

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

August 2022

Bookcase Upgrade

Each year we receive funds from a Title I educational grant, which is awarded by the Ohio Department of Education. Due to the number of book donations we have received over the last several years, our current metal shelving units were unable to hold all of our books, and many of the units were in disrepair from routine wear and tear over the years. Any guesses on how many books are currently housed in our library? ***More than 3500!!!***

With the grant we were able to upgrade to custom-made wooden bookshelves created by Bucks Remodeling, which is located right here in Medina County. Mr. Mike Buck visited our facility, took measurements and created all of the shelving units in his workshop. Once they were completed, he transported and installed them in our library area. Mike and his guys did a fantastic job and we could not be happier with this transformation. (www.bucksremodelingllc.com)

While they are not pictured, we especially thank our mental health clinicians, Alexis Lee and Lauren Rohal, for organizing the books and placing them on the new shelves!



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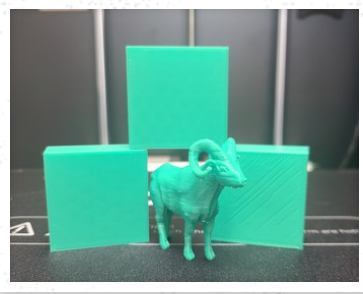
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AFTER!!



Exciting Teaser!

Over the course of this summer, we have been reconstructing a previous space in our building known as our "computer lab" into an up and coming inspirational space. Our youth will be able to push their education further while with us than they ever have before. They will have the opportunity to use their imaginations and learn new skills that will be useful long after they become adults. What might this space be, you ask? Three hints.... technology, virtual, and 3D! We look forward to sharing more with you next month!!

Annual Art Experience

Normally at this time of year we would excitedly be anticipating our annual Art Experience, however; we are sad to share that we will not be holding this event this year. We have not been exempt from the staffing challenges that have become so common these days, and because of this we were able to create only a small amount of art. We will continue to do our best to bring this event back next year!



Words From an Intern

We had a Criminal Justice major from Baldwin Wallace University, Taylor Prechtel, join us for an internship recently. Taylor told us several times how much she enjoyed spending time with us, and even extended her internship to learn and experience more!

"Over the course of this summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to intern at the MCJDC. While there, I was able to learn and experience things that a classroom alone cannot teach students. I had many wonderful learning opportunities; it is hard to talk about them all. My biggest takeaways from my internship were how detail-oriented all documentation pertaining to residents has to be and how the structure and routine of the day can be beneficial in assisting some of the residents to put themselves on a better path when they are released. Classes prep you to a certain point on how to document what is seen and what one may encounter on the job, but not to the extent of what is needed in this field. This opportunity showed me how in-depth reports are to be and I have translated that mentality to my own writing.

This experience opened a door of criminal justice I did not even think I would consider at the beginning of the internship. I have always thought about just the law enforcement aspect of the field, but this opportunity showed me that I enjoy juvenile corrections. Without this opportunity, I would have never considered corrections, let alone juvenile corrections and I would still only be considering the law enforcement aspect of the field. I want to thank Superintendent Stollar and Assistant Superintendent Millikin for giving me the opportunity to

be a summer intern and to the officers I worked with, thank you for making it a fun and enjoyable learning opportunity."

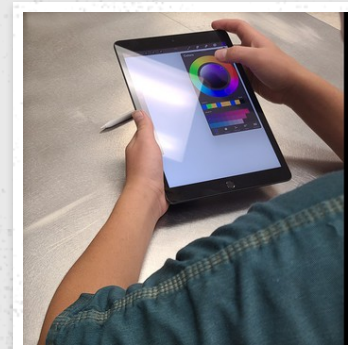
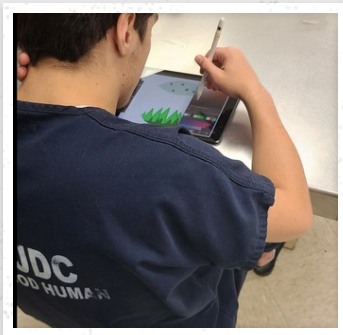
- Taylor Prechtel

Welcoming Digital Art

This August one of our partners, Access the Arts (ATA), teamed up with Alex Hitch to bring us Digital Art! Alex is currently attending Full Sail University for a bachelor's degree in graphic design. He has been working with Cliffside Artist Collaborative, located in Hinkley, Ohio, for the last 5 years and more recently as a digital art instructor. Alex enjoys pursuing the art and sharing his experience with anyone willing to learn.



Thanks to a grant ATA received, they were able to supply us with ten iPads and ten iPad pencils. During each session Alex uses a program called Procreate, to teach the youth the different features allowing them to create their own piece of art work. He also utilizes tutorial videos to give the youth reference points and ideas of the possibilities they can create. Alex is patient and gives one-on-one attention to each youth to help with any questions they may have. We look forward to future sessions and seeing what our youth will create next. Thank you to ATA and Alex for taking the time to visit us and give our youth new skills to use in their futures. (www.accessthearts.net)



Remembering a Friend

We remember a dear friend this week, Sheriff Neil F. Hassinger, who passed away on Sunday, August 28th. Sheriff Hassinger was Medina County's sheriff for 16 years following a full career with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. He retired from Medina County in 2012. Sheriff Hassinger was a pleasure to work with, and was always a consummate professional who cared deeply about serving the public who elected him to office. We will always remember how supportive of our mission he was, how he frequently offered assistance to us, and benefiting from his expertise. We will miss him always.



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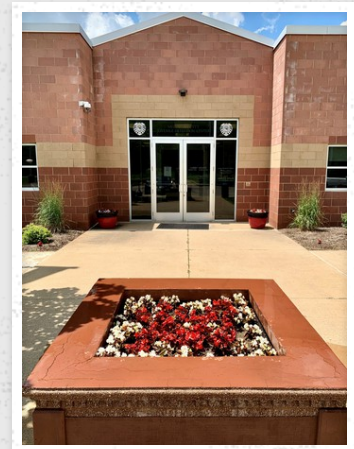
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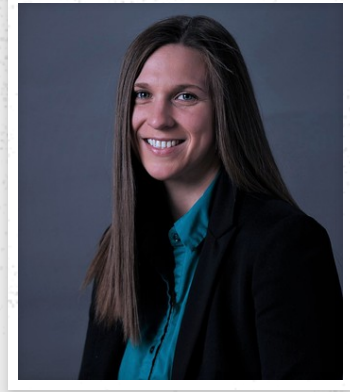




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**Ron Stollar;
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;
Assistant
Superintendent**

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