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Hello from SMART in the Metro Area!

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 \$27,500, which will help purchase more than 9,600 books for local SMART students.

This year, Greenway Elementary, Hartley Elementary, King PreK, Markham Elementary and Peninsula Elementary were our local winners, with an average of 64% of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning sites in the Portland Metro Area, volunteers at these schools gave away an additional book to each student. 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!



2017-2018 Metro Area Impact



89 sites



**1,695
volunteers**



**3,120
students served**



**36,513
books given**



Metro Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to our Volunteer of the Year for the Metro Area, Mary Ann Harper.

Mary Ann has been a Site Coordinator at Barnes Elementary in Beaverton for six years, where more than 75

children participate in SMART! She exemplifies having fun and truly enjoying the SMART experience and has built strong relationships with the children, volunteers, and staff at Barnes. Thank you, Mary Ann!



Volunteers Needed for SMART Summer Programs

If you are already missing SMART, consider joining us at one of our summer programs:

- Earl Boyles Elementary, 10822 SE Bush St.
- Portland Tennis & Education, 7519 N Burlington Ave.
- Stephens Creek Crossing, 6719 SW 26th Ave.

Give us a call for more information!



Timber Joey shares his love of reading with kids at Atkinson Elementary in Portland.

SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the more than 1,560 volunteer Readers in the Metro Area 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 supervise reading sessions, work behind the scenes to ensure their programs run smoothly and act as liaisons for SMART in their school communities. Thank you to our 132 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

For a complete list of our Metro Site Coordinators, visit www.getsmartoregon.org/metro-site-coordinators/

SMART Associate Board

The SMART Associate Board is a group of emerging leaders in the Portland community who help SMART raise friends and funds. For a complete list of our Associate Board, go to www.getsmartoregon.org/smart-associate-board/.

SMART School Sponsors

SMART School Sponsors are businesses, foundations, and individuals who provide the funding and volunteer support necessary for sites in their communities to thrive. Special thanks to this year's local School Sponsors:

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