

What's New in the South Coast Area

Serving Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties

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Hello from SMART in the South Coast 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 \$1,900, which will help purchase nearly 700 books for local SMART students.

This year, Kalmiopsis Elementary was our local winner, with 41% of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning site, volunteers at Kalmiopsis 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!

FredMeyer fund

South Coast Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to South Coast's Volunteer of the Year, Dianne Zarder. Dianne has been a dedicated SMART volunteer for 14 years and is the Site Coordinator at Madison Elementary in Coos Bay, where nearly 100 kindergarteners can't wait to see her each week on "SMART Day." She has a talent for selecting just the right books to get kids excited about reading, volunteers extra time in the SMART office, and has an infectious enthusiasm for the program. Thank you, Dianne!



2017-2018 South Coast Area Impact



14 sites



**190
volunteers**



**513
students served**



**6,779
books given**



S is for SMART Raises Funds for Local Programs

SMART friends and supporters braved strong winds and rain to come out and support our local programs on April 7. This year's event was a big success, raising \$21,000 to provide books and one-on-one reading time to kids in our community. Thank you to all of our guests, and our sponsors:



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New Head Start Program Opens in Port Orford

We're pleased to share that we're serving more young readers in Port Orford this year, thanks to a new program at Port Orford South Coast Head Start where 18 PreK students are enjoying shared reading time each week as well as books to keep and add to their personal libraries.

SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the 170 volunteer Readers in the South Coast 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 18 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

Barbara Braunstein	Heidi Ruble
Bonnie Frazier	Jaci Pinkston
Carla Hedgepeth	Judy Miles
Christine Jones	Laura Check
Dianne Zarder	Mindy Boston
Don Porior	Rachel Donhoff
Elethea Steward	Rose Hedenskog
Elizabeth Hewitt	Sara Lovendahl
Ginny Etherton	Shannon Warner

SMART South Coast 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!

Harry Abel	Linda Kennedy
Jaci Pinkston	Sheri Witt

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

Many businesses, foundations, and individuals in the South Coast Area 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 across Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties:

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