

What's New in Douglas County

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Hello from SMART!

It's been another great year of reading together. Thank you all for partnering with us to bring the love of books to children in our communities.



Book Challenge Raises Funds for Books for Local Kids

Our annual Book Challenge, encouraging volunteers to contribute funds toward purchasing books for SMART students, was a huge success. Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we raised \$920, which will help purchase more than 320 books for local SMART students.

This year, Sunnyslope Elementary was our local winner, with 75% of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning site, volunteers at Sunnyslope gave away an additional book to their students. Congratulations, and thank you to everyone who participated!

Statewide, the Book Challenge raised \$90,220, thanks to the generosity of hundreds of volunteers and a matching grant from the Fred Meyer Fund; this translates to 31,600 books for kids across Oregon next year!



Meet Douglas County's Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to our Volunteer of the Year, Marilynn Stephens. Marilynn is a dedicated Site Coordinator at the YMCA of Douglas County in Roseburg, serves on the local Leadership Council



and volunteers her time in the SMART office. In all of these roles, she is known for her organization and outstanding commitment to providing books and shared reading time to children in her community. Thank you, Marilynn!

2017-2018 Douglas Area Impact



15 sites



**155
volunteers**



**639
students served**



**5,499
books given**





Welcome New Program Administrator

This spring, we welcomed Sandra Thorn to our Douglas County office as our new Program Administrator. Sandra has previously worked

as the Program Manager for the Ozarks Small Business Incubator in West Plains, Missouri and is also currently providing Executive Director services to the Winston Area Chamber of Commerce. She brings her nonprofit experience and a strong passion for literacy to SMART. Welcome, Sandra!

SMART Opens New Program at Winchester Elementary

We're excited to share that we have partnered with Roseburg School District to open a new SMART program at Winchester Elementary. Under the leadership of our Site Coordinator Michelle Dudley, the program served 13 children this spring and is poised to grow next year!

SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the more than 130 volunteer Readers in Douglas County for giving one hour of your time each week to sit down with children and have fun with books while building critical literacy skills!

Thank You, SMARTies!

Site Coordinators

SMART Site Coordinators oversee reading sessions, work behind the scenes to ensure their programs run smoothly, and serve as liaisons for SMART in their school communities. Thank you to our 15 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

Andrew Austin	Kristi France
Betty Wittrock	Lisa Weil
Carrie Carleton	Lyle Wingler
Frederic Inkster	Marilynn Stephens
Gloria Roberts	Marsha Austin
Jane Larsen	Michael Crader
Juanita Saul	Michelle Dudley
Korrie Baker	

SMART Douglas Leadership Council

The SMART Leadership Council advocates for SMART in their companies and communities. Thank you to this fantastic group for supporting our vision of an Oregon where every child can read and is empowered to succeed!

Gwen Soderberg-Chase	LeeAnn Grogran
JoAnne Nelson	Lester Harp
Karen Bentley	Marilynn Stephens

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Many businesses, foundations, and individuals in Central Oregon provide the funding and volunteer support that allow local SMART programs to thrive. Special thanks to these businesses and partners for helping SMART bring a love of reading to children in our community:

