

Community Report

2015-2016



OUR MISSION -The South Sound Reading Foundation exists to ensure that every child is read with, or is reading, for at least 20 minutes a day. Reading just 20 minutes a day promotes the healthy brain development, family bonding and school readiness all children need to read and succeed.

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Resources

Volunteers—Make it Possible!

- 131 volunteers in 2015-16
- Approximately 62 hours of service each month = 744 hours each year
- X \$23.56 (2015 hourly rate for volunteer) = **\$17528.64 of in-kind literacy based community service provided to our South Sound community in 2015-16!**

2015-16 Board of Directors

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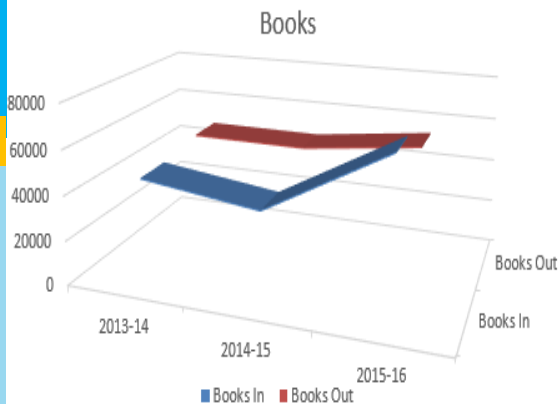
Ellen Jilek, Books Coordinator

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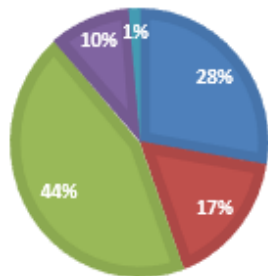
Books—We Need Them! Thanks to you, 2015-16 was the first year in over 5 years we brought in more books than we distributed. We need these books to ensure age appropriate high quality books for all children, so thank you!



Your Dollars—Engaging thousands of children in the wonder and promise of reading!

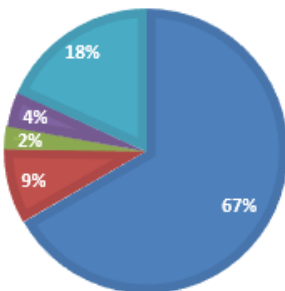
REVENUE

■ Contracts ■ Donations ■ Events ■ Grants ■ Misc



EXPENSE

■ Books/Programs ■ Development ■ Marketing ■ Office/Fees ■ Staff



2015-16 Services

FAMILIES

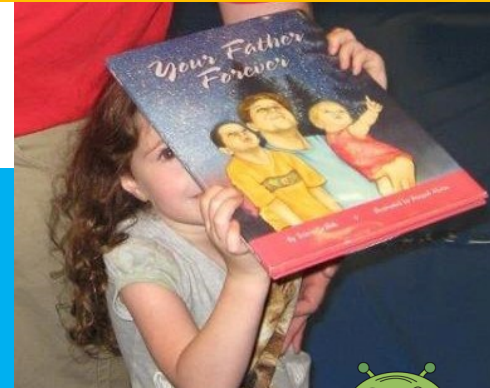
We engaged **6,549** families with our early learning, reading and literacy classes, presentations, and workshops.

BOOKS

54,631 free books distributed

11,455 books to hungry and homeless kids during school breaks

1,639 books to incarcerated parents and their children during family visits.



STORY TIMES

Over **207** story times provided in 2015-16 through our community.



CHILDREN SERVED

The South Sound Reading Foundation served over **13,500** children and youth this year!



BOOK VAN

Our book van travelled over **11,800** miles this year to provide free books and enrichment programs to underserved children, youth and families in our region.



SURVEY SAYS

78% of Teachers and community partners surveyed state that they observed an improvement in their children's interest in reading or reading habits as a result of the Reading Foundation.

I have had several students who didn't seem to care much about reading or books until they were given a book from SSRF. It sparked an interest in reading for them.

READY!
for Kindergarten

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Provided **550** free READY for Kindergarten kits and classes to families in our region.