

The Oregon State Library Ready to Read funding is a great help to the Roseburg Public Library. We have used the ready to read funds to support our summer reading program through the hiring of a summer assistant. With a summer assistant the library is able to provide programming to more children. We have 5+ programs for children and teens every week of summer reading, we are able to go out to housing complexes and bring reading materials, and we are able to provide free grab and go activities for people to do at home. Parents have told us how glad they are to receive craft kits ready to go for their children. After bringing crafts to kids in housing developments we have seen them come into the library with their parents to get more books to read! We would not have enough manpower to put on a full summer reading program, and visit housing complexes without the Ready to Read funds.

We were able to do a walkable story in the local parks this summer because we had another person to help with the task of putting in and taking out the signs everyday this summer. We had a great response from the community on how excited they were to read a story in the park. The help this money gives the library greatly benefits the children who participate with Roseburg Public Library Programs.