

Outstanding Ready to Read Grant Projects for 2007-2008

Each year the State Library recognizes outstanding Ready to Read Grant projects that have been particularly effective in achieving the goals of the grant program. The criteria for an outstanding Ready to Read Grant project are: adhere to the original intent of the Ready to Read Grant, focus on one or more of the three best practices, promote partnerships both in and out of the library, are replicable in other libraries, or enhance current library services. The outstanding projects for 2007-2008 are:

Beaverton Public Library: \$17,070 state funds, \$3,000 other funds. Implemented early literacy training for parents, Spanish storytimes, storytime performers, summer reading book incentives, summer reading performers, outreach to schools. Received excellent evaluations from 114 participants in library's first early literacy training program. Best Practice Library.

Siuslaw Public Library: \$2,793 state funds, \$1640 library funds. Implemented giveaway book program that launched new partnership and outreach program with a kindergarten, launched new weekly storytime, increased library visits of children under 6 years old from 5 children in October 2007 to 55 children in July 2008. Developed concept book and manipulatives collection which increased circulation and parent-child conversations.

Lakeside Public Library: \$1,000 state funds, \$75 library funds, \$500 other funds. Contracted staff to conduct library's first weekly storytime. Increased number of parents bringing their children to the library, increased circulation. In response to positive community feedback, Lakeside City Council donated additional \$2,000 to library budget for children's programs and materials.

Scappoose Public Library: \$2,081 state funds, \$619 library funds, \$898 other funds. Implemented outreach program to kindergartens, preschools, and Head Start; attended countywide Inter-Agency Children's Literacy meetings; provided summer reading program. Teachers learned library staff by name, and promoted summer reading. Juvenile circulation increased 7.6%, program attendance increased from 24 in September 2007 to 124 in May 2008.

Emma Humphrey (Vale) Public Library: \$1,000 state funds. Conducted six-week summer reading storytime for preschoolers, developed juvenile, board book, picture book collections. Parents so enthusiastic that the storytime was extended to December. Storytime will recommence in 2009, this is the library's first regularly scheduled weekly storytime.

Klamath County Library: \$22,000 state funds, \$7,000 library funds, \$5,000 other funds. Implemented early literacy training to staff, volunteers, childcare providers, community members. Developed early literacy outreach and in-library program. One event resulted in 90% of participants getting library cards for their infants. Expanded summer reading program. Best Practice Library.

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