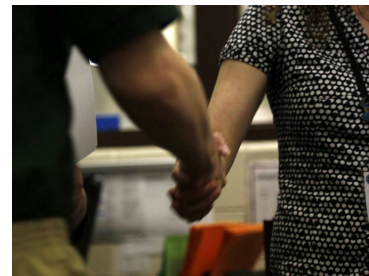


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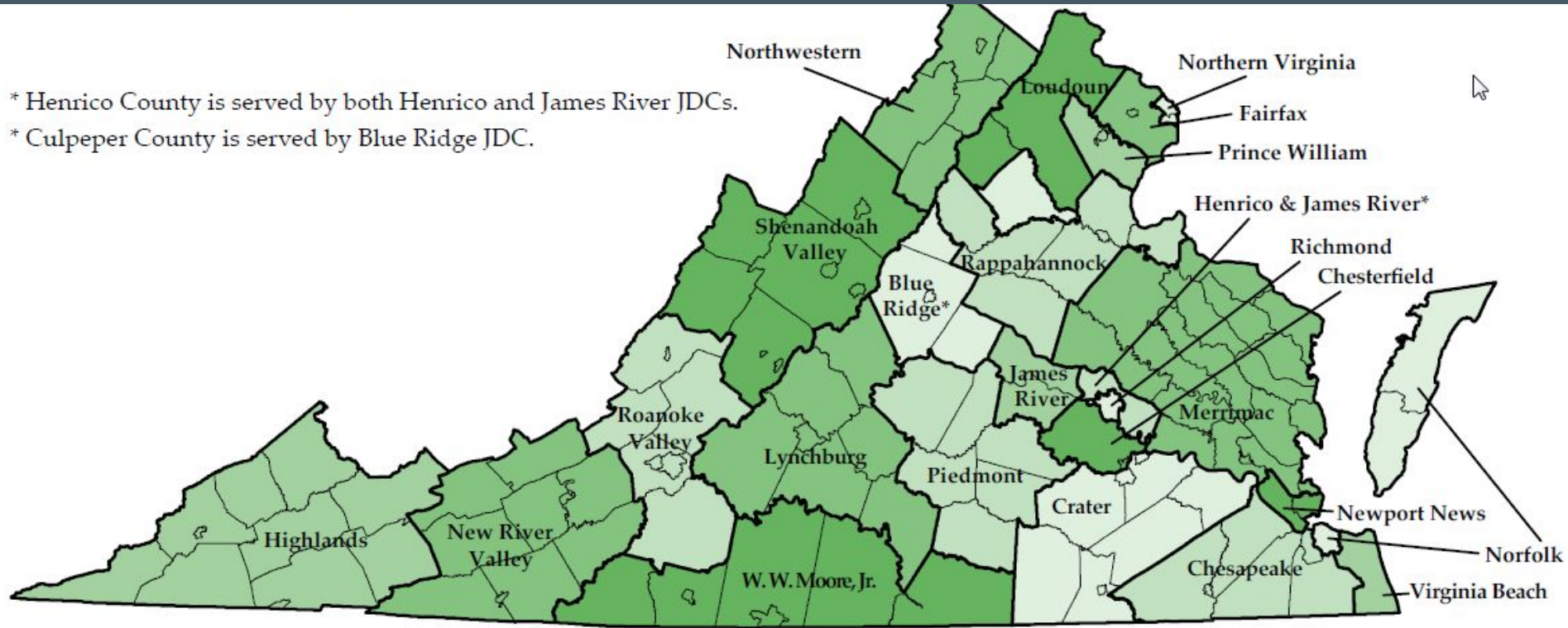


LEARNING PLANS FOR TEENS IN JUVENILE DETENTION

**Erica Tucker & Ann de Witt**  
**Librarians @ Chesterfield County Public Library**

**Have you visited a juvenile  
detention home in your library's  
community?**

**What are your impressions of  
juvenile detention homes?**



\* Henrico County is served by both Henrico and James River JDCs.

\* Culpeper County is served by Blue Ridge JDC.

Map showing 24 juvenile detention centers in Virginia

# HISTORY

## HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

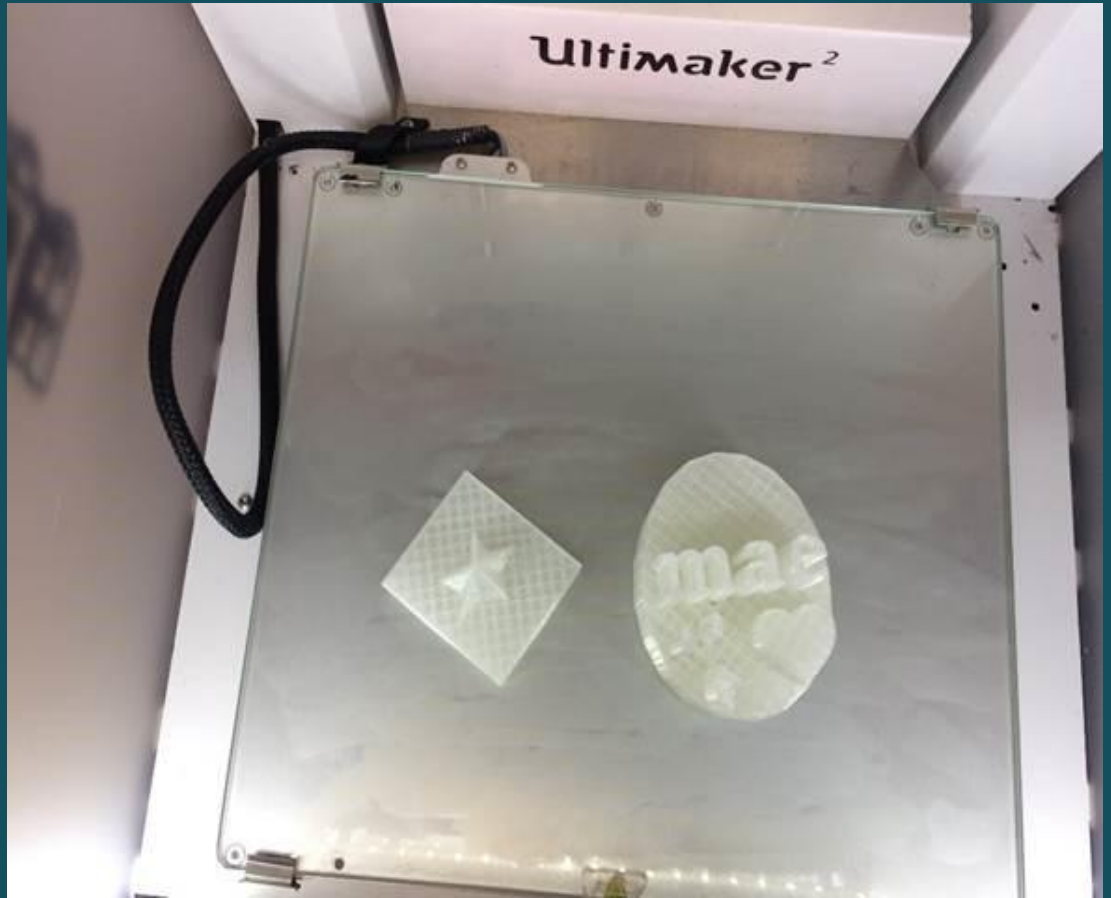
- County Mentorship Program
- Staying Quit Program
- Learning Plans

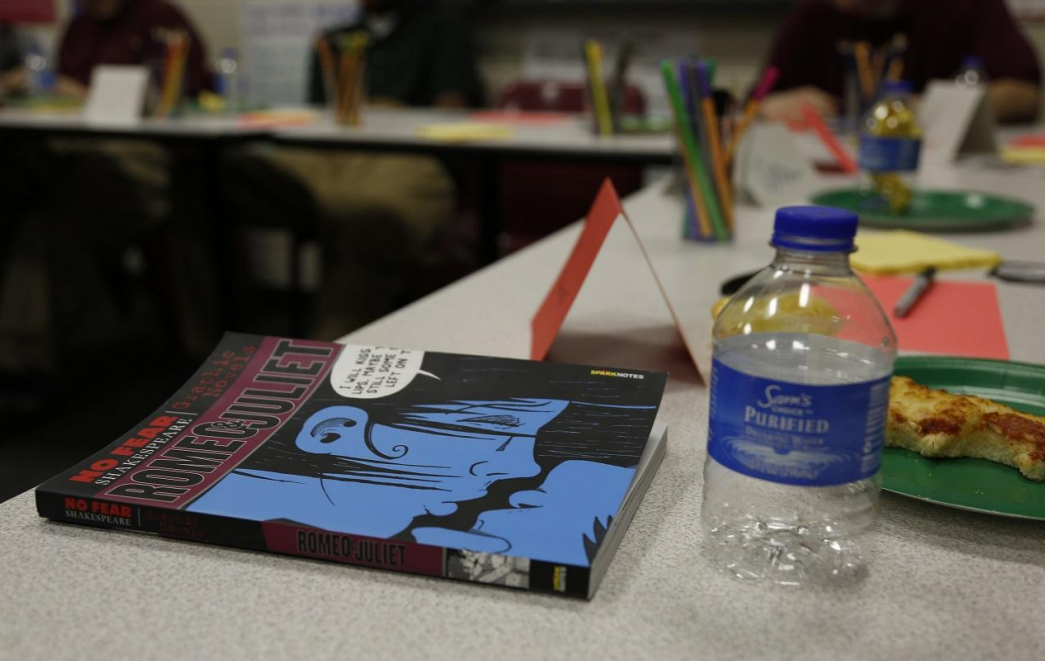


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CASE STUDY:  
"MIKE"





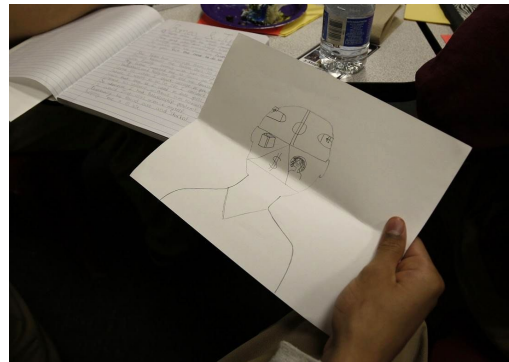
## ALA GREAT STORIES CLUB:

YEARLY BOOK CLUB PROJECTS

FOR AT-RISK TEENS

GRANTS FUNDED BY ALA

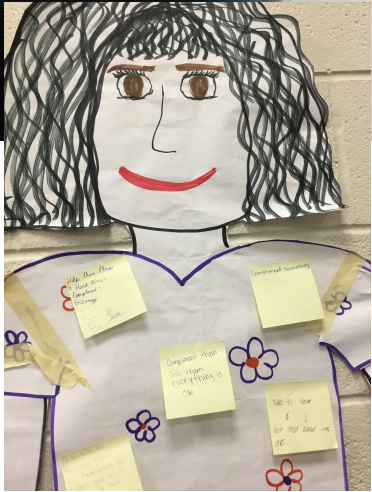
GRAB A PARTNER, AND APPLY!





## PARTNERSHIPS

- Chesterfield JDH
- Chesterfield Public Schools
- Mental Health Services
- Unexpected: Juvenile and Domestic Court
- Non-librarians - Adam!



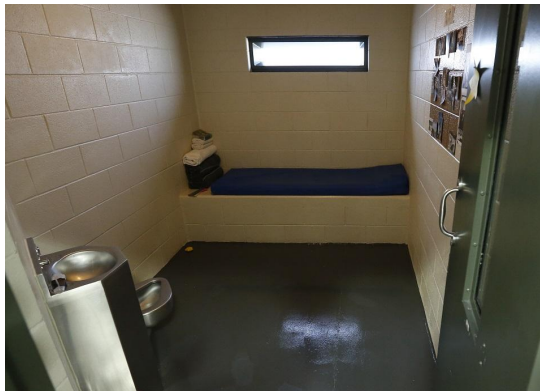




## CHALLENGES: ETIQUETTE

- Don't ask: "What are you in for?"
- "Room time" is not a good thing
- "Feeling some kind of way"
- Robot babies

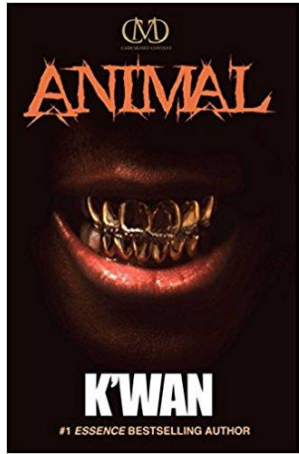
**Bottom line: Expect the unexpected, and roll with it!**





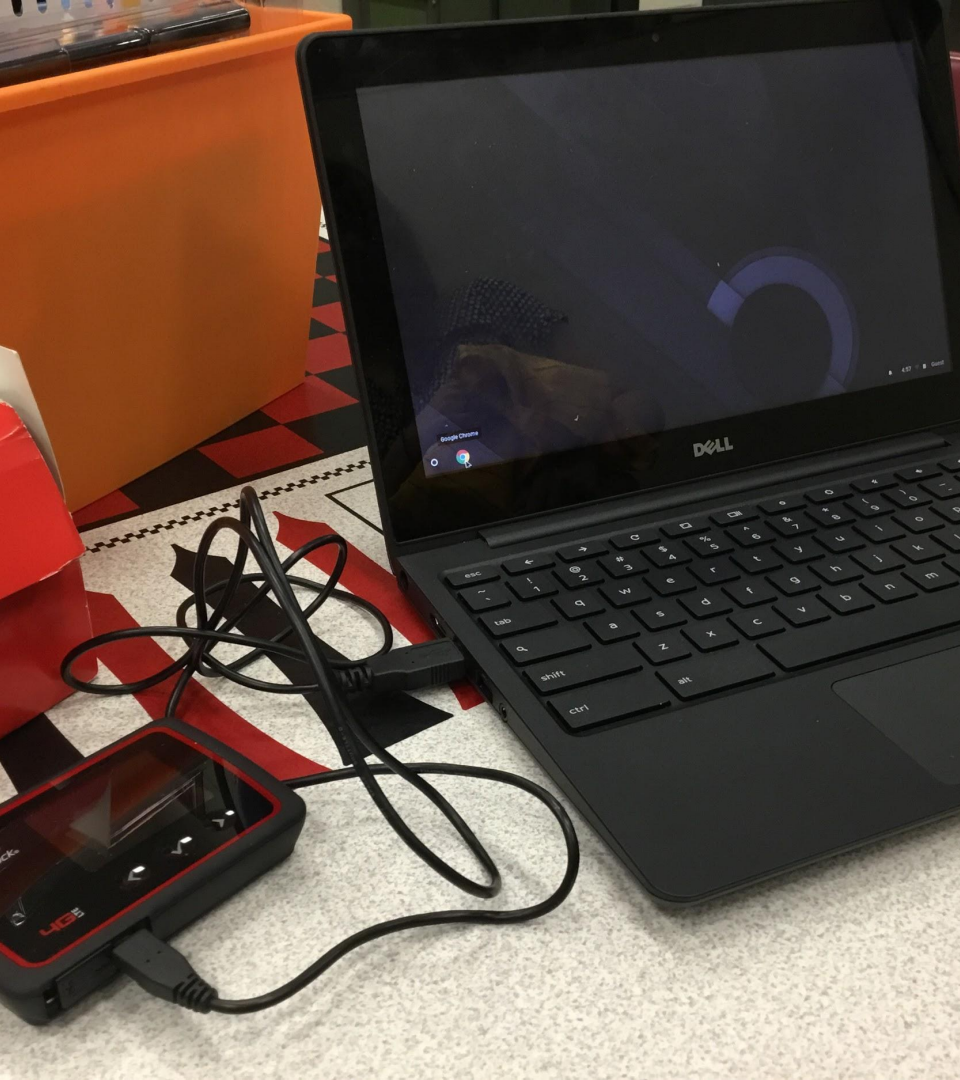
## CHALLENGES: POLICIES & REGS

- No phones allowed
- Also, no pointy things, including staples, paper clips, pencil sharpeners
- Privacy concerns



## CHALLENGES: CULTURE CLASH

- The K'wan debacle
- Journal expectations
- “What do you want to learn about today?”



## CHALLENGES: TECHNOLOGY

- Wifi hotspot, laptops, iPads
- Free maker websites
- Limited budget? Use what you have!



## FUTURE: DON'T "SWERVE"

- Continue to build relationships with teens
- Engagement opportunities for teens after release
- Planning additional book club programs
- Library field trips and field trips in reverse
- **Teens are counting on you**

SO, WHAT ARE YOU  
GOING TO DO?

DO NOT PASS GO;

GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR LOCAL JD HOME!



"JUST HELP THEM OUT. SOMETIMES PEOPLE  
GET SCARED WHEN THEY FIND OUT SOMEBODY IS  
LOCKED UP. BUT WE'RE REGULAR PEOPLE,  
JUST LIKE YOU" -- "SCOTT"



# QUESTIONS?

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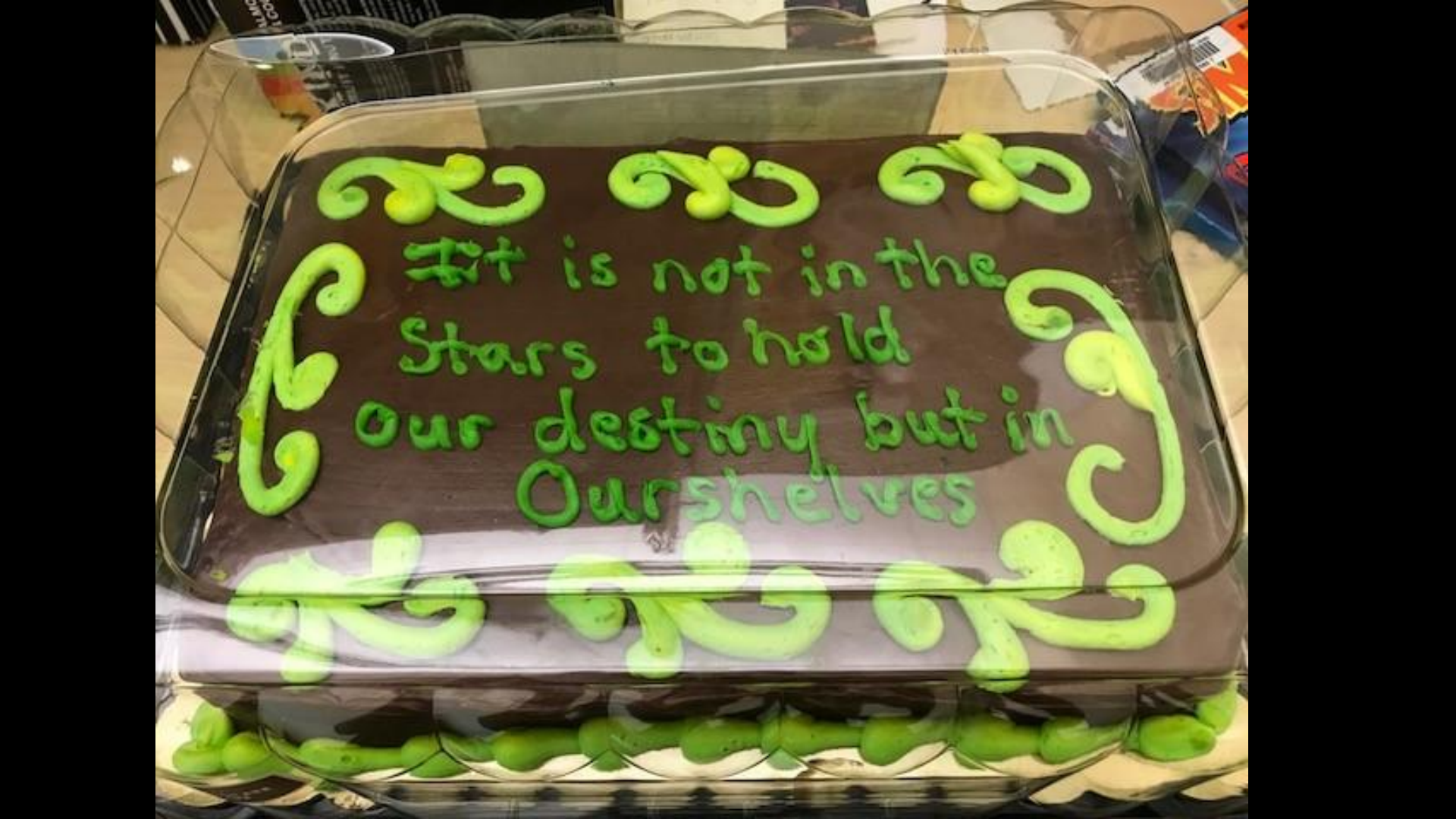
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A rectangular chocolate cake is presented in a clear glass cake pan. The top surface of the cake is decorated with intricate swirls of bright green frosting. In the center, a message is written in the same green frosting. The sides of the cake are also decorated with a border of green frosting swirls. The cake is set on a light-colored tiled floor, and some items are visible in the background, including a box of tissues and a blue bag.

It is not in the  
Stars to hold  
our destiny but in  
Ourshelves

**VLA survey: [tinyurl.com/fri2017vla](https://tinyurl.com/fri2017vla)**