

What's New in the North Coast Area

Serving Clatsop and Columbia counties

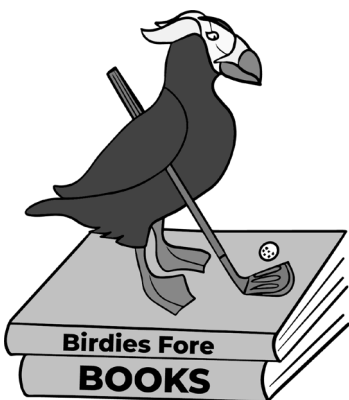
Thank You!

Our incredible community of 35 volunteers spent 497 hours this year reading with kids and helping them choose new 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 hundreds of books, and inspire a love of reading in local kids. Thank you for being an important part of SMART Reading!



Pictured: Reading session at Pacific Ridge Elementary.

Events on the North Coast



Birdies Fore Books August 9, 2023

We had so much fun at our annual Birdies Fore Books golf scramble and reception. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate SMART and help ensure local kids have reading support and books of their own. We appreciate you!

SMART Benefit Night at Fort George Brewery October 31, 2023

Head over to Fort George Brewery in Astoria on Oct. 31 for a meal and 10% of proceeds from all food and drink sales will go to SMART!

Meet Your Local Team

We're excited to announce that Deborah Marion, who has been the Development Officer for the North Coast and Northwest Areas, was promoted to Area Director. She'll oversee our fundraising and operations for both regions. We're also excited to introduce you to Stacy Goodwin, an experienced Program Manager, who will be leading our North Coast programs.

We asked them to share what they love most about SMART:

Deborah Marion, Area Director

With a background in education and the service industry, I came to SMART as a volunteer Reader, Site Coordinator, and temporary Program Assistant before joining the staff full-time in 2017. My favorite part of this role is being lucky enough to center children's literacy in my daily life and meeting the people who make SMART thrive in their communities.



Stacy Goodwin, Senior Program Manager

I have been with SMART for over 16 years, overseeing programs in Washington County (and many years ago, the North Coast as well!). I regularly visit the North Coast and am really excited to get reacquainted with the SMART programs and the amazing volunteers. My favorite thing about SMART is training, supporting and spending time with our volunteer Site Coordinators and Readers!



United Way Partnership

Since the Spring of 2020, SMART has been honored to be a nonprofit partner with United Way of Clatsop County. When the pandemic disrupted our in-person programs, United Way doubled down on supporting the urgent need for children's literacy efforts and continued to provide funding for books and shared reading time each year since then. Thank you, United Way of Clatsop County!

2022-23 Local Impact



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Sites



160
Students Served



652
Books Given