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[New On the Library Shelves](#)

Reentry Today: Programs, Problems, & Solutions is a 2006 publication from the American Correctional Association that concentrates on the topic of offender reentry to the community. This volume brings together chapters written by various experts on the topic and presents various views and perspectives; the book targets practitioners, community leaders, researchers, and students. While no one strategy or program will work for every ex-offender, there are a variety of programs and recommendations offered in this body of articles and research. From mental health reentry programs to “step down” programs to culinary job training, there are a wealth of strategies employed across the country to offer ex-offenders the best shot at successful reentry into the “real” world. The “Sweet Release” Bakery Job Training Program is part of the Montgomery County Correctional Facilities plan to reduce ex-offender recidivism by teaching how to get and keep a job in the baking/food service industry after release from prison. This book offers much food for thought concerning this serious concern within corrections. **(364.8 REE)**

Leading at a Higher Level: Blanchard on Leadership and Creating High Performing Organizations by The Founding Associates and Consulting Partners of The Ken Blanchard Companies

Known for his trademark “One Minute Manager” wisdom, Blanchard and his company’s associates present a wealth of information about leadership excellence. They provide advice and insights culled from over 25 years of work with people and organizations and chapters focus on establishing the right vision for the organization, on the provision of high-level customer service, the importance of empowerment, on various aspects of the “One Minute Manager,” and several other key ideas and principles. The final chapters talk about core values and the importance of

identifying those as a means of setting an example for staff.

The table of contents provides substantial detail on the material covered within each to make it easy for the reader to zero in on exactly the section to explore. **(658.4 BLA)**

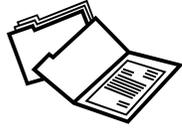
[Fun Reading](#)



Thanks to the generosity of Susan Hansen, our [Fun Reading](#) section has more than doubled. There are books by James Patterson, Dean Koontz, Patricia Cornwell, Jonathan Kellerman, and several others. This section of the library is a great place to stop for some enjoyable summer reading, whether it’s for the warm, sultry weekends ahead or for those summer evenings when you just want to relax with a good book more than anything else!

[Vertical File](#)

As promised in a previous newsletter, the vertical file is now in the process of being weeded. Much out-of-date material is being discarded and still-relevant materials are being incorporated into our Reports Index.



[These Just In](#)

HIV in Prisons 2004, a Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin, recently arrived in the library. It is available for your perusal on the shelves that contain the latest issues of received magazines, along the center aisle.

For anyone who might be interested, the Howard County Police Department Annual Report 2006 is now available for perusal. This report has been added to our **Reports Index** which can be accessed on the shared drive. Please let me know if you would like to take a look at this report.

Another recent acquisition to our collection is Practical Spanish for Law Enforcement by Louis Savelli, one of the Pocketguide Series published by Looseleaf Law Publications. True to its descriptive series title, this small guide offers quick reference to key terms and phrases relevant to all aspects of law enforcement including: traffic stops, medical emergencies, searches, victim interview, and many other field situations. Please stop by the library to take a look at this guide or to borrow it.

The final acquisition included in this issue of your library newsletter is a publication from the Josephson Institute of Ethics entitled Becoming an Exemplary Peace Officer: The Guide to Ethical Decision Making. This work is divided into five parts. Part I looks at policing history and values; part II focuses on the policing mission; part III examines the ethical aspects of policing; part IV enumerates the characteristics of an exemplary peace officer; and part V presents problem-solving and decision-making strategies to help peace officers be the best they can be and to keep them safe in the process. Author Michael Josephson's previous work, Becoming an Exemplary Peace Officer: An Introduction to Peace Officer Training, is already in our collection and it is recommended that they be viewed as a combined unit. Both are part of our **Reports Index** collection located at the circulation desk.

[The Video Collection](#)

Just like we want and need the most current print materials, whether they be books or journal articles, so it is important for us to have current audiovisual materials in our collection. Many producers of video materials are switching to the newer DVD format and doing away entirely with the VHS format. Likewise they are updating the "look" of the productions to make them more contemporary. An outdated presentation is less

likely to grab an audience and, thus, we are in a position to consider replacement of some of our nonprint collection to reflect the times. If you are aware of a new release in a current or hot topic that would be a quality addition/replacement to our collection, please bring it to my attention. This part of our collection circulates on a regular basis and we want it to serve our users well.



[In Case You've Forgotten...](#)

The library houses a collection of CDs and DVDs that have been organized and are available at the library circulation desk. There are well over 100 items contained in an Excel spreadsheet (Parts I and II) and accessible on the shared "X" drive. Find the **Library** folder on the drive, click on it, and then open the **CD-DVD** folder. You can also peruse the lists at the circulation desk, browsing either alphabetically by subject or just scanning the numerically ordered list. The CDs are available for checkout and may circulate for **three** weeks. Topics include such things as Internet fraud, homeland security/emergency management, police training, family violence, and many more.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. Please send me an e-mail or come visit the library to share your thoughts.