

What's New in the Northwest Area

Serving Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, and Yamhill counties

Thanks All Around!

Our work wouldn't be possible without our incredible community. In this year of changes and 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!

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



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Northwest Community Reads Aloud

The Northwest was well-represented in SMART Reading's statewide celebration and fundraiser held in February. Our portion of the read-a-thon included stories read by Jon Heder, Michael Cherry, John Venner, Michael J. Cleveland, Ray White, Kathleen George, Gina Ochsner, Rachelle Gooden, Elide Sanchez Rivera, Heidi Schulz, and Katie Noyd. Big thanks to everyone who tuned in and gave, and to our sponsors! For a complete list, visit www.SMARTReading.org/northwest.

2020-21 Local Impact



41 Sites



2,480 Students



17,421 Books

SMART Northwest Area Staff

Michael Finlay, *Area Manager*
Elide Sanchez-Rivera, *Bilingual Program Manager*

Celebrating Our Volunteers of the Year



John and Anne Venner were named our 2020-21 Volunteers of the Year! They've been Site Coordinators at Nellie Muir Elementary in Woodburn for 10 years, where they've built strong relationships with teachers, students and volunteers, and created a fun, welcoming environment for all.

Congratulations, John and Anne — and thank you!

In Loving Memory of Rose Marie

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our beloved Rose Marie Caughran (right), affectionately known as "the Bookmark Lady." Rose Marie was a dedicated volunteer and believer in SMART



Reading, raising nearly \$50,000 for SMART by selling her handmade \$1 bookmarks. A former McMinnville librarian, she dedicated her life to reading and children in her community. She will be dearly missed!

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



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