Read Across America

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. NEA's Read Across America also provides NEA members, parents, caregivers, and children the resources and activities they need to keep reading on the calendar 365 days a year.

The Beginning
In May 1997, a small reading task force at NEA came up with a big idea. "Let's create a day to celebrate reading," the group decided. "We hold pep rallies to get kids excited about football. We assemble to remember that Character Counts. Why don't we do something to get kids excited about reading? We'll call it 'NEA's Read Across America and we'll celebrate it on Dr. Seuss's birthday.' And so it was born on March 2, 1998, the largest celebration of reading this country has ever seen.

The Purpose of Read Across America
Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

Read Across America Sponsors
At the national level, the National Education Association sponsors and spearheads the program with support from more than 50 national nonprofit and association partners. Locally, everyone—from schools to libraries to community centers to churches to hospitals to bookstores—is invited to host local events to celebrate and promote children's reading.

Read Across America Partners
In addition to the 3.2 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher education faculty, education support professionals, school administrators, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers who make up NEA membership, some 50 national organizations and associations give their support.

Get Involved!
Contact your local school, NEA local association, library, bookstore, or local chapter of NEA's Read Across America partner organizations about events that are taking place in your community. Explore this Web site fully for information, ideas, and resources.

Making Children, Families, and Our Community Safer from Crime

It's time to stop the crime that is harming our children and our community. It's time to help each other build neighborhoods where each of our kids, teens, adults can feel safe and secure from crime. A tough task? Yes, but it's a challenge that each of us can do something about. You can do a lot in your home, in your neighborhood, and throughout our community.

Every child deserves a safe and healthy childhood. Because no community can afford the costs of crime. Because a healthier, safer community benefits each of us. Because failing to act costs lives and resources. Because our children should not have to raise their children amid crime. Because if we don't help to stop it, no one will.

Please report any suspicious activity to the Quechan Police Department at (760) 572-2933 or QHA Security (760) 572-0243.
What is the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program?
The ICDBG Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons.
Who is eligible?
Eligible applicants for assistance include any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation (including Alaska Indians, Aleut, and Eskimos) or Alaska Native village which has established a relationship to the Federal government as defined in the program regulations. In certain instances, tribal organizations may be eligible to apply.
Categories
The ICDBG program can provide funding for recipients in the following categories:
Housing
Housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing construction, and under limited circumstances, new housing construction.
Community Facilities
Infrastructure construction, e.g., roads, water and sewer facilities; and, single or multipurpose community buildings.
Economic Development
Wide variety of commercial, industrial, agricultural projects which may be recipient owned and operated or which may be owned and/or operated by a third party.
Program administration
The program is administered by the six area ONAPs with policy development and oversight provided by the Denver National Program Office of ONAP. Each Area ONAP is responsible for a geographic jurisdiction that includes from 26 to over 200 eligible applicants.
The program regulations provide for two categories of grants, Iniminent Threat and Single purpose. Single purpose grants are awarded on a competition basis pursuant to the terms published in an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).
The Secretary of HUD may set aside 5% of each year’s allocation for the noncompetitive, first come-first served, funding of grants to eliminate or lessen problems which pose an imminent threat to public health or safety.
QHA is currently seeking to apply for this grant program. If you would like to be considered a candidate in this program, please contact Liz Johnson at (760) 572-0243.

NOTICE

It's that time of year again to renew your lease agreement for ALL QHA Rental Tenants!

When: April 21, 2017
Time: 9:00am-7:00pm
Where: Ironwood Community Center

When: April 22, 2017
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm
Where: QHA Office

Watergate Salad

Ingredients:
1 (3.4oz) package instant pistachio pudding mix
1 (8oz) can crushed pineapple, with juice
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 (8oz) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Directions:
1. In a large bowl, mix together pudding mix, pineapple with juice, marshmallows, and nuts.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour.

The theme for International Women's Day, March 8, 2017, focuses on "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030". The world of work is changing, and with significant implications for women. On one hand, we have globalization, technological and digital revolution and the opportunities they bring, and on the other hand, the growing informality of labor, unstable livelihoods and incomes, new fiscal and trade policies and environmental impacts—all of which must be addressed in the context of women’s economic empowerment.

In 2015, world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, placing gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Achievement of the goals, including ending poverty, promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth, reducing inequalities within and between countries, and achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, rests upon unlocking the full potential of women in the world of work.

Measures that are key to ensuring women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work must include bridging the gender pay gap, which stands at 24 per cent globally; recognizing women’s unpaid care and domestic work and addressing the gender deficit in care work; as well as addressing the gender gaps in leadership, entrepreneurship and access to social protection; and ensuring gender-responsive economic policies for job creation, poverty reduction and sustainable, inclusive growth.

Additionally, policies must count for the overwhelming majority of women in the informal economy, promote women’s access to innovative technologies and practices, decent work and climate-resilient jobs and protect women from violence in the work place.