

Funds Distribution Report

Recipient Organization:
Page Ahead Children’s Literacy Program

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Organization’s General Goals:
Literacy is essential to lifelong success. Our goal is to close the literacy achievement gap experienced by Washington students who live in historically disadvantaged or oppressed communities and are furthest from educational opportunity.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Page Ahead Children’s Literacy Program.

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The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
Attn: Marilyn Sheldon, Director
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Code: Q4 2023 14.2

Dear Ms. Sheldon,

Page Ahead is honored to have had your partnership over this last school year to help students furthest from educational justice become stronger readers. The communities we serve are still feeling the impacts of COVID: students entering school who were isolated during critical early brain development, who were never able to attend preschool. They need extra support to catch up, and thanks to the support of organizations like the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund, we've been able to increase book access and provide the additional out-of-school-time reading children need to succeed.

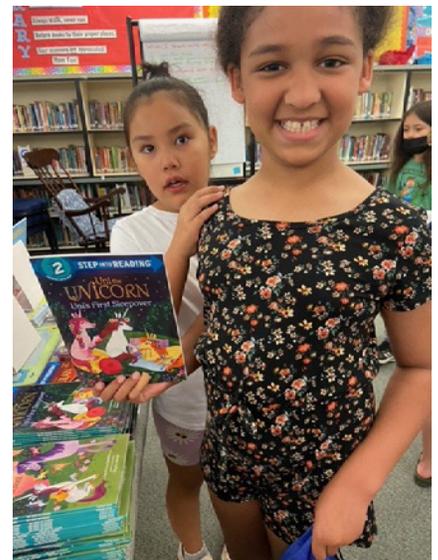
Grant details

Amount: \$ [REDACTED]
Date awarded: April 2024
Project funded: Book Up Summer Snohomish

Completed project summary

Book Up Summer is a three-year program delivered to kindergarten, first and second grade students at elementary schools in majority low-income communities. Students select 12 new books from a special book fair at their schools in the late spring to keep and read over and over again during the long summer break. Book Up Summer is based on proven research that shows when you give kids the chance to pick free, brand-new books for summer reading at book fairs, they are less likely to experience the "summer slide" of learning loss.

Through Book Up Summer, Page Ahead gave 22,346 Washington students 283,330 books for their home libraries in 2023-24.



Students from Quil Ceda/Tulalip Elementary at their Book Up Summer book fair

In Snohomish county, we were pleased to bring Book Up Summer to three new elementary schools (Challenger, Discovery, and Olivia Park) in addition to serving the following school communities through Book Up Summer:

School	District	Kindergarten	1 st Grade	2 nd Grade	Total Students	Total Books
Cedar Valley Community School	Edmonds	84	90	96	270	3499
College Place Elementary	Edmonds	60	68	77	205	2657
Liberty Elementary	Marysville	58	58	69	185	2398
Quil Ceda/Tulalip Elementary School	Marysville	71	87	90	248	3214
Challenger Elementary	Mukilteo	47	0	0	47	609
Discovery Elementary	Mukilteo	89	0	0	89	1153
Olivia Park	Mukilteo	52	0	0	52	674
Totals		463	317	338	1118	14489

Assessment of benefit to the community

Summer slide accounts for two-thirds of the literacy opportunity gap experienced by children from families in majority low-income communities. Much of the reason for this problem, according to researchers, is due to lack of easy access to books in the home. But Book Up Summer ensures children have literally fingertip access to books—books that they got to choose themselves and that reflect their interests and reading levels.

“The students often say things like ‘BEST DAY EVER!!!!’ Seeing their eyes light up when they get to choose whatever book they want is truly magical. This year a 2nd grader said to me ‘I am about to cry I am so excited to read these books.’”
*—Danielle Sheets, Teacher,
 Liberty Elementary
 Marysville*

Book Up Summer benefits the whole family, too. In collaboration with Page Ahead, partner schools hold a literacy night prior to the Book Up Summer book fair where families and their children come to learn about the program. This ensures that families are aware of the purpose of the twelve books. They are better informed and can better support their child’s reading efforts at home.

Because of funding like yours, Book Up Summer served as a crucial pipeline of high-interest reading materials for many children who otherwise had extremely limited or no access to new books. Anjana Picha, a teacher at Olivia Park Elementary in Mukilteo, captured the program’s beneficial impact well: “Many students were beyond excited to select books and take them home! When I sent home additional books (not from Page Ahead) later they told me ‘We can add these to our libraries!’ In the past I hadn’t heard any of my students refer to home libraries. This was really special.”

Evaluation results

The Department of Education–funded study on which Book Up Summer is based demonstrates that three years of program participation are necessary to show significant reading progress. According to 2023 Seattle Public Schools test data, Book Up Summer students showed an average improvement in reading skills of 4.16 points over the summer for rising first graders, 2.77 points over the summer for rising second graders, and 4.23 points over the summer for rising third graders. Since students from majority low-income communities typically slide back in the summer, to see them actually gaining reading skill is exciting and a powerful endorsement of our work and this summer-reading model.

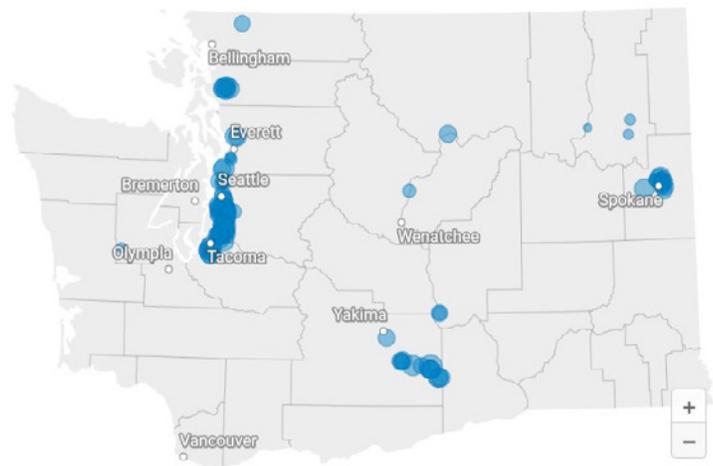
We also use surveys as an evaluation resource. Each school that participates in Book Up Summer is invited to complete an evaluation on how the program worked, what improvements they suggest, and what they observe from the results of the program; 95 percent of teachers responding to our survey in spring 2024 agreed that Book Up Summer helps to build a culture of reading for their students' families, 98 percent agreed that it makes a positive impact on their students' attitudes toward reading and fosters engagement with reading, and 98 percent agreed it increases their students' access to books in the home.

We also ask our school partners to send our surveys to their families. In spring 2024, 69 percent of families responded that Book Up Summer would increase their family time spent reading together; they also reported that their children's home libraries grew by an average of 60 percent thanks to Book Up Summer.

Page Ahead 2023–24 Book Up Summer

Click on the buttons below to see data for individual programs:

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Map: Page Ahead Children's Literacy Program • Created with [Datawrapper](#)



“Dear Donors, Thank you for the great books! Because it helps me grow my brain. I like the books because it is fun to read. I like you.”

—Student,
College Place Elementary,
Edmonds

Proposed and final budgets

Our fiscal year ended on August 31, 2024.

Expenses	Proposed 2023–24	Final 2023–24
Books Purchased	1,002,845	902,945
Salaries	147,500	127,994
Occupancy	18,064	17,282
Printing/Copying	7,000	6,653
Office Supplies	6,000	5,764
Travel	3,000	1,535
Postage/Shipping	3,000	2,728
Misc.	1,000	1,003
Total Expenses	\$1,188,409	\$1,065,904

Income	Proposed 2023–24	Est. Final 2023–24
General operating funds	603,021	554,151
Corporate Sponsorship	210,000	210,000
Corporate and foundation grants	165,000	140,400
Program share (\$7/child)	210,388	161,353
Total Income	\$1,188,409	\$1,065,904

Funding Sources

	Grant Award
Corporate	\$ 44,200
Banner Bank	\$ [REDACTED]
Costco Wholesale	\$ [REDACTED]
F5 Networks	\$ [REDACTED]
International Paper Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Nordstrom	\$ [REDACTED]
Tulip Tribes Charitable Contributions	\$ [REDACTED]
Foundation	\$ 96,200
Believe in Reading	\$ [REDACTED]
Community Foundation of North Central Washington	\$ [REDACTED]
Hubbard Family Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Janson Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Johnston-Hanson Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Koh-Lee Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Renton Regional Community Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Skagit Community Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Smith-Barbieri Progressive Fund	\$ [REDACTED]
Stocker Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
William Kilworth Foundation	\$ [REDACTED]
Sponsorship	\$ 210,000
Amazon	\$ [REDACTED]