

# COMMUNITY IMPACT 2018-19

## Promoting Literacy, Creating Potential



1,200

CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
SERVED EACH WEEK



62,288

BOOKS GIVEN  
TO CHILDREN



7900

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



1052

SITES VISITED



12,500

BOOK VAN  
MILES LOGGED



200

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**Read with a child 20 minutes a day!**

# Dear Friends,

*"The world belongs to those who read". -- Richard Holland*  
And if the world belongs to those who read, then books are the bridges to the world and all it holds. We envision a world where all children read well and enjoy reading.



**With the support of this amazing community, last year over 62,000 South Sound children were able choose their own books and experience all the wonderful worlds that awaited them.** That's nearly 1,200 children each week with a book in their hands and page-turning adventures ahead.

To watch a child select a book and light up like a spark, to see them hold that book to their chest and to know that they are going to dive in and explore, and experience, and learn, and grow...well, there is no feeling like. It is truly magical.

So, thank you for understanding the value and power of literacy and the magic of reading! **Together we are bringing the JOY and PROMISE of books and reading to ALL South Sound children.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Williamson Forster".

Jennifer Williamson Forster, Executive Director

## Save the date!

### **Readers are Leaders Breakfast**

Thursday, April 16, 2020

7am - Hotel RL

### **Books by the Bay Gala**

Friday, September 18, 2020

6pm - Olympia Yacht Club



# Our programs

## Books for Kids:

delivers free books to children & families



- **Literacy Book Van** - visits low-income housing units, schools, afterschool programs, community events and rural areas to promote reading by distributing 14,200+ free books and literacy materials.
- **Books for the Break** - partners with schools and food banks to deliver 7,800+ books to homeless and low-income children so they can read during breaks.
- **Literacy Bookshelves** - stocks 14,800+ books on bookshelves at 40 agencies serving low-income clients so children can take a free book home to read.
- **Connect with Me** - provides books and literacy materials to incarcerated parents to share with their children during family visits.

## Family Engagement:

educates families about the importance of reading



- **Family Education** - visits parenting groups, support groups, workshops and literacy nights to provide 18,800+ books and discuss reading, literacy, and brain development.
- **Books for Babies** - gives 2,000 new board books and literacy information to families leaving the hospital with newborns.
- **Born to Read** - partners with medical providers to give 1,400 board books and information to low-income families at their baby's 6-month checkup.

## Reading Engagement:

engages children in reading and books



- **Read to Me** - shares 25 story time visits and 3000+ free books with 180-210 children ages 3-5 at Head Start and other childcare facilities monthly.
- **Book Clubs and Book Talks** - partners with programs that serve low-income children and youth to host book clubs and book talks.

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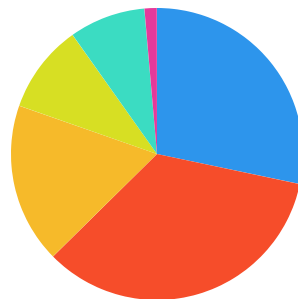
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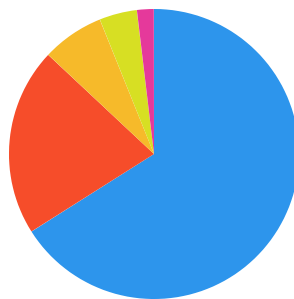
## 2018-19 Financials

### Income



- In-kind Books (28%)
- Events (34%)
- Donations (18%)
- Grants (10%)
- Contracts (9%)
- Investment (1%)

### Expense




- Books & Programs (66%)
- Staff (21%)
- Fundraising/Marketing (7%)
- Office Expenses (4%)
- Insurance (2%)

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