



2017-18 COMMUNITY REPORT

2017-18 DIRECTORS & STAFF

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2017-18 STAFF

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Dear Friends,
Thank you for another successful year! Together we are bringing the joy and promise of books and reading to ALL South Sound children. This is our new mission statement and it truly captures the important work we do. We are out in our community every day inspiring children to become eager and engaged readers. These children will have the skills they need to succeed in school and in life, because they love reading. This is what we mean by PROMISE.

Eager and engaged readers find JOY through exploration, discovery, and adventure in everything they read. I am reminded of a girl I worked with at a homeless shelter. She picked up a copy of *The Golden Compass* at the beginning of our visit and curled up and began to read. She was in the same spot, engrossed in her book, ninety minutes later. She was on an adventure! This is what we mean by JOY.

Finally the most important word in our mission statement is ALL. Each week we serve over 1000 children and their families. We work especially hard to serve children and families who are low-income, under-resourced, and may be living in remote, rural communities. We also work hard to serve children and families whose first language is not English. This is what we mean by ALL.

So thank you. Together we are bringing the JOY and PROMISE of books and reading to ALL South Sound children.

Jennifer Williamson Forster, Executive Director



WHY

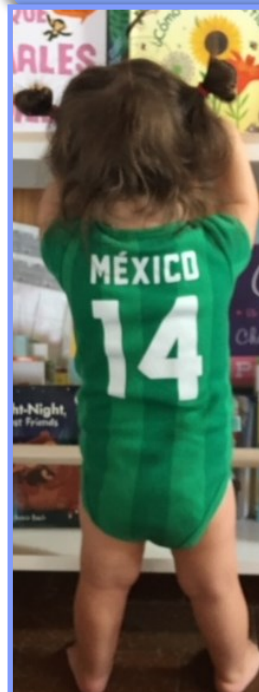
WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

82%

of teachers and community partners surveyed said they observed an improvement in their children's interest in reading or reading habits as a result of the South Sound Reading Foundation.



- ♦ "The Reading Foundation gets books into homes that would not otherwise have books. Thank you for all you do!" *Head Start Center Director*
- ♦ The children LOVE the bookshelf in our waiting room and the moment when they find out they get to keep a book is pretty awesome! "CPS worker"
- ♦ "My families are able to prioritize reading when they have these books in their homes. I love the dedication SSRF has to our community and to early learning." *Home Visitation Coordinator*
- ♦ "Our children absolutely devoured the books!" *Parent*
- ♦ "Students and parents always think it's a treat to get to take home a book! Your program not only promotes literacy, but also family engagement, and the tools needed for youth in our community to succeed. Thank you for all you do!" *Elementary School Teacher*



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ Readers are Leaders Benefit Breakfast, April 12th 7:00 a.m., SPSCC Lacey
- ♦ Books by the Bay, August 2nd, 6:00-9:00 pm, Olympia Golf and Country Club
- ♦ For a calendar of our literacy outreach community events, please visit <http://www.southsoundreading.org/event-calendar/>

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WHAT & HOW

OUR NEW MISSION

To bring the joy and promise of books and reading to ALL South Sound children.

OUR NEW VISION

All children read well and enjoy reading.

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

56,000 children, youth and families served in 2017-18

17,017 families engaged in early learning programs

3,049 children engaged through story times and book clubs throughout the South Sound

12,300 miles covered by our book van to provide free books and programs to underserved children

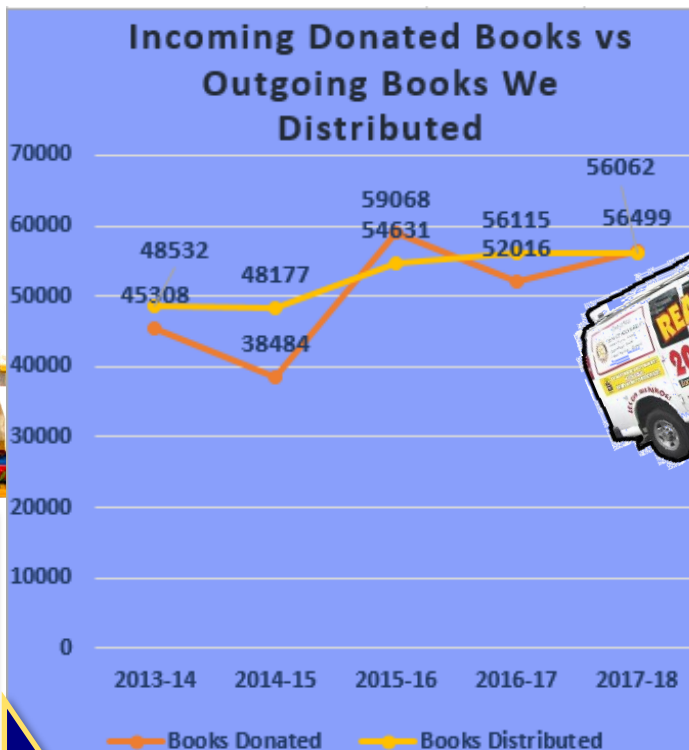


BOOKS TO CHILDREN

56,062 free books distributed

10,942 books to hungry and homeless children during school breaks

2,102 books to incarcerated parents and their children during family visits



OUR BOOK VAN



VOLUNTEERS

OUR LITERACY CHAMPIONS

- 83 regular volunteers
- 173 volunteer hours each month (average)
- 2074 volunteer hours for the year
- That's over \$50,000 in in-kind literacy-based service donated to our South Sound region this year!
(Calculated as # hours x \$24.14, the hourly volunteer rate)

OUR FINANCIALS

YOUR LITERACY SUPPORT AT WORK

