



WHAT'S NEW IN THE Rogue Valley Area

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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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Give Your Heart to SMART A Success

Held on Feb. 8, this year's event honored those who helped SMART Reading grow strong roots in the Rogue Valley over the last 25 years and we raised our glasses to a vibrant future fueled by our community. We also raised over \$34,000 for our local SMART programs. Thanks to everyone who attended, and to our sponsors:



Honoring Our Volunteers



We ended another successful year of SMART in May by celebrating our incredible local volunteers. We took time to reminisce about the best moments spent reading with kids, listened to a touching speech from Butte Falls superintendent and SMART Board Member, Phil

Long, and enjoyed good food, raffle prizes, and the company of fellow volunteers. Thank you to all who attended!

Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Ashley

Ashley Main joined SMART as a Reader at Mae Richardson Elementary this year. Here's what she had to say about the experience:



"I know I'm there to read, and it's a blast to get to interact with the kids about what they're seeing/hearing from the book, but the instant love you feel is unlike anything I've been around before. They're like little sponges clinging on to your words, and it's almost as if the world stops for the time I am in the classroom - nothing else matters except being in that moment."

2023-24 Local Impact



26 Sites



846 Students Served



8,300 Books Given

Site Coordinators Needed

We're already getting ready for the fall! We're seeking volunteer Site Coordinators for SMART programs in Butte Falls, Cave Junction, Central Point, Eagle Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Medford, and Phoenix. Visit www.SMARTReading.org/volunteer or call 541-734-5628 to learn more.

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