



WHAT'S NEW IN THE Metro Area

SERVING CLACKAMAS, MULTNOMAH, & WASHINGTON 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. For a complete listing of SMART's corporate and foundation sponsors, please visit www.SMARTReading.org/corporate-partnership

Site Coordinators Needed

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

SAVE THE DATE The SMART Sip is BACK!

Our annual Metro Area fundraiser, organized by the SMART Associate Board and sponsored by dozens of local companies, will take place on **Thursday, Sept. 19**, from 5:30-8:30 pm at Hunt & Gather in Portland.

We will celebrate the power of reading with cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres, a wine wall, raffle prizes, and more. Mark your calendars to help make it the Sippiest Sip ever! Tickets and sponsorship info available at www.SMARTReading.org/events

2023-24 Local Impact



68 Sites



14,470 Students Served



106,292 Books Given

Honoring Our Volunteers of the Year



This year, we recognized five incredible individuals as our Metro Area Volunteers of the Year:



Mia Barnett, Site Coordinator

"Mia has been a Reader, co-Coordinator and Site Coordinator at Barnes Elementary for over 10 years! She has also been involved with the Children's Book Bank and is a dedicated, dependable, caring advocate for kids."

Catherine Crawford, Site Coordinator



"Catherine went above and beyond by stepping up to be a Site Coordinator for Margaret Scott Elementary in addition to Woodland Elementary, filling a long-needed role and serving 11 classrooms through our Classroom SMART model at both schools!"

Chris Cronin, Book Bank Delivery Driver



"One of our essential volunteer roles at the Book Bank is delivery driver, taking bundles and boxes of books to schools. Chris single-handedly did almost every single delivery this year, loading thousands of books in his car (always with a smile on his face)."

Joan Levers, Site Coordinator



"Joan started with SMART in 2003 as a Site Coordinator at King Elementary and never left. She shepherded King through the pandemic and brought back one of our largest One-to-One SMART programs."



D.J. Stare, Site Coordinator

"D.J. is going into her eighth year as a volunteer. She was selected for her unwavering dedication despite extenuating life circumstances. She coordinates an amazing SMART program for hard-of-hearing and hearing PreK students at Tucker Maxon School while acting as the sole caretaker for her brother."