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## EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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#### EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY AWARDED “READY TO READ” GRANT

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#### ***Eugene Public Library Awarded “Ready to Read” Grant***

The Eugene Public Library has been chosen to receive a “Ready to Read” grant for \$20,242 to support enhanced services to the youngest Eugeneans.

The Ready to Read grant funds will support early literacy services such as training workshops for childcare providers and preschool teachers; expert presenters for Terrific Twos Storytime, Sensory Storytime, and Spanish-language “Cuentos y Canciones;” and the purchase of picture books and other materials. Additionally, the grant will help the Library continue Storytime-To-Go, a project that sends trained volunteers to provide storytimes to daycares in low-income neighborhoods, and “Books for Babies” outreach to parents of newborns.

The Library and its volunteers reach many thousands of young children and their parents each year in collaboration with partners including United Way, Parenting Now!, WIC, Centro Latino Americano, Eugene and Bethel school districts, Springfield Public Library, Relief Nursery, Head Start, Healthy Start, and EC Cares at the University of Oregon.

The annual Ready to Read grants were established by the State Legislature in 1993. Administered by the State Library, the grants assist local libraries in helping to achieve the Oregon benchmarks for childhood learning and development.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-8316 or [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library).

