

What's New in the South Valley Area

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Hello from SMART in the South Valley 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 \$11,500, which will help purchase more than 4,000 books for local SMART students.

This year, Kings Valley Charter School was our winner for Linn and Benton counties and Awbrey Park Elementary was our Lane County winner, with the highest percentages of volunteers participating in the Book Challenge. As the winning sites, 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 South Valley Area Impact



32 sites



**688
volunteers**



**1,555
students served**



**21,007
books given**



South Valley Volunteer of the Year

We are thrilled to introduce you to South Valley's Volunteer of the Year, Sue Thompson. Sue is a dedicated Site Coordinator at Awbrey Park Elementary in Eugene who is beloved by her volunteer Readers, school staff and students because of her caring, commitment and passion. With her leadership, Awbrey Park volunteers read with every kindergarten and first-grade student, plus selected second-graders – 141 students in total. Thank you, Sue!



Welcome to South Valley's New Program Administrator

We're excited to welcome Shannon Ross to SMART as the new Program Administrator for the South Valley Area. She comes to SMART as a Peace Corps

alumna and former Program Coordinator for Volunteers of America. With Shannon joining our team to provide administrative support, Laurie McNichols will now serve as the Program Manager for Benton and Linn counties, in addition to Lane County. Welcome, Shannon!

New SMART Programs Open in South Valley

SMART has expanded to four new sites: Edison Elementary in Eugene, Main Street Head Start in Springfield, and Clemens Primary and Philomath Elementary in Philomath. Thanks to the help of our enthusiastic Site Coordinators, SMART volunteers were able to begin reading with kids this spring and all programs are poised to grow and thrive next year.

SMART Readers

We love our SMART Readers! Thank you to the 649 volunteer Readers in the South Valley 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 39 incredible Site Coordinators who inspire us every day with their dedication and hard work.

Barbara George	Laura Jessen	Sarah Klinghammer
Bruce Campbell	Lisa Linnell-Olsen	Shannon Williams
Cassandra Shammel	Lisl MacLaughlin-Johnson	Shawna Fink
Cindy Burger	Lorrie Beck	Shelley Reed
Claire Still	Lynnette Campbell	Stephanie Brandt
David Brackett	Margaret McCart	Stephen Cordon
Debra Adam-Fuller	Mary Anderton	Sue Brown
Donna Perkey	Mary Gaslin	Sue Craig
Elizabeth Williams	Melody Maloney	Susan Ratzlaff
Iona Waller	Pamela Cook	Sue Thompson
Jessica Fox	Ruth Jacobs	Thomas Adair
Julie Gifford	Sandra Parks	Yvonne Kleppe
Kari Herbert	Sarah Hunter	
Konnie Garman		

SMART South Central 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!

Amber Jackson	Holly Stanley	Walt Norblad
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Cheryl Carter	Sue Brown	
Donna Cox	Tammy Jack	

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Many businesses, foundations, and individuals in the South Valley 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 in our communities:

