

Ag Department accepting Tribal Scholars applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for its 2020 Tribal Scholars scholarship program.

The program was established in 2008 and provides full tuition, fees, books and workforce training to students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food, natural resources sciences and related academic disciplines. When a student has completed the academic and summer work requirements for the scholarship, the department may convert the student to a permanent employee without further competition.

The program is available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college and current freshmen, sophomores or juniors. General requirements include a GPA of 3.0 or higher and acceptance to or currently attending Tribal college or university. The scholarship is renewable each year and is contingent on satisfactory academic performance and progress toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

Application materials must be postmarked by Feb. 9. For more information, send an e-mail to 1994@usda.gov.

Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927.

"Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don't want adults thinking that they can't use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line," said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. "When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, now has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

GET FIRED UP FOR READING

Winter Reading Program
Jan. 25 - Feb. 24, 2020



We will be building a Library Dragon again this year!

For All Ages

- For each book read we will add a dragon scale with the reader's name and title of the book on it.
- Reading may include independent reading and children being read to.

Keep track of the books you read so we can add your books to help build our dragon.

Last year's dragon had more than 266 scales; that's 266 books read! Our goal this year is to read 300 books.

Come by and pick up a reading log, you can also e-mail in your finished book titles to crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Winter Reading Program "Get Fired Up For Reading" begins Jan. 25 and runs through Feb. 24: This program is open to all ages. We will be building a dragon again this year! For each book read we will add a dragon scale with the reader's name and title of the book on it. Last year's dragon had more than 266 scales; that's more than 266 books read! Our goal this year is to read 300 books. Help us reach our goal by signing up. Come by and pick up a reading log or you can e-mail in your finished book titles to crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org.

"Little Library" locations: The Tribal Library oversees the 14 Little Library locations in and around Grand Ronde. Feel free to stop by any of these locations and grab a book for free. Please remember that you cannot return your library items to the Little Library locations. Library materials that have been checked out must be returned in person or dropped off via the book return, located on the left side of the Tribal Library entrance.

New Native elementary level books: "Bull Trout's Gift" (Salish-Kootenai), "First Laugh, Welcome Baby!" (Navajo), "I Am Dreaming of ..." (Northwest Native), "My Heart Fills With Happiness" (First Nations), "Speak Our Language" (Tututni, Upper Coquille, Tolowa, Galice, Athabaskan) and "Little You" (First Nations).

DVD selection: Come check out the Tribal Library's ever-growing movie collection that has more than 1,900 DVDs/Blu-ray formats to choose from.

Recent DVD arrivals: "Toy Story 4," "Spiderman: Far From Home," "The Secret Life of Pets 2," "Aladdin, The Wizard of Lies," "Driving Miss Daisy" and more!

Requests: The Tribal Library provides recommendation forms in order to provide patrons with an outlet to request book/media content we may not currently have.

Book review: "Elevation" by Stephen King.

In this short story, Scott Casey has developed a peculiar condition. Although his appearance has not changed, he is steadily losing weight with no known cause. He has also developed the energy and vigor of his younger self. No matter how much he eats the weight won't stop coming off.

Realizing his time is running out, Scott decides to do a good deed for his new neighbors by trying to make their town, Castle Rock, more welcoming and accepting of them.

This book is not your typical dark and frightening Stephen King novel. It is a sweet, uplifting tale with a touch of sadness. Folks who are not into King's horror stories should pick this one up. This book is only 160 pages — a short quick read — which is a break from King's unusually large novels. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

Donations: A special thank you to Jiy Two-Feathers Williams, Judith Hay, Perri McDaniel, Joe Kirk, Deborah Marrington, Curtis Wright and others for their contributions to the Tribal Library. We appreciate it.

Reminder: Donated items must be clean and in good condition.

For any questions or comments, contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1499 or e-mail crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org

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