

# March 2024 Outreach Coordinator Call Notes

3/6/2024

## Correctional Facility Letters

- These require a response.
- Common practice (approved verbally by Corinne) is to send a response to the incarcerated individual's library.
- Some systems send responses directly or just pass on a copy of their Reentry Guide. Reference should always be directed to the facility library.
- New York State Defender's Association <https://www.nysda.org/>
- <https://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/jail-prison-services>
- "Incarcerated individual" or "I/I" rather than inmate.

## COSAG Meetings (Coordinated Outreach Services Advisory Group)

- Outreach mini-grants
- Meet & greet, updates
- Possible collaborations with member libraries
- Ask for ideas of what the system could work on.

## Cypherworx for Correctional Facilities

- <https://cypherworx.com/>

## Member Libraries Serving Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

- <https://www.encompassrec.com/open-doors>
- <https://nextchapterbookclub.org/>
- <https://qfjlibrary.libcal.com/event/12064971>
- <https://map.osepartnership.org/>
- Connect with local person for the New York State Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- Have a meeting with the organization director or communicate with the parents of a child under 18.
- Have training for library staff.
- Sensory boxes or sensory rooms for children and adults.
- Book club or craft club, some member libraries push into different organizations. Life skills boxes are also popular.
- Above = Lots of great ideas for Outreach Mini-Grants!