

Colorado Summer Reading Program Outcomes–Based Evaluation (OBE) Information

Outcomes Based Evaluation (OBE) focuses on the key questions:

“How has my program made a difference?”

“How are the lives of the program participants better as a result of my program?”

NOT: how many books circulated, how many children/parents attended programs, or how many children completed the SRP.

These are Outputs, and are still good numbers to collect!

Colorado Statewide Outcomes

Children/Teens will:

- Develop a habit of reading.
- Think that reading is fun.
- Become regular library users.
- Think that the Summer Reading Program has helped them read better.

Please note that all are directly related to READING. We are asking that you focus this year on reading outcomes.

Set the targets first. These will drive what you do.

1. Plan the outcomes

- What group are you targeting this year?
- What do you want to have happen?
- What stories or numbers could help the library grow, be better, or more visible?

2. Count the “numbers”

- Keep track of registered participants.
- Collect reading logs of hours or numbers of books read.
- Do a “quick and dirty survey”.
- Read the results and do a percentage, or compile numbers.
- ‘Analyze’ them by comparing with last year.
- Make a note of things or numbers that are significant or are big changes.

3. Collect and tell the stories

- Talk to participants and their families, and the community.
- Collect the stories that you hear.
- Record them somewhere so you won’t forget.
- Have 3 terrific examples or stories to tell anyone who’ll listen.

4. Send it on

- Send in your SRP annual report to the state library.
- If you received a Mini-Grant, send the Mini-Grant report to the state library.
- Do a report to your management and administration. BRAG!!!
- Do an “elevator speech” with 3 WOW! things that happened in the SRP.
- Tell the community how wonderfully the kids and families did!

For further information:

Colorado Summer Reading Website: www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading

Where to send the reports: www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/SummerReading/reports.htm

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