


Metro Area 2022-23 Year-end Report



	Sites	Students Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Books Given
→ AREA	70	14,118	2,461	21,485	128,813
→ STATEWIDE	240	23,815	3,914	49,763	218,064
→ SINCE 1992		290,552	144,704	4,585,581	3,475,655

SMART is Back in Schools!



After more than two years, the 2022-23 school year brought a much-anticipated return to in-person reading! Volunteers and students connected through books in our traditional one-on-one model and through Classroom SMART, a popular and effective pandemic adaptation where a volunteer leads interactive read-alouds for a whole classroom.

It also marked our first year as a merged organization with the Children's Book Bank. The Book Bank's sustainable model of collecting, refurbishing and redistributing community-donated books presents exciting opportunities to reach kids in new ways and we've begun exploring opportunities to expand to other communities in the coming years.

In the 2023-24 school year, we expect to reach over 21,000 students, including 12,880 locally. With kids continuing to experience negative ripple effects of the pandemic, we need our community by our side as we continue to spark joy and opportunity through the magic of a shared book.

Pictured: One-to-one SMART reading session at Hazeldale Elementary School in Beaverton.

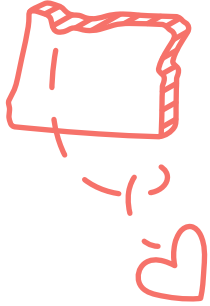


We really do appreciate the mission, the people and the work. Thank you. I look forward to partnering with you next year!

- Teacher, Multnomah County



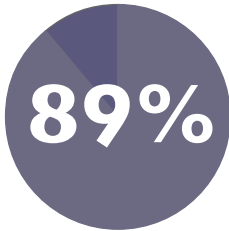
Program Outcomes



At the end of each year, SMART Reading surveys educators and families to gain insights about SMART's impact on their students. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive, revealing significant benefits for participating children. The data below reflects feedback on our One-to-One SMART model.

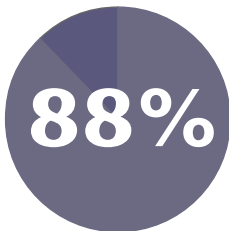
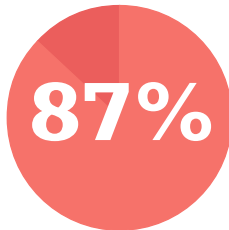


Pictured: One-to-one SMART reading session at Greenway Elementary School in Beaverton.

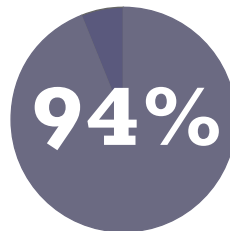


89% of kids showed improvement in reading motivation

87% of kids showed improvement in overall reading performance

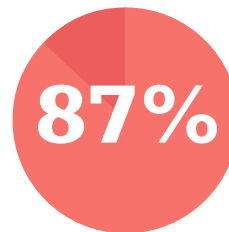


88% of kids showed improved reading enjoyment

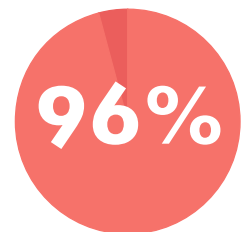


94% of families feel that their child benefited from participating in SMART

87% of kids showed improvement in reading comprehension



96% of educators feel that SMART positively impacted their students and school community



I cannot say enough positive things about SMART! Our daughter went from being too afraid to try to read to currently reading a book to her sister as I write this. We are SO grateful for the help - and she is so proud of the progress she has made!

- Parent, Washington County



96% of families reported increased engagement with books after receiving their bundle

