

### **Gowanda Correctional Facility Hosts Book Showdown Challenge**

Gowanda Correctional Facility recently hosted its popular Book Showdown Challenge, a competition among teams of inmates who prepare for the competition by reading a number of books and answering trivia-style questions about the readings. The competition aims to improve reading comprehension, build teamwork, and entice reading while in some cases, inmates are able to involve engage family members, including their children, in discussions about a book during a visit or over the telephone.

For this Book Showdown, the inmate teams and their coaches, which include teachers, Offender Rehabilitation Coordinators, and librarians, read *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson, *Call of the Wild* by Jack London, *No More Dead Dogs* by Gordon Korman, and *H.I.V.E.* by Mark Walden. All participants received a prize, however, the winning team, coached by SORC Samick, won a pizza party for their hard work in preparing for the challenge. The next Book Showdown is scheduled for the spring.



*The Fall 2017 Book Showdown winning team*