse
- ◆ Interpersonal Communication
- ◆ Officer Self-Care

