

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

**Library Services and Technology Act
Grant Activities Report**

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Project Name: Storytime-To-Go

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1. Summarize the overall purpose of the grant project:

Storytime-To-Go is a program with three components aimed at increasing early literacy among underserved children who are not able to access story times offered at the library. First, a team of trained volunteers will bring a weekly story time to locations where these children are, such as day cares or recreation centers, with an emphasis on reaching low-income preschool age children. Second, the volunteers will use a Storytime-To-Go kit compiled by trained library professionals; the kits will also be available for checkout by any cardholder, spreading the potential for early literacy development even further. Finally, to reach even more children, the library will offer a free Storytime FUNDamentals class teaching the tools needed for leading effective storytimes

2. Summarize the project results to date:

Outputs Summary – please report as appropriate depending upon your grant

Output Measures Feb 2012- April 2012	#	Output Measures To date	#
Volunteers recruited and trained	1	Volunteers recruited and trained	13
Site applications	2	Site applications	22
Sites selected	0	Sites selected	11
Storytimes presented	113	Storytimes presented	169
Attendees at storytimes	1413	Attendees at storytimes	2160
Storytime Workshop Attendees		Storytime Workshop Attendees	103
Storytelling Kits:		Storytelling Kits:	
Kit materials designed	29	Kit materials designed	84
Kits materials acquired	29	Kits materials acquired	84
Kits assembled	12	Kits assembled	67
Kits cataloged	25	Kits cataloged	55

Narrative summary:

Fourth Quarter (February 2012 – April 2012):

Five newly trained volunteers began storytimes in February. Two of these volunteers led storytimes at one site in February and March; one volunteer led storytime once a month and the other led storytime twice a month. In April one of the volunteers began leading two weekly storytimes. As of April, nine sites are receiving a weekly storytime program: three recreation daycares, Relief Nursery, four home daycares and one high school that provides childcare for teen parents. Four of these sites have more than one class.

One newly recruited volunteer was unable to attend the scheduled training. She will be fully trained and placed in May bringing our total to ten sites with fourteen to sixteen storytimes each week.

Shauna Dyer, Storytime-To-Go Coordinator, visited the new sites twice to observe the volunteers as they led storytime. She also requested feedback from the site contacts. The feedback has been very positive. Shauna also met with each of the volunteers to provide feedback and ideas for improvement. All the volunteers are doing an excellent job and enjoying their work immensely.

Shauna Dyer offered a one-time, onsite preschool storytime training to sites that have applied for Storytime-To-Go but will not be able to receive our service this year. Two sites replied with requests for the training. The trainings will take place in May.

Youth Services Manager, Cynthia Olsen, and Shauna Dyer presented a program at the Oregon Library Association Annual Conference on the Storytime-To-Go program. The program had approximately twenty five attendees.

3. Report on specific project objectives to date:

Objective: Assemble 55 kits	% Progress: 152%
Activity Summary:	

55 kits have been assembled. 29 additional kits were designed and the materials acquired. 55 kits have been cataloged. 10 of the 29 new kits are infant/toddler kits.

Objective: Recruit and Train Five STTG Volunteers	% Progress: 100%
Activity Summary:	

One more volunteer was recruited. Five new volunteers have been trained and placed at contracted childcare sites. The last volunteer will be placed in May.

Objective: 10 weekly Storytimes	% Progress: 150%
Activity Summary:	

Volunteers lead fifteen weekly storytimes with an average attendance of 12.

Objective: Present Storytime FUNdamentals workshop	% Progress: 100%
Activity Summary:	

4. Significant developments:

It was decided that more kits were needed for the volunteers and in order to offer them to the public for circulation. With the remaining materials funds, 29 new kits were designed and ordered. Ten of these kits are infant/toddler kits. They are in-process and will be available for use by the end of July.

After consulting with the volunteers, approximately thirty puppets were ordered for storytime. They are very popular; both the volunteers and the children greatly enjoy this addition to storytime.