

## Grand Ronde Housing Department



### Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Grievance Board is seeking community input for monthly meetings. The Housing Grievance Board meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Simone Auger.

For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■



## LIBRARY HOURS:

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

**Library Hours:** Closed to in-person services. The Tribe has made the decision to close the campus to visitors. So this means no in-library services. Our priority is to provide as many services as possible to students and families. If you need anything, give us a call and we will do what we can to assist you.

### Fall Reading Program Results

97 registered participants

Age groups

- 0-2: 8
- 3-5: 19
- 6-11: 19
- 12-17: 14
- Adult: 37

**Tribal members/descendants = 72**

83 returned book logs

Total minutes read = **58,270** (that equals 40.5 full days of reading)

Top readers = Laurie Smith, Norma Reed, Mark Reed

### Survey results

27 surveys returned

22 – Very satisfied

5 – Satisfied

27 – Likely to participate again

23 – Increased reading time

Participants largely agreed that they enjoyed and looked forward to getting a new book each week. They enjoyed reading new books to their kids and watching their kids become interested in books.

**Suggestions for changes:** More science fiction fantasy books, not duplicating the same book to children in the same family and a different book log for the 0-3 age group.

**Tribal Library card holders can now place holds and browse the library's catalog online at:** <https://follett.grandronde.org/>

**Now offering curbside pickup**

There is a three item limit per library card.

Curbside service will be offered Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Patrons can place holds on books and DVD's in one of three ways:

- Via our catalog on grandronde.org under the education department page.
- Calling us at 503-879-1488 or 503-879-1499
- E-mailing [crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org](mailto:crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org) or [Kathy.cole@grandronde.org](mailto:Kathy.cole@grandronde.org)

When arriving for pickup: park your vehicle, call the library, and let us know you are here. Staff will then check out the items, bag them and bring your items out to your car. Items can be returned in the book drop on the left side of the library.

**"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 library entrance.

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

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

**For any questions or comments, contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1488 by e-mail [Kathy.cole@grandronde.org](mailto:Kathy.cole@grandronde.org)**

## Effort raising funds for Warm Springs water crisis

PORTLAND – A coalition of eight conservation organizations has joined in a partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, MRG Foundation and the Warm Springs Action Team to remedy the growing water emergency on the Tribe's Reservation in eastern Oregon.

The Chuush Water for Warm Springs Campaign is accepting contributions that will directly assist the Warm Springs Tribe in restoring access to and infrastructure for clean water. Donations to the Chuush Fund will be administered by the MRG Foundation.

Warm Springs is now in its second year of a water emergency due to a series of pressure breaks in community water lines. More than 60 percent of Warm Springs residents do not have regular, consistent access to clean water for personal or domestic use.

"In a first-of-its-kind partnership between a foundation and a Tribal Nation, MRG is honored to be the steward of the funds raised from generous folks across the country to help repair and restore the water infrastructure at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon," Foundation Executive Director Se-ah-dom Edmo said.

Launched in October, the Chuush campaign's goals are to strengthen available financial resources to meet immediate, emergency health needs and advocate for policy solutions needed to help the people of Warm Springs restore their access and infrastructure for clean water.

To date, the Chuush Fund has raised approximately \$500,000. The fund was approved by the Warm Springs Tribal Council and a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Tribe and MRG Foundation, which transfers the fund amount to the Tribe monthly.

To find out more about the Chuush Fund, visit [www.mrgfoundation.org/the-chuush-fund-water-for-warm-springs](http://www.mrgfoundation.org/the-chuush-fund-water-for-warm-springs). ■

**Happy Holidays**

**YEP activities for December**

- ★ **Decorate your house, yard, windows & post pics using our hashtag #ctgrwellnesswarriors**  
To be entered into the raffle! YEP staff will do spot checks in housing.  
NOT LOCAL, post a pic using our #ctgrwellnesswarriors to be entered!
- ★ **December 17th - Holiday Desserts all day!**  
YEP staff will be bringing you our favorite holiday sweets! Be watching for more info on that!
- ★ **Post pics of you & your family being wellness warriors through the Holidays**

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## Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees.

Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■