



Outstanding Ready to Read Grant Projects for 2009-2010

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, promote partnerships both in and out of the library, are replicable in other libraries, enhance current library services, or focus on one or more of the three best practices.

Best Practice Libraries are those that implement all three library youth services best practices.

Eugene Public Library:

\$20,658 state funds and \$8,700 library funds.

Hired bilingual early literacy staff to present early literacy trainings, develop community relationships, and present storytimes in and out of the library.

Best Practice Library.

Cedar Mill Community Library:

\$10,770 state funds, \$7,017 library funds, and \$2,125 other funds. Developed successful new book art outreach program, partnered with early intervention for the first time to serve children with special needs, presented early literacy trainings, and conducted the summer reading program. **Best Practice Library.**

Stayton Public Library:

\$1,341 state funds, \$2,300 library funds, and \$800 other funds.

Promoted summer reading program at all local schools and developed partnership with one school librarian resulting in significant increase in summer reading participation.

Best Practice Library.

Douglas County Library System:

\$22,454 state funds, \$4,500 library funds, and \$6,384 other funds. Presented Baby Lapsit programs, presented outreach storytimes, participated in community events to promote early literacy, provided staff training in youth services.

Best Practice Library

Lake County Library District:

\$14,208 state funds and \$13,300 library funds. Distribute early literacy packets for newborns via local hospital and Public Health Office, presented outreach storytimes, developed new storytime for 0-4 year olds, and conducted summer reading program. **Best Practice Library**

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