



## Reading Is Fundamental is going Tribal!

Dear Tribal Educators:

Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) has recently signed on as a new partner with Reading Is Fundamental. We are excited to bring Indian Country access to excellent reading material for children and provide more books than ever. We have a goal of reaching 50,000 American Indian students across the United States within the next two months. Over the next four years, tribes, nations, bands, Indian organizations, tribal schools, urban Indian cooperatives, and public schools serving Indian Americans can serve up to 12 books for one student. We feel books in the hands of our students will pay major dividends later on. Many tribes are struggling to create libraries in their communities for their young people and families. Starting a RIF program is a great way for any community leader or educator to lead the charge for literacy.

The RIF program will provide students three books a year, and will motivate our next generation of American Indian scholars to read with strength, confidence, and comprehension. And the program is FREE the first year! Communities will be asked to contribute 6.75 percent of total books ordered in the second year, 12 percent total books ordered in the third year, and 25 percent total books ordered in the fourth and final year. We are hoping 50,000 students will read 600,000 books during that time. That's a lot of books! We are attracted to the thought that students will then be motivated to save our communities from present existing dangers. We also want to make sure American Indian students succeed at reading with material that is relevant to our communities. We believe anyone wanting to read should be given the opportunity.

RIF negotiates agreements with publishers and distributors to provide discounts for books and services for local programs. Information about RIF authorized booksellers is made available to program coordinators at RIF's website, [www.RIF.org](http://www.RIF.org). In order to get the discounts, books for RIF distributions must be purchased from authorized suppliers.

Discover the Joy! [www.RIF.org](http://www.RIF.org)





If you would like to become a Tribal RIF Partner, please provide the following information by [fill in the due date] to:

Tribal RIF Coordinator  
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Ho-Chunk Nation  
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Black River Falls, WI 54615

E-mail: [forrest.funmaker@ho-chunk.com](mailto:forrest.funmaker@ho-chunk.com)  
Phone: 715.284.4915 x1164  
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Name of Tribe/Nation/Band/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students (Pre K-12): \_\_\_\_\_

Can make the four year commitment?      Yes      No      Need more info  
(Please circle)

Tribal RIF Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Will there be multiple locations?      Yes      No

