

What's New in the South Coast 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:



Our team created book bundles complete with special bookmarks that we distributed to over 900 students in the South Coast Area.

Celebrating Our Local Volunteers of the Year



Longtime volunteers Jaci and Hugh Pinkston were named the 2020-21 South Coast Volunteers of the Year! Jaci and Hugh have been actively involved with SMART Reading for 15 years and have served as Readers, Site Coordinators, ambassadors, and Leadership Council members. They're also active

in other community organizations including the Coquille Food Bank, Coquille Friends of the Library, 4H, and Kiwanis International. Hugh also served on the Coquille City Council. Congratulations, Jaci and Hugh, and thank you for all you do for the children in our community!

Sponsor A SMART School in South Coast

SMART School Sponsors make a direct impact on schools 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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2020-21 Local Impact



14
Sites



941
Students



8,442
Books Given

SMART South Coast Area Staff

Cheryl Brown, Area Manager
Kris Dellsite, Area Administrator

Community Comes Together for Oregon Reads Aloud

The South Coast 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 Jaci Pinkston, Becky Armistead, Sara Lovendahl, Renee Marler, Natasha Keeler, and Tina Hallmark. Big thanks to everyone who tuned in, gave, and helped make the event a huge success!