



WHAT'S NEW IN THE Northeast Area

SERVING BAKER, GILLIAM, HOOD RIVER, MORROW, UMATILLA, WALLOWA, & WASCO 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!

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

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Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Teresa

Teresa Earle has been a volunteer for 13 years and is the Site Coordinator at Westside Elementary in Hood River. Here's what one of her Readers, Cindy Yoshimura, has to say about her:



"Teresa is always cheerful, flexible, and enthusiastic. Our school is so lucky to have her as our Site Coordinator. She is a true champion for children's reading!"

Pictured: Teresa (center) with volunteer Readers at Westside Elementary.

2023-24 Local Impact



**17
Sites**



**769
Students Served**



**10,798
Books Given**

Celebrating Reading through Community Art



SMART commissioned murals celebrating the power of reading in five communities across the state as part of our 30th anniversary celebrations. The final mural, located at the Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon in downtown Pendleton, was completed in November 2023 by local artist Arthur Crews. Learn more about this project at www.SMARTReading.org/murals



Books We Love!



Rebel Girl: My Life as a Feminist Punk
by Kathleen Hanna
Kate Drahota, Program Manager



Bridge to Terabithia
by Katherine Paterson
Jennifer Zardinejad, Area Director

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