



WHAT'S NEW IN THE Northwest Area

SERVING LINCOLN, MARION, POLK, TILLAMOOK, & YAMHILL 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 – and many others – for supporting our vision of an Oregon where all children can realize their full potential through reading.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Frances

Frances Hartwell is the Site Coordinator at South Prairie Elementary in Tillamook and has been a volunteer since 2014. Here's what she has to say about the experience:

"Reading is a big part of my daily life and I feel fortunate to have become part of the SMART program where I have the opportunity to share the love of reading. Nothing could be more dear to my heart."



2023-24 Local Impact



21 Sites



1,081 Students Served



9,648 Books Given

Meet the Team



Michael Finlay, Interim Program Manager

"It is such a pleasure to rejoin the SMART team and work with so many wonderful volunteers again! I was previously a Program Manager and then Area Director for the Northwest Area before starting my own business. I've returned to SMART to support our volunteer Site Coordinators and Readers to ensure programs run smoothly."



Gainell Irving, Metro Area Director

"I've been with SMART for 5 years in a variety of roles. I'm currently the Metro Area Director and I'm thrilled to now also be part of the Northwest team! My focus is on leading our local fundraising efforts and building partnerships in the community."



Pictured: A volunteer and student reading together at Newberg Center Head Start

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers made it possible for us to reach over 1,000 local kids with books and reading support this year. We can't wait to welcome back returning volunteers in the fall and we hope you'll help expand our impact by inviting a friend or neighbor to sign up! The commitment starts at one hour per week. Learn more at www.SMARTReading.org/volunteer.