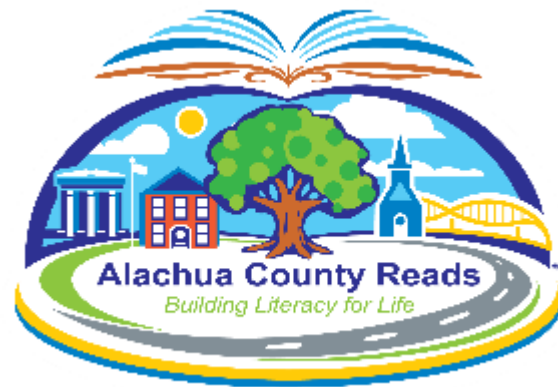


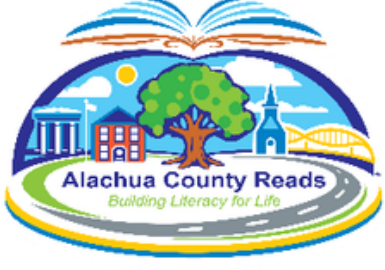


ALACHUA COUNTY READS

Project Update
September 28, 2026

Alachua County Reads Team and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence

Current Activities Update



READINESS

- Gainesville Thrives moved to shared space; Literacy Nights; Family Literacy Engagement bins resources
- Sept 23 Early Learning Experts Initial Meeting (Anita Zucker Center, University of Florida Literacy Institute, Early Learning Coalition, Partnership for Strong Families, Children's Home Society, GNV4All, UF Laster Center, Gainesville Thrives, Campaign Grade Level Reading/United Way, Early Childhood COE, CTAC Early Childhood)

K-3 CORE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

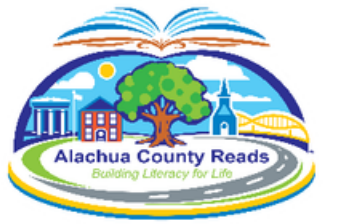
- **UFLI-ACPS Kickoff Event 9/16/26**
- **ALL K-2 teachers** in 4 School Improvement (SI) schools (Rawlings, Williams, Lake Forest, Metcalf) have completed initial training and will access coaching
- 60 educators; 40 literacy coaches and administrators trained
- 600 K-2 students in the 4 schools
- UFLI implemented across ALL ACPS schools
- Dates scheduled for School Implementation Team Partnership Meetings
- Funds secured for purchase of Project Read for **ALL ACPS** Elementary Schools (5260 licenses); UFLI-aligned program allows ALL teachers to input weekly student assessment data to create groups for targeted intervention with lesson provision

INTERVENTION / REMEDIATION

- ACR hired Literacy Specialist to support Literacy Catalyst providers (Aces in Motion, Girls Place, Kids Count, AMI Kids, Pineridge Kool Kids, Sweetwater Neighborhood, Residences at Oakview, Willie Mae Stokes, IGB, Alachua County Youth Detention Center); will train staff and work with students; highly qualified in exceptionalities and dyslexia
- Dr. Keegan meets weekly with PEAK Literacy for updates on progress; advised on acquiring assessment data from ACPS
- ACR provided TOWRE assessments needed for 700 students

COORDINATION + COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- Updates to virtual hub
- Items for 100 school readiness bags purchased for ACLD
- Acquired resource list from PFSF
- Ordered literacy materials for adult learners at ACLD and Elite Training Center
- Registered Elite Training Center with the FL Ready to Work programming
- "FREE" marketing through WUFT Tell Me About It, Ilene Silverman Show, CTAC Show, CTAC Podcast, tabling at Chamber of Commerce Expo, UFCC Event
- Social Media shares
- Community Advisory Council initial interest meeting **September 30th @ 6pm**



Next Steps

Readiness

Next Steps: Discuss locations for targeted support, gather SOW, and consider MOUs

Instructional Support

Next Steps: observations, walkthroughs, coaching cycles w/ feedback, UFLI resource portal to ALL ACPS

Intervention Remediation

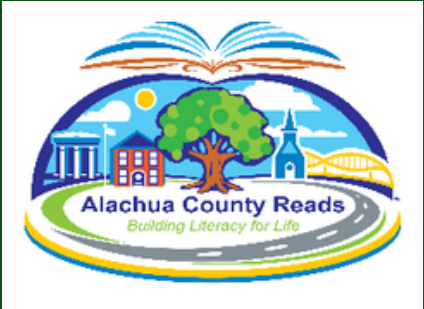
Next Steps: follow up with Literacy Specialist assessment of provider needs

Coordination + Community Awareness

Next Steps: Continue recruiting Council members, have elected chair organize meeting schedule, develop plan to use council ties to increase awareness and media, launch and track Hub utilization in 3 sites.

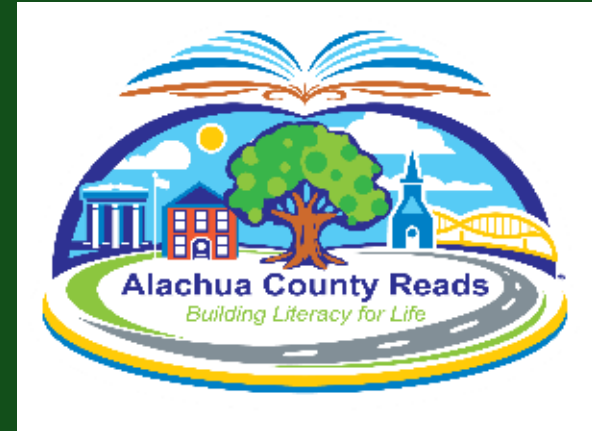
Highlights in Pictures: UFLI Kickoff

September 16 - Metcalfe Elementary





Questions and Discussion



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