Collin County
Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Carole Pena
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Juvenile Supervision Officer

Department: Juvenile Detention

Years of Service with the County: 3 years

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Over the Christmas holiday, we received over 10 large boxes of donated books. These books have to be reviewed and approved before being brought to residents in secure detention. Carole Pena volunteered to review and approve (or not) all the donated books. She also agreed to go through and discard older books in the current rotation and other books residents were uninterested in or were worn/damaged. After reviewing these books, she updated the full scope of books in our library and lab. This was not an easy task considering we had not updated either the library or lab in several years. Books deemed inappropriate or cycled out were reallocated to a local book store and we were given credit to purchase newer books. Carole has reviewed over 1,000 books, carted books off to different locations, cleaned book shelves, updated, discarded, reallocated, met with Administration on feedback, and agreed to continue reviewing all incoming books - moving forward. As an avid reader, Carole spent several weeks going through books in order to peak the interest of our residents to read more.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 14th day of MARCH ,20 16

H. Lynn Hadnot
Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

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Printed Name