

**Alachua County Reads
Community Literacy Collaborative
Update | April 2026**

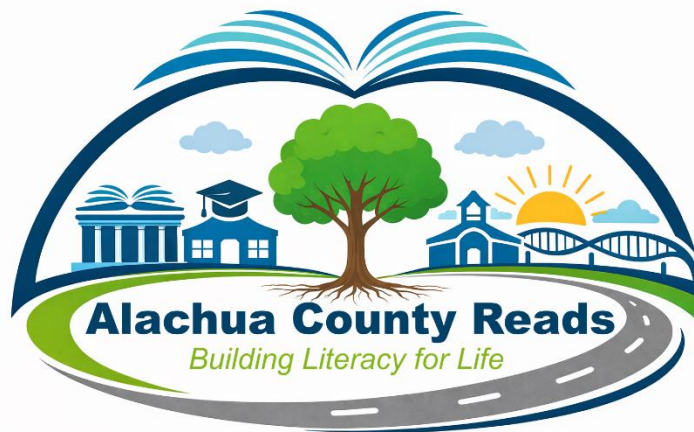
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Alachua County Reads (ACR) continues to grow as Alachua County’s coordinated literacy backbone initiative, focused on strengthening literacy outcomes from birth through adulthood. Since the original implementation framework was established, the initiative has advanced into a more strategic phase centered on aligning investments, defining measurable outcomes, expanding literacy hub infrastructure, strengthening family engagement, and deepening coordination with schools and community partners.

During April 2026, internal planning meetings and contract review sessions with the Children’s Trust helped clarify future governance, funding pathways, and implementation priorities for Fiscal Year 2026–27. These discussions further reinforced ACR’s role as the central coordinating entity for literacy strategy, community capacity building, and collective impact.

As a result, Alachua County Reads has entered a stronger and more focused implementation phase. April planning efforts helped refine the county’s literacy roadmap beyond intervention alone toward a true cradle-to-career ecosystem that supports educators, families, community hubs, providers, and public systems. With governance structures, partnerships, and infrastructure continuing to take shape, the initiative is well positioned for visible implementation in FY26–27.

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Updated Strategic Implementation Timeline

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Phase	Timeline	Updated Activities and Outcomes
Phase 4: Strategic Refinement & Capacity Building	Spring 2026	Internal portfolio review completed. Existing literacy contracts considered for alignment under ACR. Literacy hub strategy expanded. Parent engagement elevated. UFLI/School District partnership planning underway.
Phase 5: Launch & Systems Integration	Summer 2026	Working on summer Literacy resources rollout. CTAC Summer camps and Head Start Summer Bridge integration. Literacy hub pilots begin. Create and launch a funding request process.
Phase 6: Implementation	Fall 2026	Literacy contracts aligned under ACR. Reporting, evaluation, coaching supports, family engagement model, and hub expansion implemented countywide.

Fiscal Year 2026–27 Funding Alignment Discussion

CTAC and ACR explored moving existing literacy investments under the Alachua County Reads umbrella.

Governance Direction:

- Literacy funding request will be routed through ACR
 - Standardized application/request process for literacy needs
 - Clear funding focus and measurable performance outcomes
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Immediate Next Steps (May–July 2026)

1. Finalize School District planning conversations
2. Secure revised UFLI scope of work
3. Launch Literacy Hub implementation standards
4. Finalize funding request process
5. Roll out Summer Literacy Resources

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6. Develop and refine Family Engagement strategy
7. Finalize logo and public launch assets
8. Finalize Budget for funding release