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eptember is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when your public library joins the American Library Association and libraries across our country to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to books, technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Libraries offer everything from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED classes, helping transform lives and communities through education. At your library in Umatilla County, you'll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities, including story times, student study help with "HelpNow" and job seeker support with "JobNow." Check out your library's website for more information on the wealth of resources available to you at the library or from your

The Umatilla County Special Library District libraries, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community.

This year, Marley Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, author and executive producer, is taking on a new role as honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. Dias will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library

During September, our libraries will host Library Card Sign-Up promotions and activities. Here are a few in the UCSLD:

• Weston Public Library will be giving away a book bag with each new library card sign-up in September. Check out the library's September newsletter via www.westonpubliclibrary.com/newsletter/.

• Umatilla Public Library has a whole slate of activities encouraging residents to get a library card. During the month of September, they will hold a Back-to-School Supply Drive and have a library card sign-up giveaway. On Sept. 10, there will be a movie in the park; on Sept. 18, there will be Saturday Market bingo; and on Sept. 29, there will be an "Open Art" Night for Teens. Check out their website for more information at www.umatilla-city.org/ library.

• Stanfield Public Library will give new card holders a book bag and book when they sign up. For more information, visit cityofstanfield.com/library.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

Start the school year off right with your new library card — your ticket to lifelong learning and enjoyment. For more information, stop by your local library or find a link at www.ucsld.

Erin McCusker is the district director of the Umatilla County Special Library District. Reach her at 541-276-6449 or director@ucsld.org.

IN BRIEF

Library highlights creativity with art

HERMISTON — Children 12 and under are invited to participate in the Hermiston Public Library's monthly Coloring Page Activity. Starting on the first Thursday of each month, children and youths are encouraged to stop by the library and pick up a coloring page. After coloring the page, return it to the library with your first name and age along the bottom to receive a small goody bag and a book.

Submitted pages will remain on display throughout the month. The last day to return the colored page to receive a prize is Sept. 30. One entry, goody bag and book per child, while supplies

In addition, the artwork of Amy Fuentes will be on display during the month of September. A local artist, she started painting in 2018 when she was 19 years old. However, she has been an artist as far back as she can remember.

Fuentes' current artwork is a reflection of one of the many things she enjoys, which is music. Her paintings include re-creations of rap album covers and portraits of the musical artists. Follow Fuentes on her art journey on Instagram via @amyfuentesart-

The Hermiston Public Library is at 235 E. Gladys Ave. It's open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday/Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.hermiston.or.us/library. For questions, call 541-567-2882.

Trainings focus on community needs

HERMISTON — Join Hermiston area residents in learning to better understand local government and tackle community needs.

The nonprofit Rural Development Initiatives is holding trainings on how to make local government work for you. This five-session training will help you learn to connect to elected officials, navigate government processes, organize issue and candidate campaigns, and define issues and action plans.

Sessions will be in person in Hermiston on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m., Sept. 30 through Oct. 28.

Rural Development Initiatives is providing the training, thanks to support from the Ford Family Foundation and the city of Hermiston.

RDI stated it will comply with state and federal guidelines related to mask-wearing and social distancing to ensure the health and safety of its staff and rural communities.

Register at bit.ly/3xQ6nuu. For questions, contact Jennifer Groth, RDI, at jgroth@rdiinc or 458-215-8396 ext. 3.

Student scholarships open for applications

HERMISTON — Applications for the Altrusa Foundation Scholarship now are available. The scholarship is an award of up to \$3,500 for students gaining or upgrading job skills or re-entering the job market. It is now for graduating seniors.

Scholarships can be applied for fall/winter or spring term. Applicants must be residents of western Umatilla County or north Morrow County, but may be studying elsewhere. Scholarship funds will be deposited with the college or school to be applied toward tuition, books or lab fees.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students who are approximately two-thirds through a post-high school program, and are currently enrolled in the program when the scholarship is awarded. Applicants may re-apply

Applicant must submit an application and detailed cover letter; applications are available online at bit.ly/ altrusascholarship20. The cover letter must include a description of present educational situation and future goals; a statement of how applicant proposes to pay for remainder of school and living expenses, including family support, employment income, student loans and other scholarships; a brief work history; and any additional information that will enhance the application. An unofficial transcript of the applicant's most recent grades also must be included.

Fall/winter applications for Linda Gilleese Memorial Scholarships, to be awarded for winter/spring terms, must be postmarked on or before Oct. 1, 2021. Spring applications for Dorothy Juve Memorial Scholarships, to be awarded for summer/fall terms, must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2022.

Submit an application and cover letter to Altrusa International Foundation of Hermiston OR Inc., Attention: Vocational Services, P.O. Box 794, Hermiston, OR 97838, or by email to hermistonaltrusa@gmail.com.

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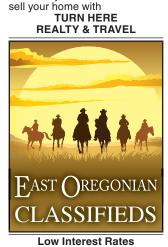
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