

What's New in the Northeast Area

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Hello from SMART in the Northeast 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 more than \$1,000, which will help purchase over 350 books for local SMART students.

This year, May Street Elementary was our local winner, with 40% of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning site, volunteers at May Street 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!



2017-2018 Northeast Area Impact



12 sites



**131
volunteers**



**375
students served**



**3,531
books given**



Northeast Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to Northeast's Volunteer of the Year, Mike Hammar. Mike is a dedicated Site Coordinator at Pine Eagle Charter School in Halfway, where 8% of the town's population volunteers with SMART! He was instrumental in starting our program there and has worked hard to create a program that children love attending each week. Thank you, Mike!



SMART Sip in the Gorge Raises Funds for Local Programs

The SMART Sip in the Gorge, a new take on our annual event, was a huge success, raising more than \$12,000 to support local SMART programs! Held at the Hood River Hotel, the evening was filled with delicious food and drinks provided by local vendors, fun auction items, and a shared commitment to supporting our youngest readers. Thank you to our generous hosts, vendors, guests and sponsors for making the night such a huge success.

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SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the 118 volunteer Readers in the Northeast 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 17 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

Ashley Brewster	Lauren Bardenett
Becky Sanchez	Lynne Hamada
Dawn McSweyn	Mike Hammar
Eleanor Lemann	Pat Case
Jessica Logan	Pete Wells
John Pattie	Summer McCoy
Judi Zoske	Suzanne Haidri
Ken Wittenberg	Teresa Earle
Lacey Wallis	

SMART Northeast 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!

Anne Holmstrom	JoAnn Wittenberg
Erin Keefe	Kirby Neumann-Rea
Jennie Donahue	Teresa Earle

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



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