


# South Valley Area 2022-23 Year-end Report



	Sites	Students Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Books Given
→ AREA	37	2,069	318	6,082	21,888
→ 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 1,600 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 student choosing books at Head Start of Lane County.*

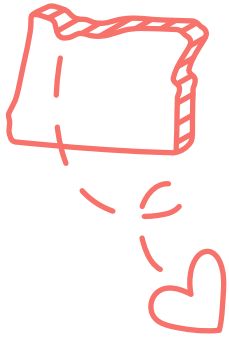


My kinder had a great experience! He was excited to bring his SMART books home and read them with us. He liked his volunteer a lot.

- Parent, South Valley Area



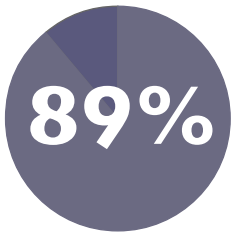
## Program Outcomes



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.

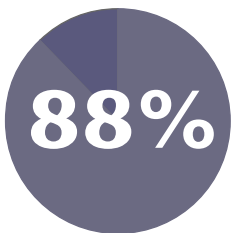
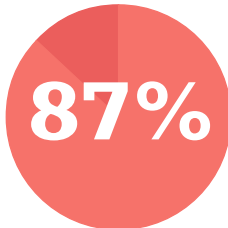


*Pictured: Students selecting books to keep at Lincoln Elementary in Corvallis.*

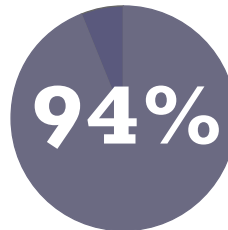


89% of kids showed improvement in reading motivation

87% of kids showed improvement in overall reading performance

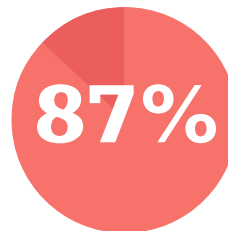


88% of kids showed improved reading enjoyment

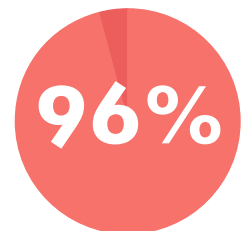


94% of families feel that their child benefited from participating in SMART

87% of kids showed improvement in reading comprehension



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



## The Children's Book Bank Pop-Ups

South Valley piloted two pop-up book drives and Book Bank cleaning sessions this year! Volunteers created book bundles that were delivered to 66 students at The Park Head Start in Springfield and to the Burrito Brigade's Waste to Taste Food Pantry.



Any opportunity that gets students reading, gets books into students hands, and makes reading enjoyable for students, is worthwhile - and SMART does all three!

- Teacher, South Valley Area

