



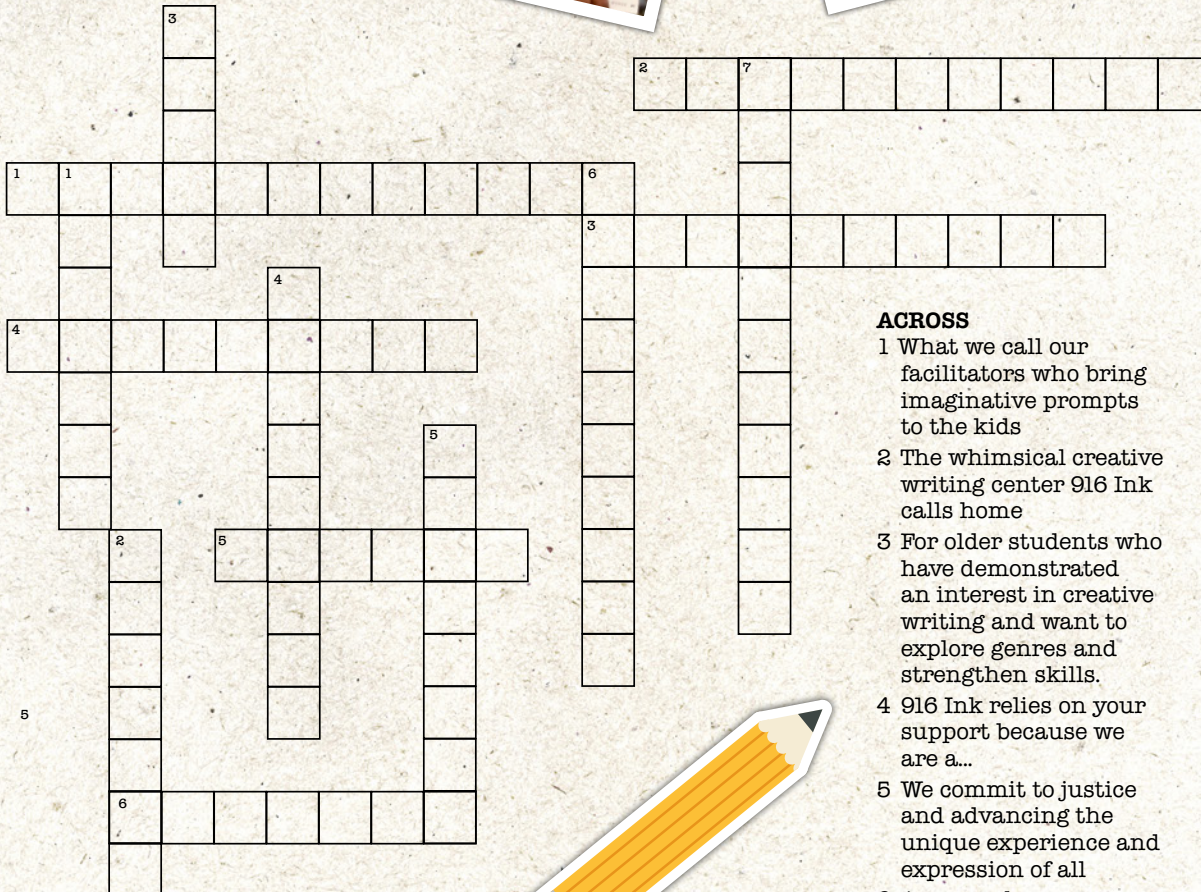
Youth Writers

Annual Report

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022



2022

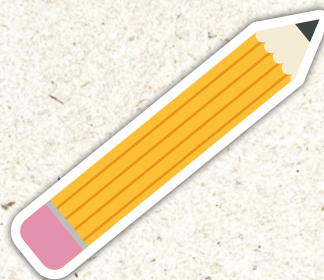


ACROSS

- 1 What we call our facilitators who bring imaginative prompts to the kids
- 2 The whimsical creative writing center 916 Ink calls home
- 3 For older students who have demonstrated an interest in creative writing and want to explore genres and strengthen skills.
- 4 916 Ink relies on your support because we are a...
- 5 We commit to justice and advancing the unique experience and expression of all
- 6 A core value, we cultivate an open and compassionate environment

DOWN

- 1 Fourth value, we celebrate creativity, bravery and risk-taking using this word, which is also a sea creature.
- 2 One of our core values, we encourage each individual to step into their own power
- 3 Our most popular t-shirt reads, "Use Your" this.
- 4 For younger students who want to learn about creative writing in a playful and encouraging environment.
- 5 916 Ink programs aim to increase this important skill
- 6 916 Ink's amazing community
- 7 916 Ink has published over 200 of these



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Dear 916 Ink Supporter,

From our 916 Ink family to yours, happy holidays!

Thank you for being a part of our 916 Ink community. When we say we couldn't do this without you, we mean it. Without your support, we could not provide creative writing workshops to local youth.

It all starts with you.

When you choose to invest in 916 Ink workshops, Sacramento Youth develop a passion for writing, gained confidence, and grow their skills in literacy, communication, and empathy.

Your support has directly led to over 250 published anthologies from more than 5,000 youth authors since 2010.

Your support has allowed 916 Ink to host workshop series in our Imaginarium, in local classrooms, and to work with vulnerable youth in foster care, youth experiencing homelessness, and youth involved in the juvenile justice system.

Because of you, Sacramento youth have become published authors, lifelong readers, articulate communicators, and self-confident writers who learned the power of their story and found their voice.

They achieved all of this, because you made the decision to invest your time, energy and/or money. Think about how you single-handedly, positively changed the trajectory of their lives through your generosity.

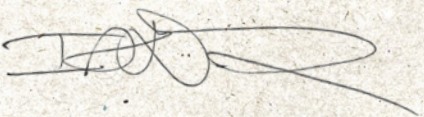
On behalf of all the students you've assisted through 916 Ink, their parents, their teachers, our Board, staff and volunteers, thank you!

Thank you for your gifts. Thank you for your time. Thank you for every single time you've opened an email, liked a Facebook post, told a friend about 916 Ink, and came to an event. Thank you for every donation big and "small."

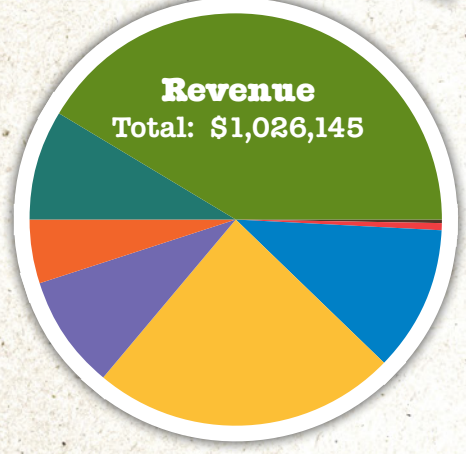
Thank you for making 2022 magical.

If you would like to continue your support and give a gift during these holidays to start 2023 off strong, we would be so grateful.

My sincerest and warmest regards,



Ian Hadley
Executive Director, 916 Ink



- Grants \$425,574
- PPP Loan Forgiveness .. \$89,527
- Events \$49,643
- Individual \$93,167
- Fee for Service \$244,144
- In-Kind Support \$116,744
- Corporate \$4,632
- Misc \$2,714



- Program Expenses \$842,369
- Core Mission Support - Fundraising \$37,465
- Core Mission Support - Supportive Services 151,217

2021-2022 Program Year



Find Your Voice

Find Your Voice is our signature creative writing program. We work with young writers in a variety of settings: from after-school programs, to workshop series in Youth Detention Facilities to Amplify! Creative Writing Summer Camps.

Of Students

871
Young Writers

489
Published Authors

28
Publications

15,678
Hours of Creative
Writing Instruction
Delivered

6
School Districts

34
Programs

25
School Sites

92%

Improved attitudes
towards writing

77%

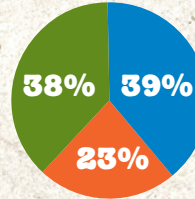
Improved academic behaviors

83%

Improved in terms of social-
emotional development

Workshops occur in:

Underserved /
low-income
schools



Imaginarium
(Creative Writing
Center)

Juvenile Justice Facilities and
early intervention programs

The Read On Program hands down is one of the best reading programs I've seen. The curriculum is fun and interesting and kept my son engaged; and the tutors are so patient and kind.

- JANET MOODY (PARENT OF STUDENT FROM BRET HARTE ELEMENTARY)



Read On!

Read On! delivers literacy tutoring for striving readers to help them reach grade-level reading goals. In 2020, in response to cancellations of literacy tutoring programs in the Sacramento area and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of schools, a group of local literacy advocates decided to create a collaborative Sacramento-based literacy solution that is owned and operated in Sacramento and that will support reading attainment in our community for generations to come.

Number of Students
62

Hours of Tutoring
2,500

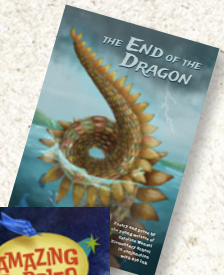
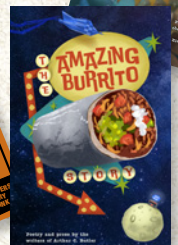
Number of
Volunteer Tutors
56

87%

of students have
demonstrated average
to well above average
growth in reading.

Crossword Answer Key
DOWN
1 Octopus
2 Empower
3 Words
4 Wordsquad
5 Literacy
6 Sacramento
7 Anthropologist

ACROSS
1 Wordslingers
2 Imaginarium
3 AuthorLab
4 Nonprofit
5 Equity
6 Empathy





Key Funders for 2021/2022

\$25,000+

- Arata Brothers Trust
- Sacramento County Office of Education
- California Department of Juvenile Justice
- City of Rancho Cordova
- City of Sacramento
- County of Sacramento
- Golden 1 Credit Union
- Margaret Deterding Fund
- Sacramento City Unified School District

\$10,000 to \$25,000

- Visions in Education
- Melena
- A. Ose Endowment Fund
- RCA Community Fund
- Raley's
- Sacramento Region Community Foundation
- Small Business Administration
- River Delta Elementary School
- Cannady Ford Family Fund
- The 916 Ink Board of Dreamers!

\$5,000 to \$10,000

- Bret Harte Elementary School
- Caroline Wenzel Elementary School
- Cal Humanities
- Health Professions High School
- Rivercats Foundation
- Lionakis Foundation
- Marsh Levin Family Fund

\$1,000 to \$5,000

- Deacon Foundation
- Neighborhood Wellness Foundation
- Sacramento Venture Philanthropy Fund
- Elfrena Food
- DeCamilla Capital

- Management Weiss Family Fund
- Kathy Flynn
- Pam and Peter Henderson
- Michael Spurgeon
- Daniel Kaufman
- James Maness
- Christine Pieper
- Paper Wings Creative Consulting
- Lana Ersch
- Murphy Austin Adams
- Schoenfeld LLP
- Spiritual Life Center
- Teichert Foundation
- Mark Bellows
- Robert Greenhouse
- Dixie Chan
- Katie McCleary
- Lisa Hilf



I leave here with writing and telling stories and making a book so my mom and dad can be proud.

- BRADLEY, HARKNESS ELEMENTARY

Other Ways to Give

We would be honored to receive a holiday gift to start the new year off strong.

- Donate online at www.916ink.org/donate



• Scan the QR code on the left to donate right now from your mobile phone. Or donate through Venmo using the code on the right.



- Join the 916 Ink Publisher's Club

The Publisher's Club allows 916 Ink to reach up to 300 additional students through new programs that would otherwise be unaffordable. The club consists of our donors who give \$25 or more per month, creating an annual fund that is leveraged along with grants and other funding sources to make these new programs possible. Members receive 916 Ink merchandise, including a 1st edition copy of the 200th Anthology, quarterly publications, and more.

- Shop at 916Ink.org/shop

Grab a shirt to represent your favorite Sacramento nonprofit or a featured hardback written by a 916 Ink youth for the book lover in your life! Our shop also has tote bags, pencil pouches, bumper stickers, and writer gift sets.

If you have any questions before making a gift to a local youth writer through 916 Ink, please feel free to contact 916 Ink at any time, at Info@916ink.org or **916-826-7323**. Thank you.