

**Another Strong Year from Rogue Valley SMART**



Jennifer Staton, Julie Brimble, Mindy Alford

It seems so simple, but I must thank each and every one of our volunteer SMART Site Coordinators who made it possible for all those children and volunteer readers to spend quality time together each week. Our coordinators worked closely with school staff to schedule reading times—no easy task! They spent time scheduling volunteers, ordering the books we read and give away during SMART, organizing their

SMART spaces—all this to make certain that readers and children have the best possible experience during their SMART sessions. Forty-five coordinators volunteered their time because they know about the long-term effect SMART has on the lives of children, and care about building literate and capable communities. THANK YOU!

**A**s we wrap up the 2009-10 program, I find myself reflecting on all the things I saw in SMART this year: the smiling faces of my two SMART students at Jefferson Elementary; and the camaraderie of the other volunteers as we gather in the SMART room. I smile knowing that every week this same scenario happened at 27 schools throughout the Rogue Valley. More than 800 children and 600 caring adults shared the joy of reading together.

I must also thank our many donors who continue to support the SMART program here in the Rogue Valley. This program would not be possible if we did not have grassroots local support from our friends and neighbors. THANK YOU!

It's been a great year for SMART. Our volunteers have spent more than 20,000 hours reading with their SMART children and those children will take home more than 11,000 brand new books to share with their families.

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As we wind down this program year I find myself looking forward to next year. I hope to see old friends returning as volunteers and supporters, while welcoming new friends who will discover the wonder of SMART that so many of us know.

Warm regards,

*Julie*  
Julie Brimble  
Area Manager

**Thank You, 2009-10  
Site Coordinators**

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"I just wanted to give thanks to your program and let you know that what you are doing makes a difference - and to thank each and every one of your volunteers. My son was in the SMART readers program in elementary school and struggled to read. He is turning 13 tomorrow, in the 7th grade and reading at an 11th grade level (according to state testing). He loves books and loves to read! I was a student nurse when my son was in the program and did not have a lot of spare time to devote to him with reading - I was grateful for the program that someone was there for him and helped him. Now he reads for hours at a time and asks for more books than I can keep up with! Thank you for everything that this program is."

*Joni Farrington, mother to Quinn Johnson, former Mae Richardson Elementary student*

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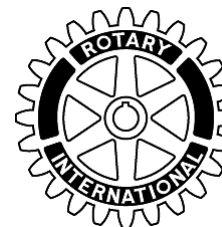
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