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New Committee Vows to Aid Jail Inmates Movement Toward Self Improvement

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Learning – The Key to Freedom

SHAWNEE, OK - November 17, 2009 – Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center Library Committee (PCPSC) announced their mission late last year with the help of the Shawnee Lions Club to assist jail inmates prepare to rejoin society as productive individuals through intellectual rehabilitation. Each member of the committee believes the team can procure the development of educational and personal enrichment resources for inmates in the Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center.

Although still in its infancy the PCPSC Library Committee is gaining traction in the community, libraries and books clubs around the area. Several hundred books as well as nine computers complete with all the necessary hardware have already been donated. Still the committee would like to advance their efforts through self improvement courses for the inmates. The committee is currently searching for volunteers willing to donate any soft back books or willing to teach classes on such subjects as personal finance, personal health/well-being or basic business.

Anyone willing to donate books, materials or teach a class should contact Mike Simmons at 405-878-6210 or msimmons@ong.com. Any book will be accepted as long as it is in paperback form.

PCSC Committee Goals include:

Leadership – providing outreach to the community in finding resources and funding for materials and programs for inmates' education and personal development

Public Value – communicating to the larger community the developments in the library collection and the accomplishments of inmates' use of the books and programs.

Partnerships – advancing educational and enrichment opportunities through collaborations and partnerships with individual and group providers