



National Interagency Fire Center Contributes to Wind River Reservation Book Giveaway



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In September 2010, InsideNPS, the National Park Service's internal website, highlighted a story regarding a book drive sponsored by Operation Alliance, an interagency law enforcement effort to supplement across four reservations in order to reduce violent crime by five percent in 24 months. The initiative encourages community empowerment as a major tool in preventing crime. One such initiative was a book drive to raise 5000 books for the children on the Wind River Reservation by December 31, 2010.

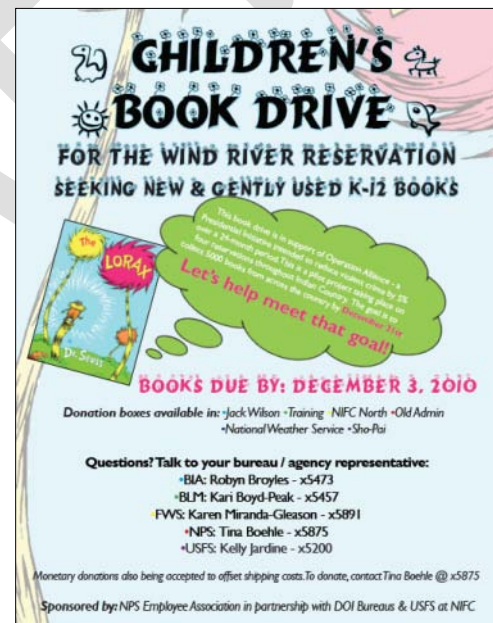
The National Park Service Employee Association at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho decided to sponsor a book drive at the center to support Operation Alliance's book drive. A group with representatives from the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA Forest Service gathered and planned the book drive which went from mid-October to early December 2010. Boxes for books were placed in the various buildings at NIFC and emails and fliers announced the event.

The Center's response to the book drive was enthusiastic. By the end of the book drive, just over 500 books, 10% of the overall goal of the Operation Alliance Book Drive had been collected. Books were submitted for every age group – from beginning readers to teen readers. The organizing group sorted through the books and filled 6 boxes to send to Wyoming.

The organizing group and the NIFC NPS Employees' Association were overwhelmed with the response from the interagency community in support of the children of the Wind River Reservation. Over 7500 books have been contributed to the Operation Alliance Book Drive so far and the National Interagency Fire Center is proud to have played a supporting role in its success.



Six boxes of books were collected from the interagency community at the National Interagency Fire Center.



A fun, colorful flier announced and advertised the book drive all across the NIFC campus.

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