



You're Invited!

Celebrate *30 years!* of



A TASTE FOR READING

A Benefit Luncheon for Children's Literacy

Friday, March 13, 2020
The Westin, Seattle

Please join us for our annual Taste for Reading benefit luncheon at [the Westin Seattle](#). Registration is now open, so why wait? Reserve your seat or become a table captain today. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Save me a seat!](#)

[I would like to be a Table Captain](#)

[I cannot attend but would like to make a gift](#)

Mission in Action

On January 28, volunteers from our community read to the kindergarten classrooms at Rainier View Elementary School.

Each student in the kindergarten and first grade classrooms choose a brand-new book to keep for their own. Even better? They got to read their selections with one of the volunteers who took time out of their mornings to come and help.

Becoming good at anything, especially reading, takes practice, and we thank our volunteers for taking the time to read with the students! And many thanks to the Rainier View Elementary community for their warm welcome and reading enthusiasm!



Shop for a Cause

On Friday, February 28th, take a trip to the [Skagit Valley Food Co-op](#) in beautiful Mount Vernon. Page Ahead has been selected as a 2020 recipient of the Skagit Valley Food Co-op's 4% Friday Community Shopping Day program, and funds raised will go to our literacy programs in the Mount Vernon schools. We will have staff and volunteers there from 10 am to 4 pm, so come find us and say hi!



Celebrate Black History Month

February marks Black History Month, and story time is just one of the many occasions when you can teach your kids about the accomplishments of Black pioneers and trailblazers. [Here are 24 Children's Books To Read To Your Kids In Honor Of Black History Month.](#)

Page Ahead Turns 30: Three Decades of Building Home Libraries

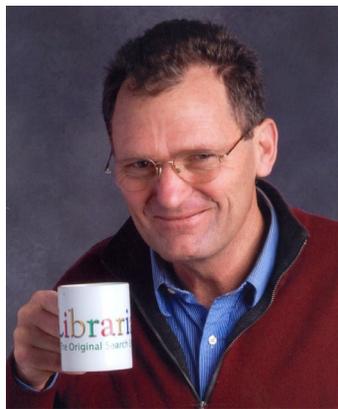


This year Page Ahead is celebrating 30 years of giving books to children across Washington State. To date we've given more than three million books to over 900,000 kids from majority-low-income communities. Throughout 2020 we will be taking a look back over the 30 years since Page Ahead's founding in 1990 and sharing stories from supporters, parents, students, teachers, librarians, volunteers, staff, and graduates. (Photos above are from a Page Ahead reading event at Bryn Mawr Elementary, November 2004.)

30th Anniversary Spotlight

In this issue, we would like to put the spotlight on one of our most supportive champions, Mr. Craig Seasholes, aka The Bookman. Many of you may remember his moving speech at last year's luncheon event.

Craig is the teacher-librarian at Dearborn Park International School on Beacon Hill in Seattle. Dearborn Park has been a Book Up Summer recipient for the last five years, during which Mr. Seasholes has seen the impact of children having books in their homes during the summer months. "The achievement gap between haves and have-nots is greatly diminished when both have access to home libraries, read widely and enthusiastically."



Thank you, Mr. Seasholes, for being a dedicated champion for children's literacy!

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