

COMMUNITY IMPACT 2022-2023



Promoting Literacy, Creating Potential



96,207

BOOKS IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN



1850

**CHILDREN SERVED
EACH WEEK**



3403

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS SERVED**



15,542

**BOOKS STOCKED IN
LITERACY BOOKSHELVES**



260

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS**

972

SITES VISITED



58,335

**BOOKS DELIVERED
BY THE BOOK VAN**

READ WITH A CHILD 20 MINUTES A DAY!

DEAR FRIENDS,



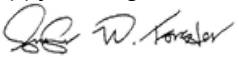
The ability to read transforms lives, yet nationwide, we are experiencing a reading crisis. Reading scores have tumbled, a trend exacerbated by the pandemic. and technology is sapping kids' attention, attention span, and reading and learning retention.

Now, more than ever we need to focus on reading proficiency, youth literacy, and access to books. This is why the South Sound Reading Foundation is increasing our efforts to educate families about the importance of reading, get kids excited about reading through story times, book clubs, etc., and provide more free books to children and families throughout our region.

This year we shared over 95,000 free books. **That is over 1,800 books in to the hands and hearts of local children each week!** Books they get to choose, keep, read, re-read and cherish. This fosters motivational reading, which is why choice is so important. And most of these kids are low-income and are statistically more likely to struggle with reading and less likely to have book in their homes.

The ability to read is key to success in school and in life. Thank you for supporting us as we work towards a world where all children are eager and engaged readers. Reading transforms lives.

Happy reading adventures!


Jennifer Williamson-Forster
Executive Director



OUR PROGRAMS

Books for Kids: supplies 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 free books and literacy materials.
- **Books for the Break** - partners with schools and food banks to deliver books to homeless and low income children.
- **Literacy Bookshelves** - stocks books on bookshelves at agencies serving low-income clients so children and families can take a free book home to read.
- **Bag O' Books** - packs individual book orders for families in Thurston and Mason counties.

Family Education: educates families about the importance of reading

- **Family Education** - visits parenting groups, support groups, workshops and literacy nights to provide books and discuss reading, literacy, and brain development.
- **Books for Babies** - gives new board books and literacy information to families leaving the hospital with newborns.
- **Born to Read** - partners with medical providers to give board books and information to low-income families at well-baby checkups.

Reading Engagement: engages children in reading and books

- **Read to Me** - shares story time and free books with children at Head Start and other childcare facilities.
- **Book Clubs and Book Talks** - partners with programs that serve low-income children and youth to host book clubs and book talks.
- **Reading Maps** - shares fun reading maps with children and families during school breaks to keep children engaged.

Pictures & Testimonials

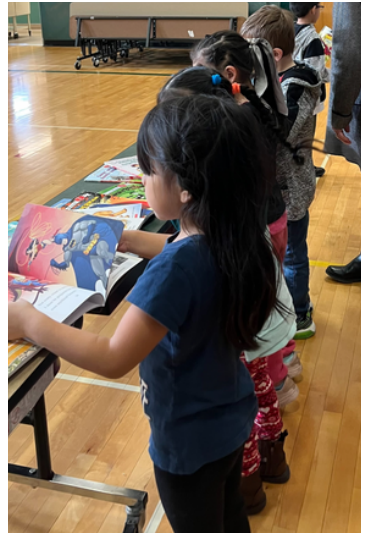


Mom—"Thank you so much for the kids books. I really appreciate it. It's for my girls, to make my visits a little easier. It's hard seeing my babies on video..."

Kid—"Thank you for the book! I like books better than candy, they last longer and are more fun. "

Partner—"Your support of CYS from our littlest readers to our older youth is opening a window to new thoughts, ideas, and continued learning. We value your commitment to serving our agency, our programs, and our community. Thank you again for all your incredible support, and for opening up new opportunities for our participants at CYS!"

Teacher—"We LOVE South Sound Reading Foundation. We love that all of our students have access to books to grow their home libraries. Thank you SO much!!!"



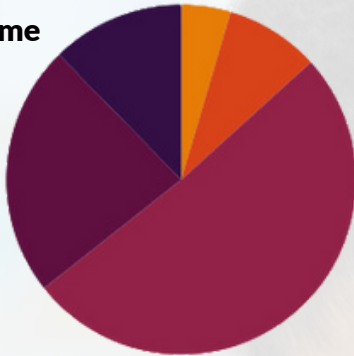
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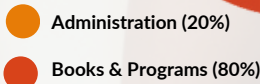
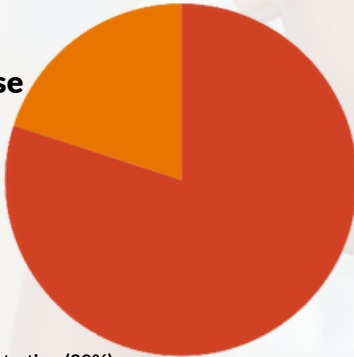


2022-2023 Financials

Income



Expense



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*Thank you for supporting literacy and
access to books for all children.*