

COMMUNITY IMPACT

2023-2024

Promoting Literacy, Creating Potential



78,802

BOOKS IN THE HANDS OF
CHILDREN



1515

CHILDREN SERVED
EACH WEEK



3245

VOLUNTEER
HOURS SERVED



22,170

BOOKS IN LITERACY
BOOKSHELVES



260

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



942

SITES
SERVED

53,883

BOOKS DELIVERED
BY THE BOOK VAN

READ WITH A CHILD 20 MINUTES A DAY!



THE SOUTH SOUND READING FOUNDATION



We envision a community where all children read well and enjoy reading, and where reading opens new opportunities. We are an integral part of bringing our community closer to this vision.

Our mission is to bring the joy and promise of books and reading to all of our region's children.



Compassionate

We are compassionate, kind, respectful, and supportive.

Collaborative

We are collaborative, community-focused, service-driven, and volunteer-centered.

Friendly and Fun

We support all children and families. We provide them with education and resources. We bring joy and exploration to them through books, reading, and learning.

Inclusive

We are inclusive, intentional, transformational, adaptive, and nimble.

Responsive

We are responsive, reliable, accessible, and prompt. We customize our services and resources to respond to needs, and we believe choice is critical to our mission.



ABOUT US

- Founded in 2001 by North Thurston Public Schools in partnership with area school districts, early learning centers, Olympia Pediatrics, and Timberland Regional Library.
- As an affiliate of the National Children's Reading Foundation.
- Serve the South Sound Region.
- To increase graduation rates and 3rd/4th grade reading levels. Initially served in conjunction with a few partners and distributed around 1000 books per year.
- Since then, we've established relationships with hundreds of organizations and agencies to bring free books, family education, and reading engagement programming to our South Sound community.
- 82% of teachers, parents, and community partners we 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.

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.

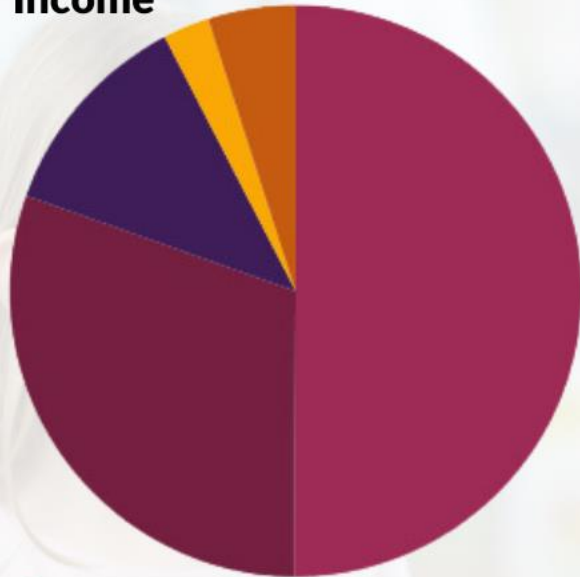


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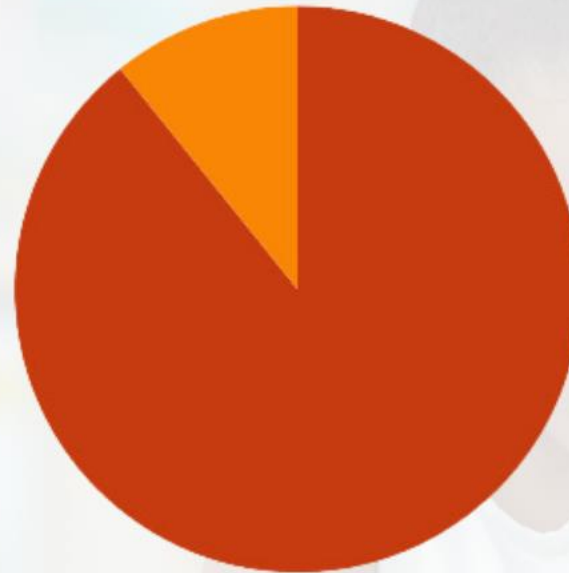


2023-2024 Financials

Income



Expense



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

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A YEAR IN PICTURES



Bringing the joy
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books and
reading to all
South Sound
children since
2001!

THANK YOU
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