



# Developing Connections for Sand Point Children's Library:

## Paving the road for educational success

### An Overview

- ✦ Sand Point Housing Campus, run by Solid Ground, offers children's programs and services.
- ✦ Using observation, query, and data analysis, it was determined that the library is not utilized to its full potential.
- ✦ From the data collected, we created a children's program proposal for Sand Point staff to consider implementing.

### Data Collection

- ✦ **Observations –**
  - ✦ Participatory observations during the daily "Open Library" program.
- ✦ **Digital and Paper Survey –**
  - ✦ Six-question survey asking parents in the community how they feel about library programs and how the library factors into their children's success.
- ✦ **Interviews –**
  - ✦ Formal and informal inquiry directed at staff members covering the following topics:
    - ✦ **Library functions**
    - ✦ **Children's success in the library**
    - ✦ **Possible improvements for the library as a whole.**

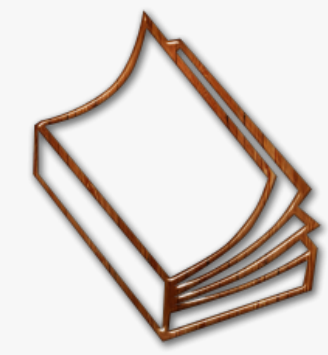
### Data Implications

- ✦ From the data collected, four main issues were identified for improvement:
  - ✦ **Increased Parental and One-on-One Interaction –**
    - ✦ The adult to child ratio is disproportionate.
  - ✦ **Education and Reading –**
    - ✦ Reading has a forced feeling for the children.
  - ✦ **Outreach and Communications –**
    - ✦ Sand Point is in need of networking with similar, local venues.
  - ✦ **Just for Fun –**
    - ✦ While Sand Point has a high focus on education, children look forward to recreational, fun time at the library.

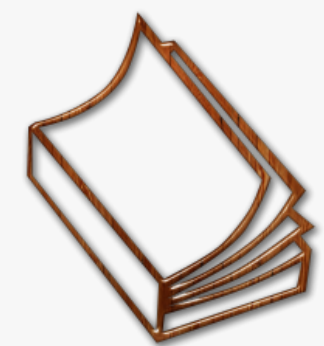


### Action Plan & Programs

- ✦ In addition to suggesting various children's programs for Sand Point's library, we prepared an Action Plan for developing Sand Point's network.
- ✦ We also intend to link Sand Point with the University of Washington through the iSchool's Directed Field Work program.



Santos Place Library Computer Room



Santos Place Library Reading Room

