

February 13, 2023

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government,

I am writing today in support of the State Library's budget; which includes maintaining Ready to Read grants at the current level. The Oregon Trail Library District uses our Ready to Read funds every year to support literacy in our area.

The library district has an outreach specialist who visits all of our early child centers. Head Start, preschools, daycare centers, and home providers. We have used funds to purchase book boxes to rotate and books for children to keep.

In the past, we have used Ready to Read funds to bring entertainers to our area. Musicians, puppeteers, and drama performers. Funds have been used to purchase new storybooks for our libraries also.

Thank you for continuing to support libraries,

Kathy Street, MLS Library Director Oregon Trail Library District