

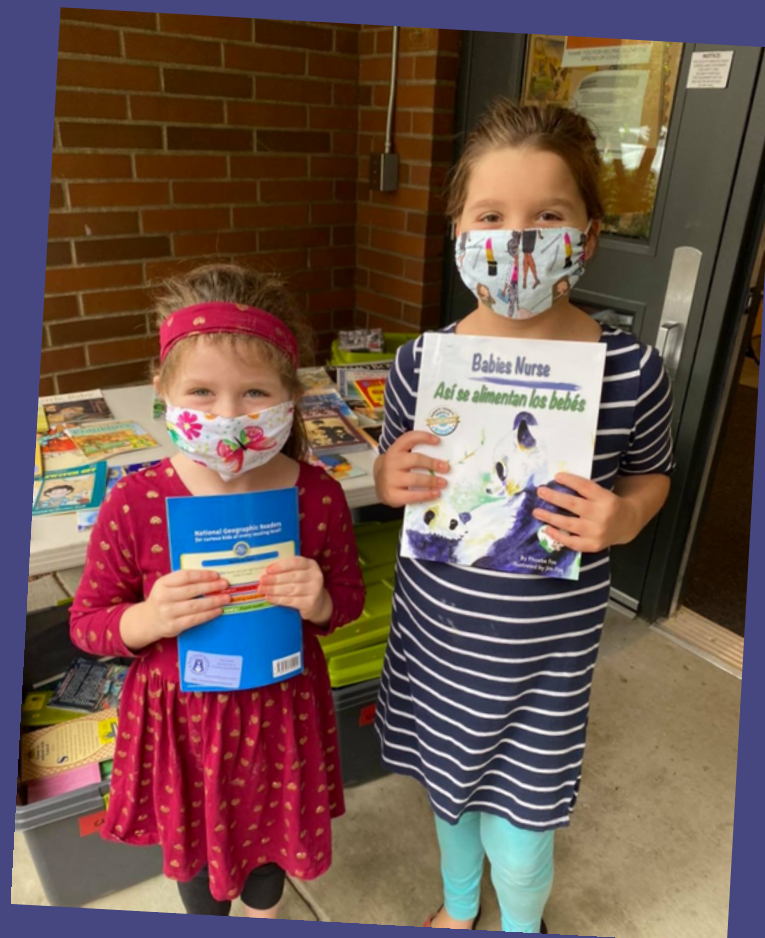
2019-20

Community Report

Read on to learn more about:

- what we accomplished together in the last year,
- how we're safely supporting families during school closures, and
- our goals for the year ahead as we celebrate 20 years of connecting kids with books!





Evergreen Forest Elementary
"Thank you to the South Sound Reading Foundation for bringing free books for our kids today at lunch!"



Lackamas Elementary
"Dear south sound reading foundation, hi i'm George i got so many diffrent books and ive been very thankfull thank you so much and hope you keep doing what your doing you are very helpful and hope you guys are doing OK!!"



Our impact

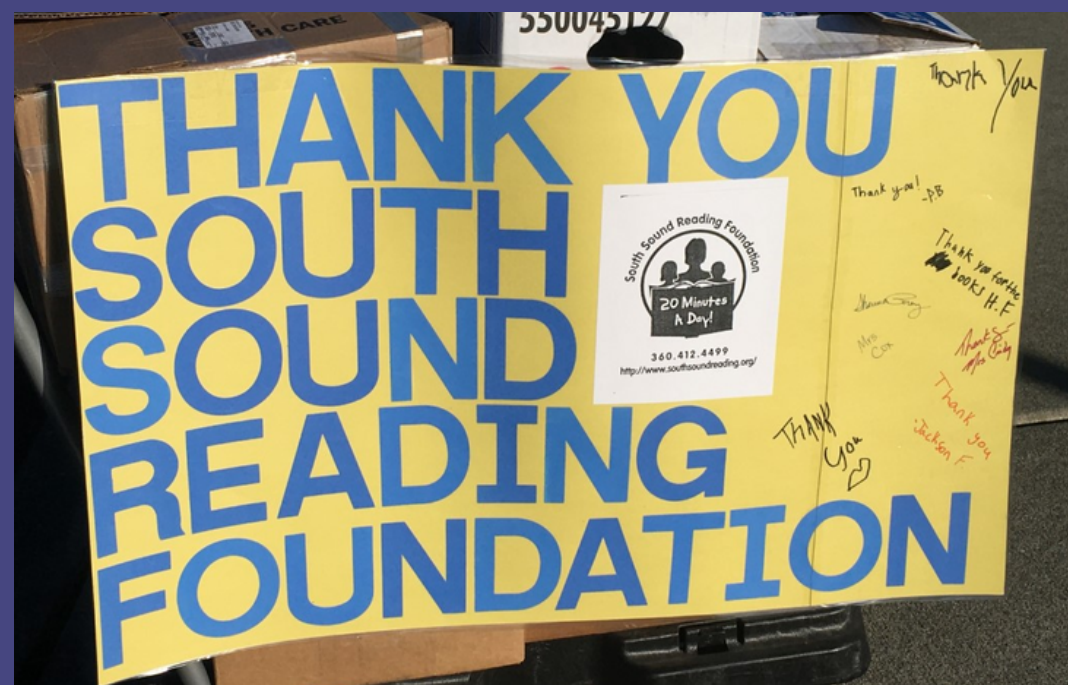
From the words of our partners...



Peter G. Schmidt Elementary
"Peter G. Schmidt wants to thank the South Sound Reading Foundation for their continued support and quick response to a call for books. After exhausting their supply of nearly 400 titles collected in a January book drive at the school, SSRF quickly came to the rescue with an additional 600 books to help them keep their kids reading! We appreciate your continued support and partnership with each of our schools!"

Dear South Sound Reading Foundation,
 On behalf of all the Hood Canal students, I thank you for the wonderful donation of beautiful books! We have delivered them to students via school buses. Our kids are so grateful to you, as books are needed.
 Warmly, Nikki Grubbs, Superintendent

Hood Canal School District



Mission

Bring the joy and promise of books and reading to all South Sound children.

- Educate children & families about the importance of reading.
- Share free high-quality books with every child.
- Promote literacy and create potential.

43,000

books to kids

825+

families weekly



Vision

We envision a community where all children read well and enjoy reading.

- Champion families reading aloud together 20 minutes every day.
- Support schools in ensuring students read on grade level by the end of third grade.
- Build community involvement to help young readers be successful.



People

Board of Directors

- **Derek Bumrungsiri**
Twinstar Credit Union
- **Genevieve Canceko Chan**
St. Martin's University
- **Ruth Conn, MD**
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People

Staff

- **Jennifer Williamson Forster**
Executive Director
- **Sarah Gage**
Program Coordinator
- **Amanda Sipher**
Development Director

AmeriCorps

- **BluKody Christensen**
Youth in Service, Community Youth Services
- **Chelsea Mancilla**
Washington Service Corps
- **Nicole Nichols**
VISTA, United Way

And, our dedicated volunteers who provided over 5300 hours of service!

COVID

Rapid response to partner, family, and community needs.

- Contactless deliveries
- Partner Packages - books for quarantine
- Bag o' Books - free family book orders, curbside
- Meal site book tables
- Virtual Story Times



Partners

Serving low-income families in
Thurston, Mason, and Grays
Harbor counties.

- School districts
- Agencies
- Nonprofit organizations



250

Partners

650+

Site Visits


Key Partners

- ESD113 Head Start Programs
- Griffin Schools
- North Thurston Public Schools
- Olympia School District
- Rochester Schools
- Tenino Schools
- Tumwater Schools
- Yelm Community Schools
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Capital Medical Center
- Childcare Action Council
- Family Education & Support Services
- Hands On Children's Museum
- Providence St. Peter Hospital
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- Thurston County Food Bank

Sponsors

- Andrew J. Kapust DDS
- Bean, Gentry, Wheeler, Peterneil
- Bron's Automotive
- Browsers Bookshop
- Daniel J. Berschauer Mediation
- **Fisher Jones Family Dentistry**
- Henderson Law Group
- Heritage Bank
- Nicholson & Associates Insurance
- NOVA Middle School
- OBEE Credit Union
- Olympia Federal Savings
- **Olympia Pediatrics**
- Panorama
- **Port Blakely Tree Farms**
- Puget Sound Energy
- Rodgers, Kee, Card, & Strophy
- St. Martin's University
- **SCJ Alliance**
- Small to Tall Pediatric Dentistry
- **TwinStar Credit Union**
- **WSECU**

***In-kind:** Dancing Goats Coffee Bar, EventSupport, Graphic Communications, OLY ARTS, Pacific Stage, TAGS Awards & Specialties, Usborne Books*



“THANK YOU so much for offering Bags of Books during these strange and unprecedented times. This will certainly help keep our spirits up, give us something to do, and keep our love of learning alive.”

- Family of 9 served during COVID

“In response to the challenges caused by the pandemic, [TwinStar was] excited to partner with [South Sound Reading Foundation] to implement the Read Around the House summer reading program supporting students of North Thurston Public Schools.”

- Laurie Kresl, TwinStar VP Marketing

“Reading with a child from birth provides a lifetime benefit in a variety of developmental, social, academic and economic measures. I love how something so simple can do so much and want to make sure every child and family in our community have the opportunity share in the enjoyment and rewards of reading.”

- Bridget Sipher, Pediatrician & Literacy Champion

Funders

- Altrusa
- Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
- Dawkins Charitable Trust
- Humanities WA/NEH CARES
- Junior League of Olympia
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Olympia Tumwater Foundation
- Rotary Clubs of
 - Aberdeen
 - Gateway
 - Lacey
 - Olympia
 - Skookum-Shelton
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- WA Combined Fund Drive
- Zonta Clubs

Financials

Revenue (2019-20PY)
\$202,855.65

Contributions
16.1%

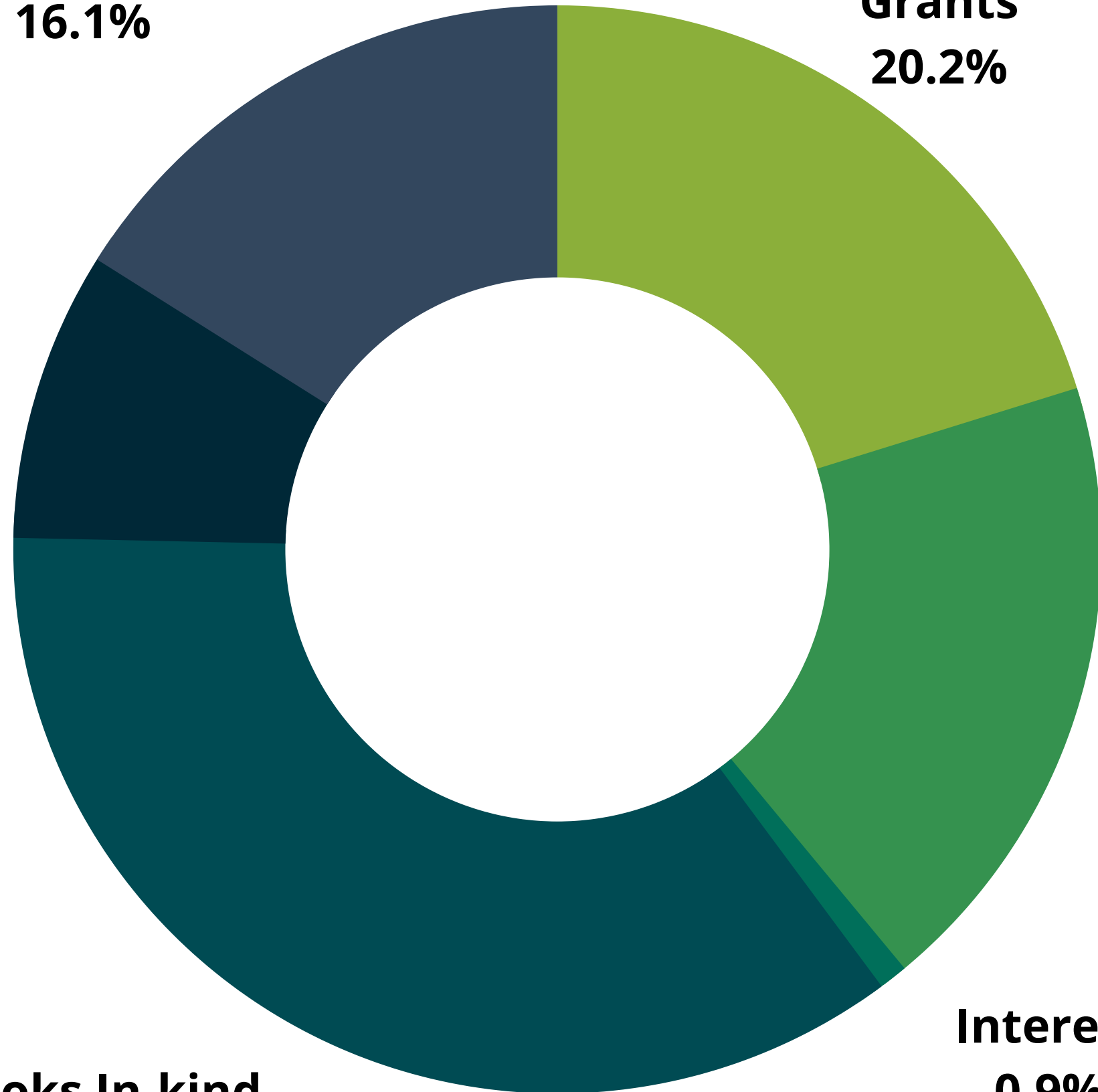
Grants
20.2%

Contracts
8.6%

Events
18.8%

Interest
0.9%

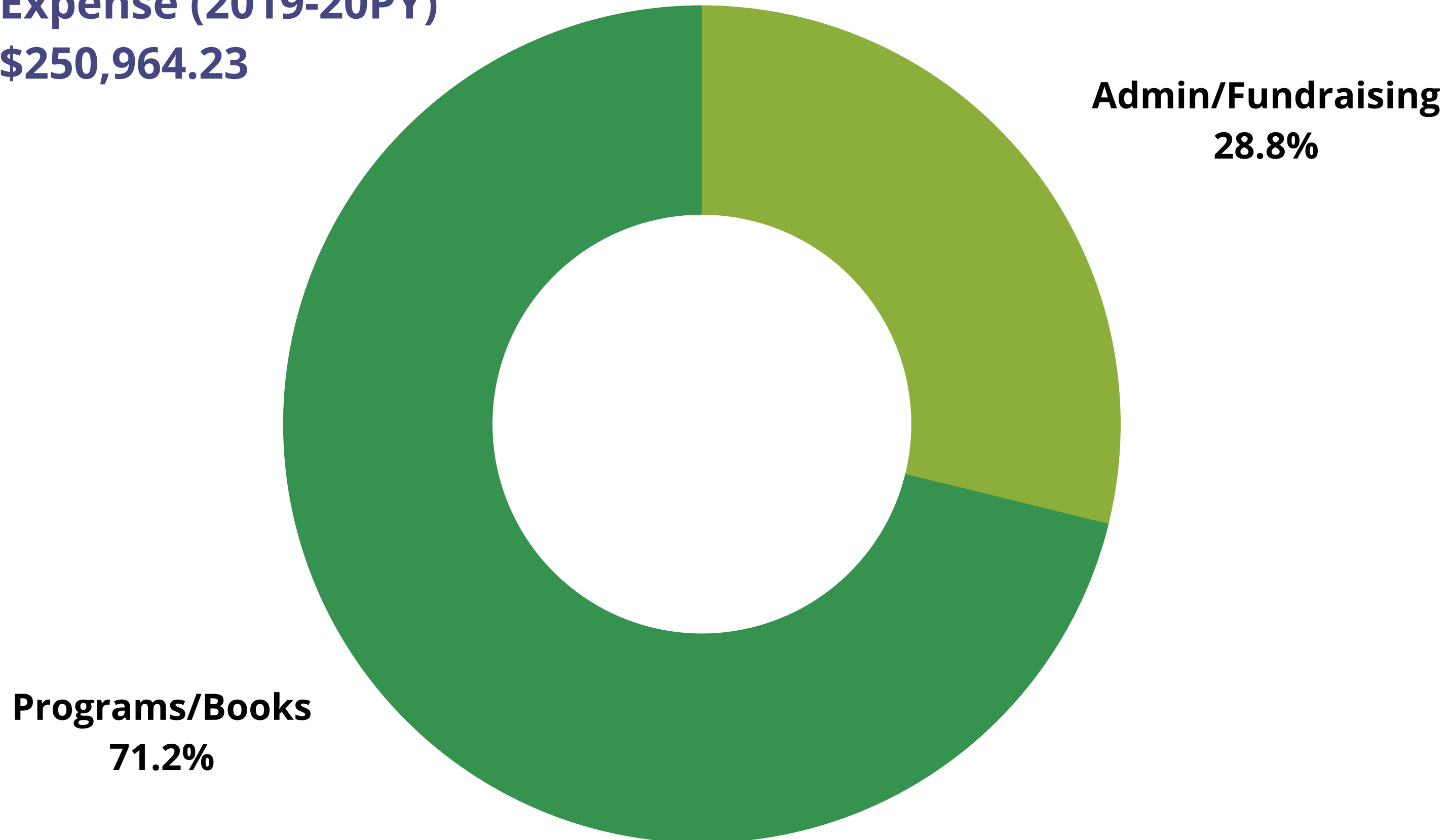
Books In-kind
35.5%



*Figures reflect loss of
Readers are Leaders
fundraiser event and
Well Fed Well Read CFD
book drive.*

Financials

Expense (2019-20PY)
\$250,964.23





2020-21

Celebrating 20 years of sharing books with South Sound children!

- Evaluate program diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Identify hidden biases.
- Increase % of diverse books & authors in collections.
- Celebrate Literacy Champions.
- Strengthen partnerships.
- Respond to community.
- Update website resources.

Thank You!



www.southsoundreading.org