


# Southwest Area 2022-23 Year-end Report



	Sites	Students Served	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours	Books Given
→ AREA	29	1,726	259	5,348	14,258
→ 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 student participating in SMART at Driftwood Elementary in Port Orford.*

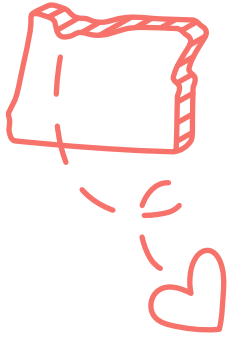


[Our family] loved the books about other cultures so we can all learn!

- Parent, Southwest 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.

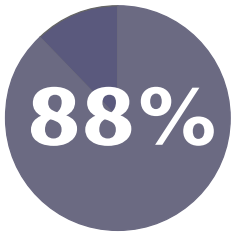
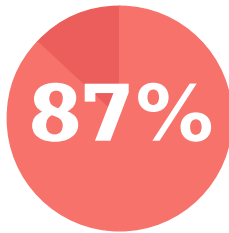


*Pictured: A One-to-One SMART session at Glide Elementary in Glide.*

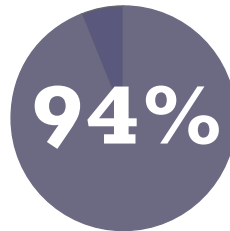


89% of kids showed improvement in reading motivation

87% of kids showed improvement in overall reading performance

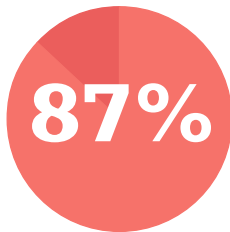


88% of kids showed improved reading enjoyment

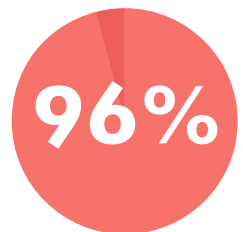


94% of families feel that their child benefited from participating in SMART

87% of kids showed improvement in reading comprehension



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



Every Monday my kids looked forward to SMART readers, I would say; 'It's Monday, what does that mean!?' and the kids would shout, 'SMART Readers!' They each developed new relationships, enjoyed one-on-one attention, and were eager to pick out books they got to keep.

- Teacher, Southwest Area

