


# Northwest Area 2022-23 Year-end Report



	Sites	Students Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Books Given
→ <b>AREA</b>	28	1,582	147	3,551	9,207
→ <b>STATEWIDE</b>	240	23,815	3,914	49,763	218,064
→ <b>SINCE 1992</b>		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 1,249 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 Nellie Muir Elementary in Woodburn.*

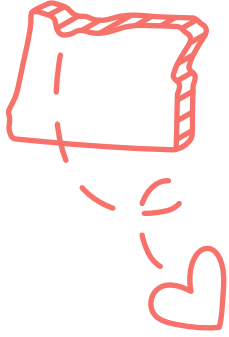


The students who engaged with the SMART program showed great progress in their reading over the course of the year. It was a wonderful thing to witness.

- Oregon Principal



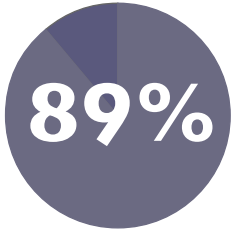
## Program Outcomes



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.

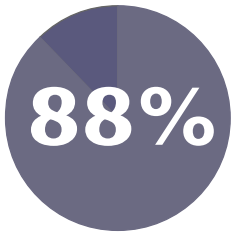
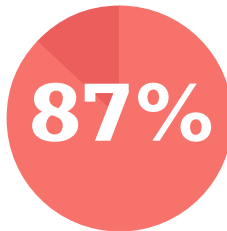


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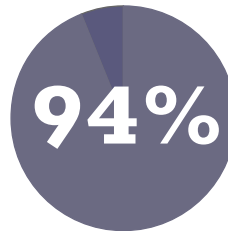


89% of kids showed improvement in reading motivation

87% of kids showed improvement in overall reading performance

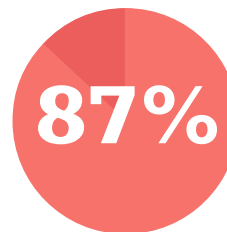


88% of kids showed improved reading enjoyment



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



The students loved going to meet with these volunteers. Many of their classmates were eager to participate. The staff were kind, gentle and provided wonderful relationship for these students. The program meets a desperate need for children to share a reading experience with a caring and stable adult.

- Teacher, Polk County

