

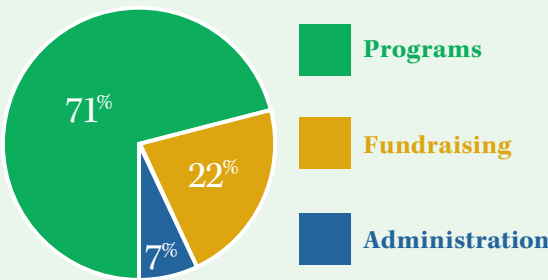


Financial Overview

Each year we hire an independent auditor to ensure our donors are confident that our financial policies and procedures meet and exceed financial requirements set forward by the IRS and the California Attorney General. We will complete our financial review in early December of 2025 and anticipate receiving an unmodified opinion for the 15th consecutive year. ■

Where your Support Went: BY THE NUMBERS

Projects and Programs.....	\$ 586,620
Foundation Administration.....	\$ 55,328
Foundation Fundraising	\$ 181,911



Endowment Performance (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025)	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	Annual Return*
Children's Literacy Endowment.....	\$ 1,072,182	\$ 1,230,171	11%
Lawrence Family Endowment for Sustainability	\$ 625,493	\$ 744,148	10%

** Includes distributions, deposits, withdrawals, and fees. Our 990s and audited financial statements will be available on our website on February 1, 2026 at www.sacramentoliteracy.org/financial-information.*



Where your Support Went: Books in Kids' Hands and Homes

In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we gave out 23,805 diverse high-quality books to 4,761 Tk-2nd graders in and near the Promise Zone.

Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain the expansion we received in 2023-2024 but we established 2 new book giveaway programs. We focused our book giveaways in schools that have a Title 1 rate of 85% or greater (Title 1 rates are measurements of poverty.)

We distributed books at 22 school sites and built relationships with principals, teachers and parents. Each bag of books came with an informational handout about ways to help kids read that parents could place on their refrigerator.

The intentionality of what we do is what makes us unique: we reach the most under-resourced kids who, often, don't have books in their homes. We make sure each child sees themselves in their bag of books and we give parents tools so they can help their kids read. School sites appreciate our approach and are willing to engage with us on how to incorporate the Science of Reading into their classrooms. ■



Summer Reading Grants



In the 2024/25 fiscal year we were able to make summer reading grants to Escape Velocity, Korean Language and Cultural Center of Sacramento, La Familia, LifeSTEPS, Roberts Family Development Center, The Center (SCCSC), Single Mom Strong, Suvidha International Foundation, Teach for America, and United Way California Capital Region.

Grant recipients provide a report at the end of their summer program. Below is an excerpt from the Teach for America report:

“For the second year in a row, families of children who attended the Summer Reading camp provided positive feedback — 100% of families were satisfied with their child’s experience and would recommend other families to register for the program. The program’s qualitative impact was best captured by one of the camp’s teachers, Natalia Cuellar, “The summer school program gave students the opportunity to strengthen their skills before the start of the year. Many were able to build confidence, improve their reading and math abilities, and feel more prepared for what’s ahead.” ■



Sacramento Literacy Coalition



On the first Wednesday of each month, the Foundation hosts the Sacramento Literacy Coalition’s Literacy Check-In. This year has been a busy year for Sacramento’s Literacy Advocates.

- In the fall of 2024, the Sacramento Literacy Coalition hosted the 11th annual literacy festival.
- In the winter of 2024, the Coalition went to several school district board meetings to ask them to adopt a resolution similar to SCOE’s Literacy Resolution (RES NO 24-18) passed on September 10, 2024.
- Throughout the year, we invited Ed Voice to come to every coalition meeting to make sure Sacramento advocates had consistent and up-to-date information about the Science of Reading Bill, AB 1454, which was unanimously passed by both the Legislature and the Senate and signed by Governor Newsom on October 9, 2025.

Now that we have legislation we need implementation. With the successful passage of the Science of Reading, we will go back to each district’s school board meetings to let them know about the new education legislation and ask them to work with their Superintendents to integrate new curriculum and the necessary teacher training.

If you would like to join these advocacy efforts please visit us online at www.sacramentoliteracy.org/slc-signup/ ■

California Literacy Map

The California Literacy Map continues to be a great tool for literacy advocates.

While passing policy, we used the map to understand reading rates per Assembly and Senate Districts, making it easy for advocates to talk to their elected officials. As we go forward, we hope to advance the map, to help monitor and advocate for Science of Reading implementation and teacher training across the State. If California is to remain the top economic engine for the United States, we must make sure all our citizens can read. ■