

What's New in the Northwest Area

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Hello from SMART in the Northwest 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 over \$8,400, which will help purchase nearly 3,000 books for local SMART students.

This year, Baker Head Start, Grandhaven Elementary, Lyle Elementary and Silverton OCDC were our local winners, with an average of 72% of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning sites, volunteers at those 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!

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Northwest Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to Northwest's Volunteer of the Year, JoAnne Myers. JoAnne has been a dedicated Site Coordinator at Wascher Elementary in Lafayette for 12 years and is beloved by students, staff and fellow volunteers alike. JoAnne makes sure that SMART is always a joyful experience and even created a sweet song that volunteers sing to students on their last day of reading before the winter break. Thank you, JoAnne!



2017-2018 Northwest Area Impact



42 sites



**656
volunteers**



**1,559
students served**



**19,270
books given**



SMART Supporters Write the Next Chapter

On April 5, SMART supporters gathered at the beautiful Willamette Valley Vineyards to toast another amazing year of SMART and raise a paddle to support the year to come. Thanks to our generous sponsors and guests, our Writing the Next Chapter event was a big success, raising over \$27,000 for local programs!



Welcome New Development Officer



We are excited to welcome Stephanie Gates to our Northwest Office as our new Development Officer. Stephanie previously worked for SOLVE and brings to SMART her experience building strong partnerships as well as a passion for children's literacy. She grew up in the Salem area and is excited to help our local programs thrive.



Each month, kids in SMART select two books to make their very own. This year, Capitol Auto and First Federal Savings & Loan both sponsored Book Giveaway Days for children in the Northwest Area, underwriting the cost of books for local kids on two of these special days.

SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the more than 600 volunteer Readers in the Northwest Area for giving one hour of their 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 52 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

Andrea Holmquist	Jan Olson	Maura Hand
Anne Brightwell	Jane Ure	Micki Vander Linden
Anne Venner	Jim Scheppke	Nancy Russell
Carol Chancellor	Jim Young	Nataly Huerta
Carol Christ	JoAnne Myers	Pat Magda
Carol Meier	John Venner	Renee Hunt
Deb Huffman	Joyce Davenport	Rhonda Robins
Denaee Towner	Julie Donnelly	Rylie Lang
Doug Schoonmaker	Julie Firth	Roberta Ashlock
Erma Hoffman	Kandys Greenlund	Sandy Carriger
Frances Hartwell	Karen Maki	Sheila Akers
Gerry Stavney	Karen Offield	Shirley Morris
Greg Budreau	Keith Stephen	Tammy Warren
Gretchen Coppedge	Kristi St. Amant	Tanuja Soutapalli
Hardy Acree	Leah Gottheiner	Theresa Roberts
Hilary Berg	Lee Duval	Vicki Hamstreet
Holly Berry	Linda Ocheltree	
Jan Cena	Marjorie Kmetz	

SMART Northwest 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!

Carla Glavine	Steven Broncheau
Kristine Grayson	Tiffany Lawrence

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

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

