



WHAT'S NEW IN THE South Valley Area

SERVING BENTON, LANE, & LINN 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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Meet Our New Team Members



Tanja Petal, Program Manager

"A love of childhood literacy brought me to SMART, and I was thrilled to join an organization with three decades of proven success. The best part of my role is working with our wonderful volunteer Site Coordinators to ensure programs run smoothly."



Ashli Quintela, Program Administrator

"I came to SMART because I have always had a passion for giving back to the community. My favorite part of the job is talking to new volunteers and finding out what they're passionate about and where it is that we can get them placed so they can begin their SMARTie journey."

2023-24 Local Impact



20 Sites



896 Students Served



10,799 Books Given

SELCO Teams Up with SMART to Refurbish Books



SELCO Community Credit Union held book drives at their regional branches earlier this year, and employees (pictured) joined us for a special refurbishing event. Cleaning and repairing the books brought back fond memories of childhood reading for participants! The restored books are being given to students in our area. Thank you, SELCO, for your long standing commitment to education.

Take Us Out to the Ballgame!



Pictured: SMART Reading students with Sluggo.

SMART Reading was the featured organization at the Eugene Emeralds' Dia de los Libros game in April. Staff were on hand to give away free books, and two SMART Reading students from Adams Elementary joined us to meet Sluggo and throw out the first pitch. Thanks for the fun, Ems!

Site Coordinators Needed

We're already getting ready for the fall! We're seeking volunteer Site Coordinators for SMART programs in Albany, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Lebanon, and Springfield. Visit www.SMARTReading.org/volunteer or call 541-600-8035 to learn more.