

WHAT'S NEW IN THE Central Area

SERVING CROOK, DESCHUTES, GRANT, HARNEY, JEFFERSON, & NORTHERN KLAMATH COUNTIES

We're Grateful for YOU!

Our community of volunteers, donors, educators, and partners makes it possible for kids to receive valuable reading practice time, individual support, and books to keep. Thank you!

Corporate and Foundation Sponsors

Many thanks to these partners for supporting our vision of an Oregon where all children can realize their full potential through reading:

- Avangrid Foundation
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- Rotary Club of Sunriver-La Pine
- SELCO Community Credit Union
- Sunriver Women's Club
- WHH Foundation

SMART Sip Fundraiser A Success

On March 7, friends and supporters gathered at Tetherow Resort for a successful annual fundraiser dedicated to bringing the lifelong love of reading to Central Oregon kids! We're grateful to all of our guests, as well as our sponsors:



Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Kathy

Kathy Knower has been the Site Coordinator at Crooked River Elementary in Prineville since SMART opened there 28 years ago! She is beloved by volunteers, students, and teachers alike for her kindness and deep commitment to SMART. This was her last year and we want to extend a huge thank you for her incredible, longtime dedication!



STAFF CORNER

What was your favorite book as a child?



The *Harry Potter* series
by J.K Rowling
Amy Luther, Senior Program Manager



Bridge to Terabithia
by Katherine Paterson
Jennifer Zardinejad, Area Director

SELCO Hosts First Book Drive for SMART

SELCO Community Credit Union held book drives at their branches in Bend, Redmond, and Burns this spring, collecting over 400 new and gently-used children's books. SMART staff joined the SELCO team to sort, clean and refurbish the books, which will be given to local students. This is the first of what we hope will be many community book drives as we take steps towards adding Book Bank services in Central Oregon!



2023-24 Local Impact



22
Sites



1,079
Students Served



14,806
Books Given