

The Juvenile Justice Literacy Project

- brings high-quality, relevant, speakers & books to children in Juvenile Halls, underserved public schools & prisons. Speakers such as Desmond Tutu, Dolores Huerta, Kwame Alexander, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Angie Thomas, and Vincent Ray Williams, former detainee (age 9-18), are live and in person!
- funds field trips to places such as the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama to meet Bryan Stevenson.
- supports authors in reaching an audience that doesn't usually get to meet them in person!
- creates safe & beautiful spaces (see Africana Center in next slides)



Best selling writer, MacArthur Genius, and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Jason Reynolds inside the Juvenile Hall

Public school children from all over the Bay Area gathered on a holiday to “sell out” Oakland Tech High School.

Students met

- best selling author Angie Thomas
- Oscar Grant’s mother
- writer and hip hop artist MK Asante
- Oakland Youth Poet Laureates Leila Mottley (before she became a best selling author) and Samuel Getachew.

Students received 3 free signed books and signed posters of the Oakland Youth Poet laureates.

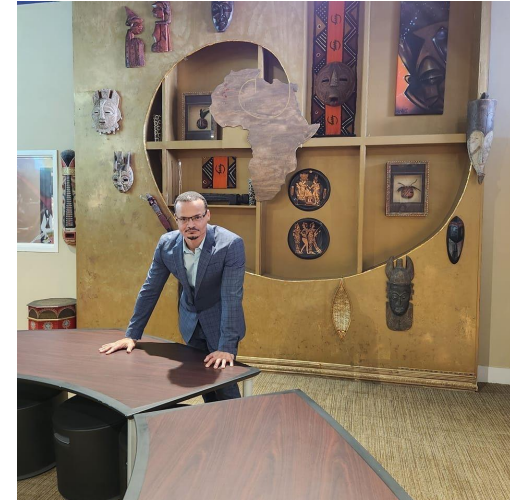
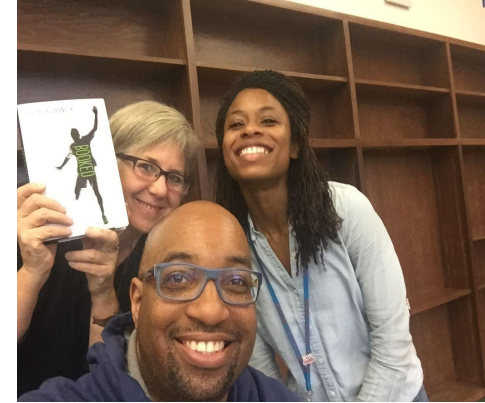
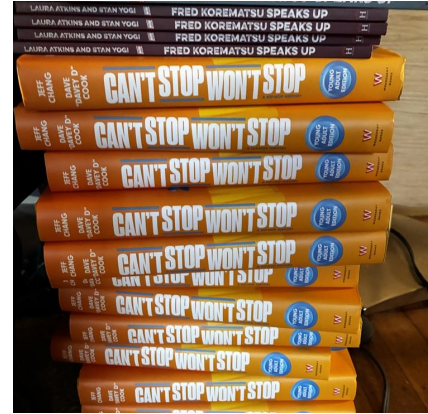


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Serving those In the Margins for over 30 years

Clockwise from upper left:

- (banned) books ready to go out
- best selling author Kwame Alexander, Lolade the librarian and empty shelves at Frick Library
- Vincent Williams, former student from JH, speaking at McClymonds High School Library and Africana Center
- Alex Diaz, former student from JH and current UC Berkeley student



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The team at Fremont High. 200 + students all received a personally signed copy of Jesse Leon's book I'm Not Broken. Jesse spoke at Fremont, Berkeley, & McClymonds HS and Juvenile Hall.



Amy, Jesse, Vincent

*The next generation:
former JH
student's
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Amy Cheney has over 25 years experience with outreach, program design and creation to serve the underserved, serving preschoolers in childcare, middle school non- readers with tutoring program and booktalks, adult literacy students, incarcerated adults in county and federal facilities, students in juvenile halls, non-traditional library users and people of color. She also worked as the District Library Manager for Oakland Unified School District, advocating for 86 school libraries and librarians.

For over 25 years Amy has established libraries with culturally relevant books, world class authors and innovative programs throughout Northern California, in the most unlikely places. Amy's passion is transforming the reality that California ranks 50th in terms of overall literacy development.

She has won two National awards for her work, I Love My Librarian award from the Carnegie Institution/New York Times and was honored at the White House with a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award. She was named a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal.

She was awarded the California State Zoia Horn Intellectual Freedom Award in 2017.