Ralph Lazo of Manzanar: Kindness Personified - Tues, 3/13 - 6pm - Inyo County Free Library, Bishop Branch

Rocio Gomez, Latino Heritage Intern at the Manzanar National Historic Site, will present a talk about Ralph Lazo, a Mexican Irish American teenager who voluntarily joined his Japanese American friends and classmates in the Manzanar Camp.

Gallery Show: Love, Flowers, and Kindness - Through 4/13 - ICA*

The ICA Gallery features works by Eastern Sierra artists exploring the theme of flowers, love, and kindness.

IMAH Courtyard Makeover - Sat. 3/17 - 9am-noon - IMAH Thrift Mall

IMAH's courtyard needs a makeover! Help paint, clean, and plant drought tolerant plants. RVSP by 3/14 to execdir@imahstars.org or 760-873-8668 to participate! IMAH is at 371 S. Warren St. in Bishop.

Altrusa Foundation Tea - Sat. 3/24 - 11am - Bishop Methodist Church

Traditional tea fundraiser for the Altrusa Foundation - supporting service and literacy projects! For tickets, call Gail at 760-920-7497.

Lone Pine Community Dinner - Featuring Storyteller Michael Katz! Tues. 4/3 - 4:30-8pm - Lo-Inyo Multi-Purpose Room

A fun and free community dinner in Lone Pine - featuring art projects for all ages, dinner, and a special public performance by renowned storyteller Michael Katz!

Indian Education Summit - Friday, 4/6 - 9am-4pm - Cerro Coso Bishop

The OVCDC Indian Education Summit provides information for parents, educators, and community members to work together to enhance and share skills, realize resources, and help children and families be more successful! RSVP at 760-873-6547.

Spellbinder Book Club - Wonder - Tues. 4/10 - 7pm - Spellbinder Books

Discuss "Wonder" with the Spellbinder book club. Readers of all ages are welcome to this thoughtful discussion of the book.

Family Art and Story Time - Two Events:

Wed. 4/18 - 4:30pm - Big Pine Library

Thurs. 4/19 - 4:30pm - Independence Methodist Church Social Hall

Join Inyo County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa Fontana for an evening of family fun with art projects, storytelling, and snacks!

ICA Student Art Show Reception - 4/20 - 5:30pm - ICA*

The Student Art Show features works by students across the county. Stop by the gallery and support our young artists! The student show runs from 4/16 through 5/18, with a reception on Fri. 4/20 at 5:30pm.

Storytelling Workshop with Wild Roots - Sat. 4/21 - 9am-Noon - ICA*

Learn the guidelines and structure of storytelling and practice these techniques together as a group. Expand your imagination, learn to talk in pictures, and build the confidence to become a storyteller! Space is limited - Please RSVP to ICA at 760-873-8014.

"Wonder" Screening - Sat. 4/28 - 1pm - ICA*

After you finish the book, come see the movie at our special free screening! All are welcome to this free matinee at ICA.

More information about Community Reads: inyo.org/communityreads; 760-873-8014

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Kindness Counts:

Promoting Kindness & Service in our Communities



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Thanks for being a part of our Community Reads 2018 Kick-off Party and Community Dinner!

As you enjoy the festivities, please make sure to visit all of the great community organizations present to learn how you can get involved!

Inyo Mono Association for the Handicapped (IMAH) - IMAH promotes an independent, fulfilling lifestyle for adults who are developmentally disabled. IMAH helps these adults move towards a plan of self-support with services for individuals transitioning into adulthood, a Work Opportunities Program, and more. IMAH's Sierra Thrift Mall is a real life training site for adults, and provides genly used clothing and household items for sale. IMAH is seeking *volunteers* for their Courtyard Renovation project - Sat. 3/17

Bishop Sunrise Rotary - Bishop Sunrise Rotary is a part of Rotary International, the world's oldest service club organization. Rotary provides a broad array of service to local communities and the world. Sunrise Rotary's growing club fosters leaders, creates positive change in the community, and lends a hand to people in need at home and beyond their borders.

Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC) - OVCDC is a

Tribal organization providing career education, family literacy, language, and temporary assistance services in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Tulare, and Mono Counties - providing the opportunity for improved quality of life through education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving, and promoting Native cultures. OVCDC is looking for *volunteers* for community events, and *tutors* for adults in reading, writing, and math.

Altrusa of the Eastern Sierra - Altrusa focuses on service and literacy projects in the community as well as international service, while fostering and building leaders and volunteers. Altrusa wants to *share* it's mission with you and hopes to encourage community members to *become members*.

Inyo County Heath and Human Services (HHS) - HHS comprises multiple health/social service programs dedicated to promoting healthy, self-reliant, and productive communities throughout our county! They are seeking *volunteers* to be youth mentors for resource families for foster children.

Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) - IMACA Head Start State Preschool Program operates six preschool facilities in Inyo and Mono Counties designed to provide comprehensive health and education services to low income families and their children. IMACA is seeking *donations, classroom supplies,* and *volunteers in the classrooms* to meet their goal of offering a high-quality environment for children to learn and grow.

Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance - Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance supports community members dealing with cancer. They fundraise every year to help support their community. Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance is looking for *volunteers* at their recource center and for their community walks, as well as *board members*, and *mentors* to help support their members.

Alabama Hills Stewardship Group - The Alabama Hills Stewardship Group is a volunteer group which partners with the BLM to help manage the Alabama Hills. They are local stewards of this incredible desert environment, and their goal is to make the area as accessible and activity-inclusive as possible while preserving the semi-primitive, scenic landscape. Volunteers donate their time for community service efforts including restoration projects and docent activities. The Stewardship Group is asking for *public participation* in a major outdoor restoration project - the annual "Alabama Hills Day" - Sat. 4/7

OVCDC Early Head Start Program - The Early Head Start Program serves children age 0-3 on the Bishop Paiute Reservation and in surrounding areas. They seek to *increase awareness* of their program in our community.

Everyone Can Honor Other Ethnicities (ECHOE) -ECHOE values and promotes the diversity of cultures in Inyo County. They are a group of different agencies and cultures united for a single purpose - to give importance to all cultures by bringing more ethnic events to the community. ECHOE's mission is to work together with local agencies to offer better alternatives to our entire community.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) - CASA are volunteers who, following training, become sworn Officers of the Court assigned to a child in the Juvenile Court System who is a victim of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. CASA lifts up the voice of the child, as well as their needs and status, to the Judge and service providers. CASA of the Eastern Sierra has openings for qualified adults willing to be trained to become a consistent positive adult in a child's life. This is a *volunteer* opportunity that can make a forever difference in the life of a child.