


South Central Area 2022-23 Year-end Report



	Sites	Students Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Books Given
→ AREA	26	1,657	211	2,024	14,214
→ STATEWIDE	252	23,815	4,137	49,763	225,263
→ SINCE 1992		290,552	147,004	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 our area in the coming years.

In the 2023-24 school year, we expect to reach over 21,000 students, including more than 1,200 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.

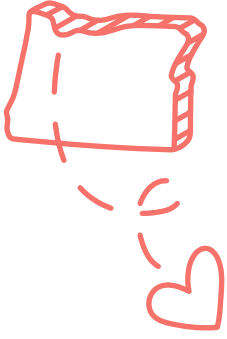
Pictured: A Classroom SMART session at Mills Elementary in Klamath Falls.

BB 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!

- SMART Reading Parent



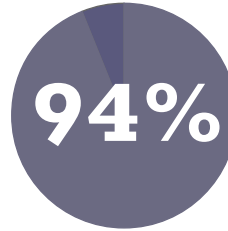
Program Outcomes



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.

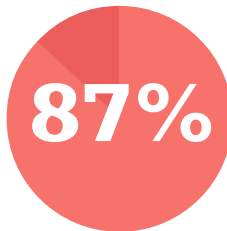


89% of kids showed improvement in reading motivation

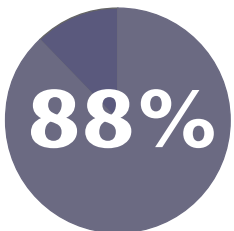


94% of families feel that their child benefited from participating in SMART

87% of kids showed improvement in overall reading performance

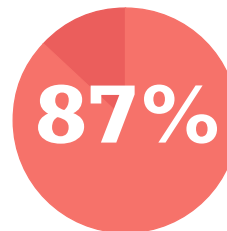


96% of educators feel that SMART positively impacted their students and school community



88% of kids showed improved reading enjoyment

87% of kids showed improvement in reading comprehension



Pictured: A One-to-One SMART session at Shasta Elementary in Klamath Falls.



[As a SMART volunteer, I feel appreciated by] the smile on the face of a young child, the look of confidence in their reading, and when their pride just shines as they feel the accomplishment and new empowerment.

- Volunteer, Klamath Falls

