



The Reading Foundation is honoring **Black History Month** by highlighting the talents of Black authors as well as stories that showcase the rich history, culture, joys, and challenges of children of all colors. We strive to promote diversity and an acceptance of all walks of life to the communities that we serve. It is imperative that youth be exposed to more diversity in their lives, as this has proven to lead to success in life. Black people have been underrepresented in children's literature, and we hope to help change that by distributing and reading more books at our programming with Black protagonists, this month and all months. Here's a selection of wonderful children's books featuring Black children and authors that we've recently added to our collection—**we can always use more**. These books bring the Black experience to life, and a few commemorate the struggles and triumphs of this proud community. Grab one of these books today and share it with a child you love.



COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Look for our van, mascot, free books, and/or literacy materials at these locations! If you are interested in helping out with any of these events, please contact program coordinator Ellen Jilek at ejilek@nthurston.k12.wa.us

Events in pink could use volunteer assistance

F, 2/3	Free Friday Night @HOCM	5-8	Hands on Children's Museum
Sa, 2/4	Nature Story Time @ Cabela's	11:30-12:30	Cabela's
M, 2/6	Rochester Toddler Time	10-11	Rochester Library
Tu, 2/7	Meadow Blossom Daycare	9:30-10:30	Meadow Blossom, Tumwater
Tu, 2/7	Tumwater OTC	4:00	Tumwater Old Town Center
W, 2/8	Adopt a Daycare @ Busy Bee's	10:00	Busy Bee's in Olympia
W, 2/8	Olympia Boys & Girls Club	3:30-4	Olympia Boys & Girls Club
Th, 2/9	Hawks Prairie Head Start Family Night	5-7	Hawks Prairie Head Start
F, 2/10	Tumwater Boys & Girls Club	3:30-4	Tumwater Boys & Girls Club
Sa, 2/11	All About Kindergarten	10-11:30	Capital HS Gym
M, 2/13	Pleasant Glade Club House	3:30-4	Pleasant Glade Elementary
Tu, 2/14	Hawks Prairie Head Start AM	9:30-11	Hawks Prairie Head Start
Tu, 2/14	Lydia Hawk Club House	4-4:30	Lydia Hawk Elementary
W, 2/15	Rochester Primary Family Night	6-7:30	Rochester Primary School
Th, 2/16	Rochester Head Start	11:30-1:30	Rochester Head Start
Th, 2/16	ROOF	4-4:30	Rochester ROOF
Th, 2/16	Rochester Boys & Girls Club	4:30-5:30	Rochester Boys & Girls Club
F, 2/17	Pastries with Parents	8-8:45 AM	Sand Hill Elementary
Sa, 2/18	Nature Story Time @ Cabela's	11:00	Cabela's
W, 2/22	West Olympia Head Start AM	9:15-10:15	West Olympia Head Start
W, 2/22	Adopt a Daycare @ Debbie's Daycare	11:00	Debbie's Daycare in Olympia
W, 2/22	West Olympia Head Start PM	1:30-2	West Olympia Head Start
W, 2/22	Meadows Club House After School Program	3-3:45	Meadows Elementary Gym
Th, 2/23	Yelm Birth-3 Group Meeting	9-11:30	Prairie Elementary
Th, 2/23	Seven Oaks Family Literacy Night	5:30-7	Seven Oaks Elementary
F, 2/24	Lacey Boys and Girls Club	3:30-4	Lacey Boys & Girls Club
F, 2/24	Tumwater Youth Program Super Hero Party	7-9:30	Peter G Schmidt Elementary
S, 2/25	Community Summit Resource Fair	9-2	SPSCC Lacey Campus
M, 2/27	Rochester Toddler Time	10-11	Rochester Library

NEW WEBSITE

Sound Reading Foundation

20 Minutes <u>A</u> Day!

SSRF has officially launched a new website! The shiny new site is located at http://www.southsoundreading.org/.

On our page, you'll find a more detailed community events calendar, information on requesting services, news about our fundraising efforts, free literacy resources, and more!

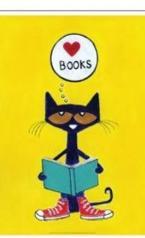


VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Our volunteers of the month for February are Carol & Gaylen Wood! These fantastic folks lead monthly story times, volunteer their time at book distributions, and restore our older books, among other things. They're super literacy leaders!

To help kick off our new Volunteer of the Month newsletter feature, we'd also like to let you all know that volunteers saved SSRF **\$3,681.25** in the month of January! You're all amazing, thanks for supporting literacy & learning in our communities.

DONATIONS & WISH LISTS



SSRF runs on the support of our community. We welcome donations of the following: new and used children's books, monetary donations, and your time volunteering with us!

Please consider donating any items on our wish lists to us as you see fit. Donors can be featured in future newsletters!

- Amazon Book Wish List
 - https://amzn.com/w/368Y1C96QBGOU
- Amazon Book Barn Supplies Wish List:
 - https://amzn.com/w/9M6HE70TD3K7

VOLUNTEER REQUEST!

We need volunteer help at the **Community Summit Resource Fair on Saturday, February 25th**! The event is from **9-2**. You'll be helping distribute books & literacy info to families in the Lacey community. Please reply to this email or contact lolfson@nthurston.k12.wa.us to sign up for a shift.

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