

What's New in the Central Area

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Thanks All Around!

SMART Reading wouldn't be possible without our incredible community. In this year of so many changes and new challenges, we've been awed by the commitment and support of our volunteers, donors, educators, and partners who stand alongside us to bring a love of reading and learning to local kids. Thank you for being part of our family!

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

Many thanks to these businesses and partners for helping us spark joy and opportunity through the magic of a shared book:



Autzen Foundation, City of Sisters, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, Facebook Data Center, Perrin Foundation, Storms Family Foundation, and Sunriver Women's Club

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Our School Sponsors make a direct impact on a school in our community by providing the financial support to help SMART Reading students thrive. Huge thanks to these business and foundation sponsors:



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We took a leap into virtual programming this year with great results! Here's what Gilchrist Elementary Principal Melanie Mobley had to say: *"The virtual SMART Reading program was an activity that our students looked forward to all week long. Volunteers*

were amazingly patient with kids and made it an engaging and fun experience for our kids."

Celebrating Our Central Area Volunteer of the Year



Longtime SMART Reading volunteer and Board Member Jane Teater was named the Central Area's 2020-21 Volunteer of the Year. Jane began volunteering with us 18 years ago, and in that time, she's been an active Reader at Ponderosa Elementary in Bend, and

an invaluable member of the Central Leadership Council, the statewide Board of Directors, the Board's Executive Committee, and our Educator Advisory Cohort. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Jane, and thank you for everything you do for SMART Reading!

Community Comes Together for Oregon Reads Aloud

The Central Area was well-represented in SMART Reading's statewide celebration and fundraiser in February. Our portion of the read-a-thon included stories read by Bruce Cummings, Jane Teater, Karen Hinckle, David White, Elie Gaines, and NBC's Keith Morrison. Big thanks to everyone who tuned in, gave, and helped make the event a huge success!

Thanks as well to these local sponsors: Brooks Resources, Miller Lumber, Bigfoot Beverages, Umpqua Bank, The van der Velde Family, Republic Services, The Westhoff Group, Simplicity Homes, Providence Health Plan, G5, Knife River, Central Electric Cooperative

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2020-21 Local Impact



**26
Sites**



**1,362
Students**



**15,973
Books Given**