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READING: Youth who read tend to thrive in many respects

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reader is to read books that interest them. As adults, we read to be entertained and to learn new information. It is important that our students begin now to engage in this practice of reading."

To help get kids connected to books, Warburg wants students and their families to know about three easily accessible resources to accomplish that.

Locally, Paulina Springs Books has created a link on its website for students and their families to access books specially collected for young people. That address is https://bookshop.org/lists/ sisters-elementary-schoolcatalog.

According Warburg, this link connects to the catalog and shows a breakdown by subject that allow customers to click through to view books on the list, which initially will include 200 titles. Each of these featured titles can be purchased at a 15 percent discount for Sisters Elementary School students.

The entire inventory of titles the bookstore offers is available on the regular website as well at https://www.paulinaspringsbooks.com.

Warburg said, "I am excited about the opportunity to support a local business and give our students options of obtaining some fresh and new reading materials."

Lane Jacobson, owner of the store said, "We view Paulina Springs Books as a community-building business, and one of the most essential ways of doing that is to support the youth of our

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community! This can take a lot of different forms, like our Festival of Books Scholarship for instance, which was \$2,000 this year, or providing discounts for orders from the school district. But in the case of this partnership with Sisters Elementary, it's just something that makes sense, especially given current circumstances. Providing a discount on a curated list of our favorite kids books is really the least we can do — and we hope that it helps to make it a little bit easier for families to keep their kids entertained and taking a break from screens. And, hopefully, some kids will discover some great new books in the process!"

Jacobson wants the public to know that while this program originated as something just for SES students, the discount on the catalog is available to all customers.

"It's really just a teeny tiny example of all the ways in which the community has come together to support each other through all this," he said.

The program will run through the end of July. To place an order for pickup at the store or delivery direct to their home, families can order through the website. Contact information for the store is info@ paulinaspringsbooks.com and 541-549-0866.

Another local asset is the Deschutes County Library. Until the library opens again, perhaps in June, access to the summer reading program for kids can be found at https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/summer.

Our local library is a wonderful resource for students and families.

— Joan Warburg

"Our local library is a wonderful resource for students and families," Warburg said. "This is an easy, costeffective way to access books and other reading material."

Finally, most students are familiar with the Scholastic Company, which has sponsored book fairs at schools for decades. According to Warburg, Scholastic is offering a summer program that can be accessed at https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html.

Sisters Farmers Market to provide food aid The Sisters Farmers are accepted. The Sisters

The Sisters Farmers Market, managed by the Sisters-based nonprofit organization, Seed to Table, is helping to ensure the Sisters community has access to essential, local, artisanal and nutritious goods.

Thanks t o The Roundhouse Foundation. the Market has launched a COVID-19 Food Aid Program to begin on the market's opening day of June 7. Individuals who apply and are accepted into the program will be eligible to receive between 25 and 75 percent off of essential foods at the Seed to Table produce booth at the Farmers Market. Individuals can apply at www.sisters farmersmarket.com.

As the market has transitioned under the management of Seed to Table, it has opened up new opportunities to expand its service to our community.

SFM Market Manager, Caroline Hager said, "Farmers markets present an amazing opportunity for connecting a diversity of individuals to one common access point of essential goods, all harvested and curated within one's own county."

The market is also striving to ensure outside funding and government programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women-Infants-Children and Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP),

are accepted. The Sisters Farmers Market is working on integrating these programs into the market this season in the hopes that, between these options and the Seed to Table COVID-19 Food Aid Program, no person or family will be left out from having fresh, locally-sourced, healthy meals all season long.

The COVID-19 Food Aid Program is a sliding scale aid program according to individual's request and available funding. There are many local families who may not necessarily feel they need to utilize the food banks. Nonetheless, they may have been hit hard financially and could benefit greatly from assistance. As families may be faced with financial choices, our organization does not want nutritious foods to have to be cut. The Harvard Medical School lists eating a diet high in fruits and vegetables as the second most important strategy for boosting one's immune system. This is a time when we need these foods the most! In addition, a trip outside of Sisters is another stressor as it bears another expense and now incorporates elements of exposure.

The Sisters Farmers Market is striving to be a local food hub while promoting an open-air, sociallydistanced model for local shopping.

To learn more about programs visit www.sisters farmersmarket.com.







