

What's New in the Rogue Valley Area

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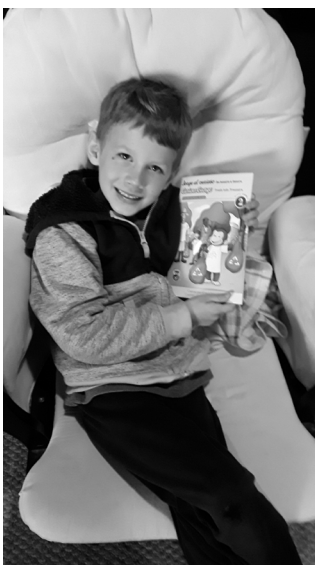
Thanks All Around!

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!

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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 these local sponsors:

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A student at Jewett Elementary in Central Point proudly shows off one of the books he received from SMART Reading.

Celebrating Our Local Volunteer of the Year

Phoenix Elementary Site Coordinator Kathy Sager was named the Rogue Valley's 2020-21 Volunteer of the Year! Kathy has been a dedicated volunteer for more than six years, stepping up to coordinate a program, recruiting volunteers, and helping out in our office. When the devastating wildfires tore through Phoenix and Talent,

Kathy was there to help us get books to kids who lost their homes, giving away more than 1,000 books over two weekends. Thank you, Kathy, for everything you do for SMART Reading!

Community Comes Together for Oregon Reads Aloud

The Rogue Valley 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 Brian Gross, Blakley McHugh, Bethany Quitt, Tom Wang, Meghan McCandless, Anna Brewer, Hailey Chang, Shannon Clooney, Mia Brewer, Matt Jordan, Andy Truong, Lisa Duong, and Kyle Averman. Big thanks to everyone who tuned in, gave, and helped make the event a huge success. Thanks as well to these local sponsors:



2020-21 Local Impact



37
Sites



2,044
Students



17,677
Books Given

Rogue Valley Area Staff:

Julie Brimble, Area Manager | Mindy Alford, Program Manager | Barbara Pugh, Program Manager