

Program Goal

To assist students at both Chehalem and Vose Elementary Schools in the development of their reading skills.

1. We provide books to the students so they can develop their home libraries.
2. We provide volunteers from the community who become reading partners with the students. These volunteers work under the supervision of the school's staff.



Need for Home Libraries

If the students are able to keep a few books each year, they could practice re-reading, read to themselves and to their siblings, and begin building that all-important home library. Research has shown that by age 5, children raised in poverty hear and understand up to 20,000 less words than middle-class children. Imagine how that divide grows as the children mature through elementary school and have no opportunity to practice reading at home. No chance to carve those words into their memory and no chance to close the gap.



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PAGES AS PILLARS

READING PARTNERS • BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

Program of the West
Beaverton Neighborhood Association NAC

Annual Benefit Garage Sale

Each year since 2011, the West Beaverton Neighborhood Association has held a benefit garage sale for the Pages as Pillars program. This is the main fundraising event for the program. In June of each year, the WBNAC members seek out donations to contribute to the garage sale. This sale is held during the Four Seasons Annual Garage Sale that brings an amazing amount of foot traffic to this event. All proceeds from this sale are donated to the Pages as Pillars program.



A book is a gift that lasts a lifetime. It becomes a part of who you are.



Dick Wert, owner of the UPS Store at Murray and Allen, Beaverton, is being recognized by Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle and WBNAC Chair Sue Price for his Holiday Giving Program to benefit Pages as Pillars. Each year, during the holiday season, customers donate money to provide books for the students.

“With the support of the City and the NAC, this will be our fifth year of a most inspired offering for children. In the last four years, we have identified an oft-neglected need—building the homes libraries of children raised in poverty. These children do not have the means to access public libraries, do not have the funds to purchase their own books, and do not have the luxury of re-reading their favorite text to build fluency and enhance comprehension.” “Last year, we were able to put 900+ books in the hands of more than 150 children. These children have a great advantage now, they are book owners”

Debbie Nicolai, Principal,
Chehalem Elementary School

