

# WHAT'S NEW IN THE Central Area

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## Our Heartfelt Thanks!



SMART is possible because of our incredible volunteers, donors, educators, and partners. Thank you for sharing our commitment to creating brighter futures for kids through reading!

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Big thanks to these funders for helping us provide vital reading practice time and books to kids:

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## Volunteers Needed This Fall

We have openings for volunteer Readers and Site Coordinators at many of our sites this fall. The commitment starts at one hour a week, and we promise it will be a fun, rewarding experience! Learn more at [www.SMARTReading.org/volunteer](http://www.SMARTReading.org/volunteer).

As we continue to expand our Book Bank programming in Central Oregon, we're looking for volunteers to help sort, repair, and clean books donated by the community before we get them back out to local kids. To receive information about upcoming opportunities, reach out to our office.

## SMART Sip Raises Funds for Local Programs

SMART friends and fans came together at our annual fundraiser in March to enjoy a fun evening and help ensure SMART's continued success in Central Oregon. It was our biggest event yet, and we're already counting down the days until next year! Big thanks to all of our guests, and to our sponsors:



## Free School-wide Book Fair Comes to Culver Elementary

This spring, we hosted our first school-wide free book fair as part of new Book Bank programming we're bringing to Central Oregon. We gave away 1,008 new and refurbished books to 264 kids heading into summer break at Culver Elementary. The books were all donated by community members during a series of local book drives and carefully cleaned and restored by volunteers. It was a big hit and we can't wait to do another one!

*Pictured: A student selects free books to keep at Culver Elementary.*



### 2024-25 Local Impact



**22**  
Sites



**1,096**  
Students Served



**13,859**  
Books Given