CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY BY BUILDING UNDERSTANDING

The South Sound Reading Foundation recognizes Black History Month by highlighting children’s stories about black heroes, historical figures, and books that celebrate the vibrant cultures, histories, challenges, and lives of African Americans. SSRF works to promote diversity and acceptance of all walks of life in the communities we serve. African Americans have been underrepresented in children’s literature, and it is important that young readers are exposed to stories that share black role models or protagonists to develop empathy and understanding and make connections. Below are children’s books we have purchased or received through donors featuring black protagonists.

COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Look for our book van, mascot, free books, and/or literacy materials at these locations! If you’d like to volunteer at an event, email our volunteer coordinator Korie Jennings at kjennings@nthurston.k12.wa.us.

We also have a live, online calendar located at: http://www.southsoundreading.org/event-calendar/. Please get in touch with Korie if anything catches your interest! ***Events in pink could use volunteer assistance***

2019 VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Volunteers are the heartbeat of SSRF! We’ll meet in 2019 on second Tuesdays for training or socials at 200 Sleater-Kinney Road NE. Our first meeting is from 4 to 6 PM on February 12 to talk about our programs and learn what opportunities interest you! Future topics include developing interactive story times, book repair, etc. We hope to see many of our new and current volunteers. Refreshments provided. Students will earn community service hours for attendance. RSVP to read2me@nthurston.k12.wa.us.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

We’d like to thank two volunteer teams who donated over 50 hours of service in 2019. Nearly 500 low-income children with books for their homes. Please contact derekb@nthurston.k12.wa.us

CALLING VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Thanks for responding to our call for drivers needed for our Literacy Bookshelves routes in Mason and Thurston counties. We will be expanding our pool of drivers; the time commitment would be about 2 hours per month. These routes provide agencies that serve nearly 500 low-income children with books for their homes. Please contact read2me@nthurston.k12.wa.us if you can help us.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” — Frederick Douglass