

What's New in the Metro Area

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Thank You!

Our incredible community of 2,461 volunteers spent 21,484 hours this year reading with kids, restoring books at the Book Bank, and helping kids choose books to keep. We're so grateful for the volunteers, donors, educators, and partners who made it possible for us to return to in-person reading, give away thousands of books, and inspire a love of reading in local kids.

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Many thanks to these businesses for helping us spark joy and opportunity through the magic of a shared book:

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We were honored to host a group of women construction workers from Andersen Construction at Ardenwald Elementary in Milwaukie. They led a special read-aloud of *The House that She Built* by Mollie Elkman, a book based on the true story of women who came from around the country to build a home together!

SMART Sip A Smashing Success

Our annual SMART Sip fundraiser, organized by the SMART Associate Board and sponsored by dozens of local companies, took place in October and was packed with friends happy to gather in person to sample wines and support young readers. Mark your calendars for this year's event, held on Sept. 27 at Hunt & Gather.

Tickets and info available at www.SMARTReading.org/events

Site Coordinators Needed

Many sites in the Metro area are in need of Site Coordinators in order to open in the fall. To learn more, give us a call or visit www.SMARTReading.org/about-smart/local-offices/metro-area/

2022-23 Local Impact



70
Sites



14,118
Students Served



128,813
Books Given



Recycling company Ridwell collects gently used children's books from their members twice a year and donates over 20,000 books annually

to the Children's Book Bank at SMART Reading!

Pictured above are Ridwell team members with SMART's Senior Literacy Program Manager, Jessica Levay, at their book drop-off in April.