

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**



Northwest Indian Housing Association Scholarship  
 Applicant must be 23 years old or younger  
 on the date of the deadline.  
 Due March 31, 2014  
 Applications available at:  
<http://nwiha.org/youth-scholarship-program/>

**Workshop facilitators for micro-enterprise business classes wanted**

MERIT is a microenterprise program that provides business training and one-on-one business counseling to residents of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties who are in the process of starting their own businesses.

A microenterprise is defined as a very small (or micro-) business, having fewer than five employees (usually a single self-employed person or family), minimal capital needs, and whose owner has some social, cultural, economic or physical barrier to overcome that prevents access to traditional business training and counseling resources.

We are looking for individuals who possess the best practices in workshop facilitation, instruction and classroom management to facilitate discussion and student information exchange on the topic of business development.

Our goal is to create a safe, interactive, non-critical learning environment that encourages self-reflection and learning. We are looking for individuals who will build trust with each student to ensure they become completely engaged in the course to the best of their ability.

**Application Instructions:** Please send your resume and a bio to the MERIT Program Manager Mona Edwards at [medwar44@chemeketa.edu](mailto:medwar44@chemeketa.edu). ■

**American Museum of Natural History**



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the American Museum of Natural History Partnership are now Accepting Youth Applications to participate in our Annual Tamanowas Ceremony and Museum Internship Program.

The Application Process will be open to High School Males that meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Current Sophomore, Junior, Senior in High School
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or above
- Oregon resident

Application Deadline will be March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm

For further information please contact the Cultural Education & Outreach Program at: 503-879-2249 or email: [travis.stewart@grandronde.org](mailto:travis.stewart@grandronde.org)

**College Placement Testing offered**

College Placement Testing offered on-site at the Adult Education Building for Chemeketa Community College, Linn-Benton Community College and Mount Hood Community College. The Placement Test is one of the first steps to beginning college classes. Call 503-879-2282 to sign up for your placement test – allow about one week for scheduling purposes. ■



**LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.  
 (closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.)  
 Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

**Movie Night: First Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.** This series of movies features General-PG, family type movies. Youth ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older.

- March 6: “Percy Jackson the Lightning Thief”
- April 3: “Hotel For Dogs”

**“Get Fired Up for Reading”:** This Reading Incentive program started Jan. 15 and ended Feb. 28. For each book that is read, we added a dragon scale that states the book title and reader’s name. The more books that are read, the bigger our dragon became. In 2013, 211 books were read. We were reading to break that record in 2014! As of Feb. 19, 144 books have been read. This program was for all ages; we had readers younger than 4 and older than 60 this year.

**Book Review**

*“Life of Pi”* by Yann Martel

Pi is the son of a zookeeper in Pondicherry, India. At birth he was given the name Piscine, but shortened it to Pi when he went to school. The story around getting his nickname is thought-provoking and comical.

Pi is an “out of the box” thinker. He is very spiritual and believed it OK to practice more than one faith. Pi, who is Hindu, also practiced Christianity and Islam.

The setting in this novel takes place when Pi’s father decides to leave India. He closes the zoo and arranges to distribute some of the animals to other facilities around the world. The family boards a Japanese cargo ship, along with some of the zoo animals, and sets sail into the Pacific Ocean toward their new home in Canada.

Tragedy strikes when the ship sinks and Pi survives along with a zebra, hyena, orangutan and 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. The story is about Pi’s journey of survival, overcoming his fears and grieving the loss of his father, mother and brother on the sinking ship.

Pi’s only refuge is a lifeboat that he shares with the surviving zoo animals. One by one the animals are killed until the only survivors are Pi and Richard Parker.

This novel is full of ideas, interesting people and exciting situations. Each reader could spend a lot of time pondering the spiritual implications of the deep relationship that develops between Pi and Richard Parker over the course of their confinement together.

“Life of Pi” is available for check out at the Tribal Library. I encourage anyone who likes adventure, believes in faith and marvels at personal growth through adversity to read this novel.

- Carmen Mercier

**Donations:** Many thanks to the following contributors to the library collection: Mark Mercier and Margo Ordaz for DVD donations.

**Reminder:** The library no longer accepts: VHS or cassette tapes and/or paperback books (mass-produced). Donated items must be clean and in good condition. Thank you.

**The Tribal Library is a CCRLS Circulation Site:** Use your Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Services library card to place electronic holds on resources in the 18 partner libraries and items will be couriered here for check out and can be checked back in here as well.

**Inter-Library Loan services:** The Tribal Library partners with Oregon State Library to offer “library to library” inter-library loan services. By completing the inter-library loan form, library patrons may request items from the Oregon State Library collection. OSL lending policies apply for return of items.