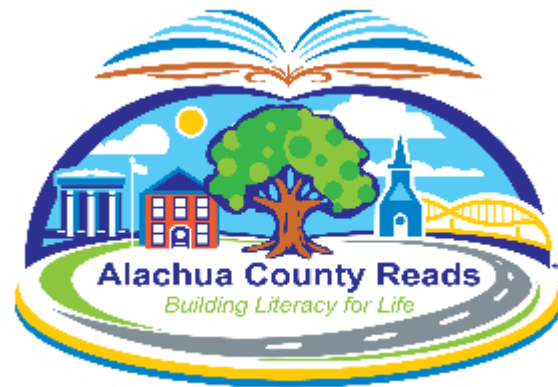




ALACHUA COUNTY READS

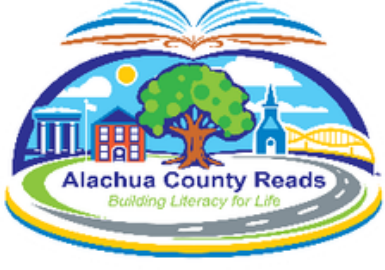
Project Update

October 12, 2026

A briefing for the Children's Trust of Alachua County Board

Alachua County Reads Team and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence

Current Activities Update



READINESS

- Gainesville Thrives received additional funding from BOCC for Imagination Library; planning event for Dolly Parton's January birthday
- Early Learning Experts follow-up meeting with Early Learning Coalition (ELC) executive director, Xaviera White
- Developing strategic planning for Readiness approach and partnerships in preparation for MOUs

K-3 CORE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

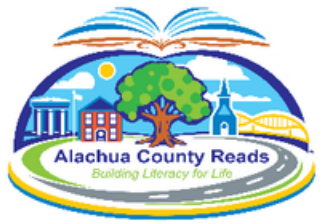
- UFLI-ACPS Monthly Meeting update on October 2
- Fidelity walkthroughs conducted by UFLI and ACPS leadership
- School Implementation Team Partnership Meetings @ all four SI schools
- Project Read PO complete; follow up on implementation plan and training; noted \$2M investment awarded by Department of Education

INTERVENTION / REMEDIATION

- ACR coordinated Florida Ready to Work with Elite Training Center; gained access to tool; intend to share with other community partners
- Purchase of literacy resources for ACLD and Elite Training Center young adult learners
- Literacy Specialist established weekly meetings with Juvenile Justice Center
- Literacy Catalyst operated by PEAK added Resilience Charter School

COORDINATION + COMMUNITY AWARENESS

- ACR moved to new location w/ Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Gainesville Thrives @ 2770 NW 43rd Street; planning ribbon cutting
- Items for 100 school readiness bags received; scheduled bag-stuffing event w/ partners
- Tabling activity @ CTAC Lights on Afterschool Event on October 21
- Community Advisory Council initial interest meeting September 30th @ 6pm; reviewed roles, selected Chair, and designated future meeting dates



Next Steps

Readiness

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

Instructional Support

Next Steps: Preview Project Read Implementation Plan with ACPS; Review walkthrough data at School Implementation Team Partnership Meetings, coaching cycles w/ feedback, UFLI resource portal to ALL ACPS

Intervention Remediation

Next Steps: Follow up with Florida Ready to Work opportunities with ACR partners, Deliver literacy resources to youth/young adult learner site programs; Review progress in school year start-up with PEAK tutoring; Review support progress with Literacy Specialist

Coordination + Community Awareness

Next Steps: Have elected Chair organize meeting schedule, develop plan to use council ties to increase awareness and media, launch physical Hub resources and schedule Board tour

\$492,816

Total cost · 100% requested from CTAC

Contractual & Professional Services

UFLI Services

Expert instructional support in ACPS, expanding into readiness coaching and curriculum development



\$250,000 50.7%

ACR Team (Jul–Oct 2027)

Full-time literacy coordinator and two part-time literacy specialists supporting community providers, UFLI/ACPS coordination, and the Community Advisory Council



\$120,000 24.3%

Community Program Investment

Professional development conference and support for afterschool and readiness providers



\$64,236 13.0%

ACPS Instructional Support Stipends

Instructional support professional development sessions



\$35,000 7.1%

Project Read

Online portal subscription covering UFLI instructional support in all ACPS K–2 classrooms



\$21,080 4.3%

HUB Maintenance / Marketing

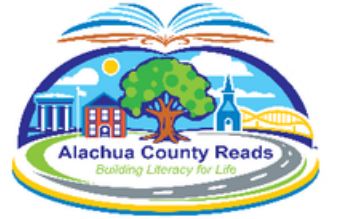
Domain and network maintenance



\$2,500 0.5%

We anticipate that there will be carry over funding in the Community Program investment line item to support Year 3 programming.

OCTOBER 1, 2026 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2027



Year Two Total Alachua County Reads Budget

CTAC and Alachua County Investment	\$1,357,500
Expert Services — UFLI (with readiness partners) Jan 27-Sept 27	\$250,000
ACR Team (coordinator, 2 consultants)	\$120,000
ACPS stipends for instructional support	\$35,000
Hub maintenance	\$5,000
Project Read	\$21,080
Community program investment (Literacy Specialist April -Sept, PD Conference for community after school providers)	\$43,000
Literacy Catalyst and Home Instruction operated by PEAK Literacy	\$624,684
GNV Thrives	\$235,000
Total allocated	\$1,333,764

How the budget is built

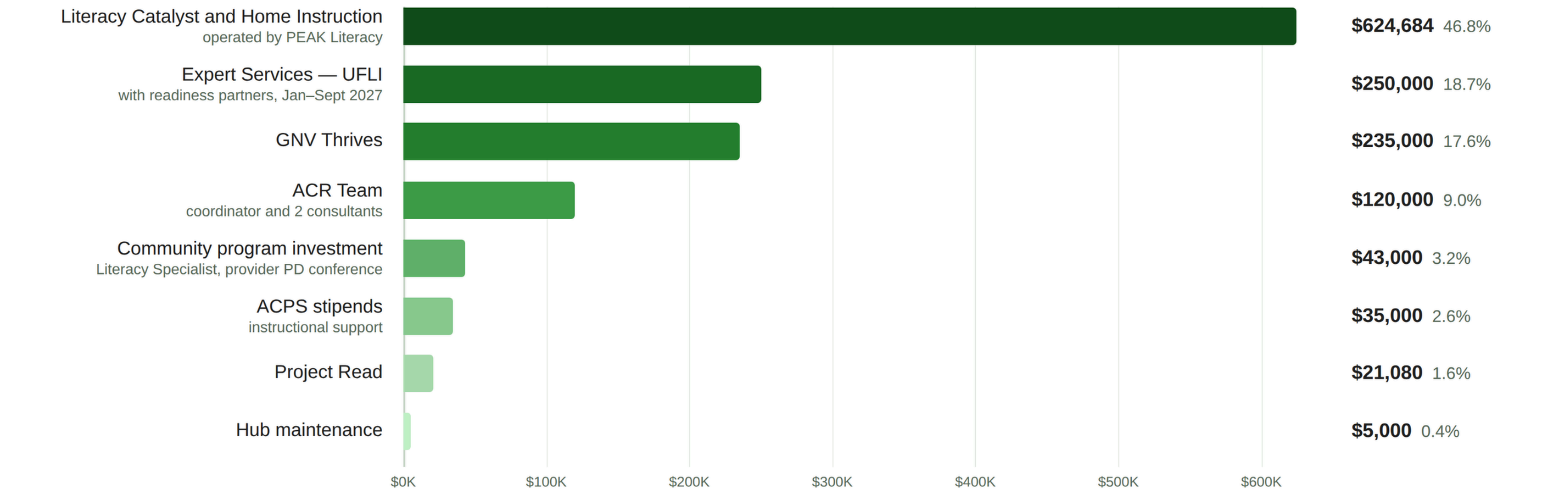
\$550,000	New funding CTAC
\$640,000	New funding Alachua County
\$162,500	Year One rollover
= \$1,357,500	Total available

We anticipate a rollover amount of
\$23,736

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Year Two spending by category

Alachua County Reads — CTAC and Alachua County investment



Shares are of total allocated (\$1,333,764) and may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Total available reflects new CTAC funding, new Alachua County funding, and Year One rollover.

\$1,357,500	\$1,333,764	\$23,736
Total available	Total allocated	Unallocated

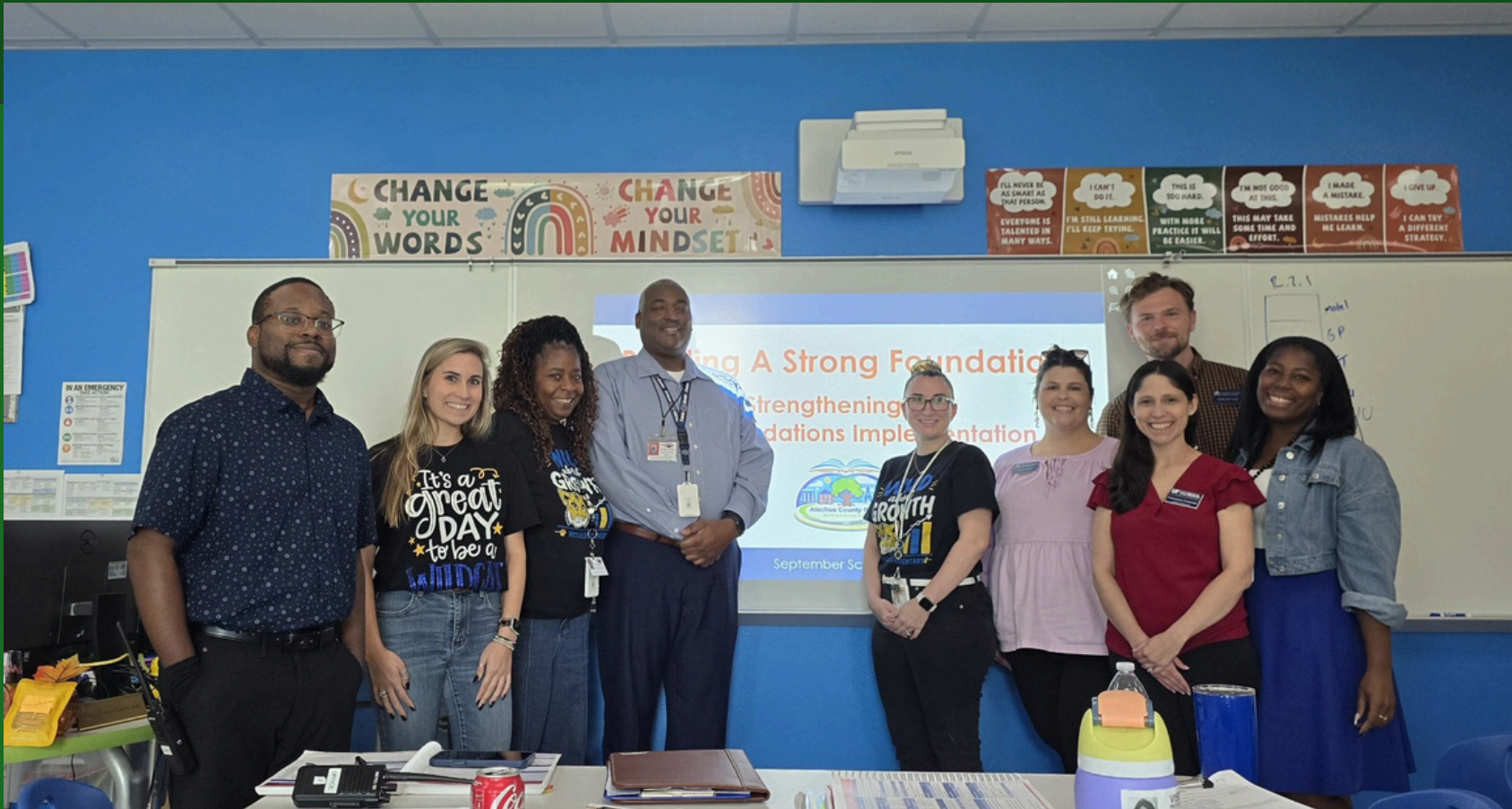
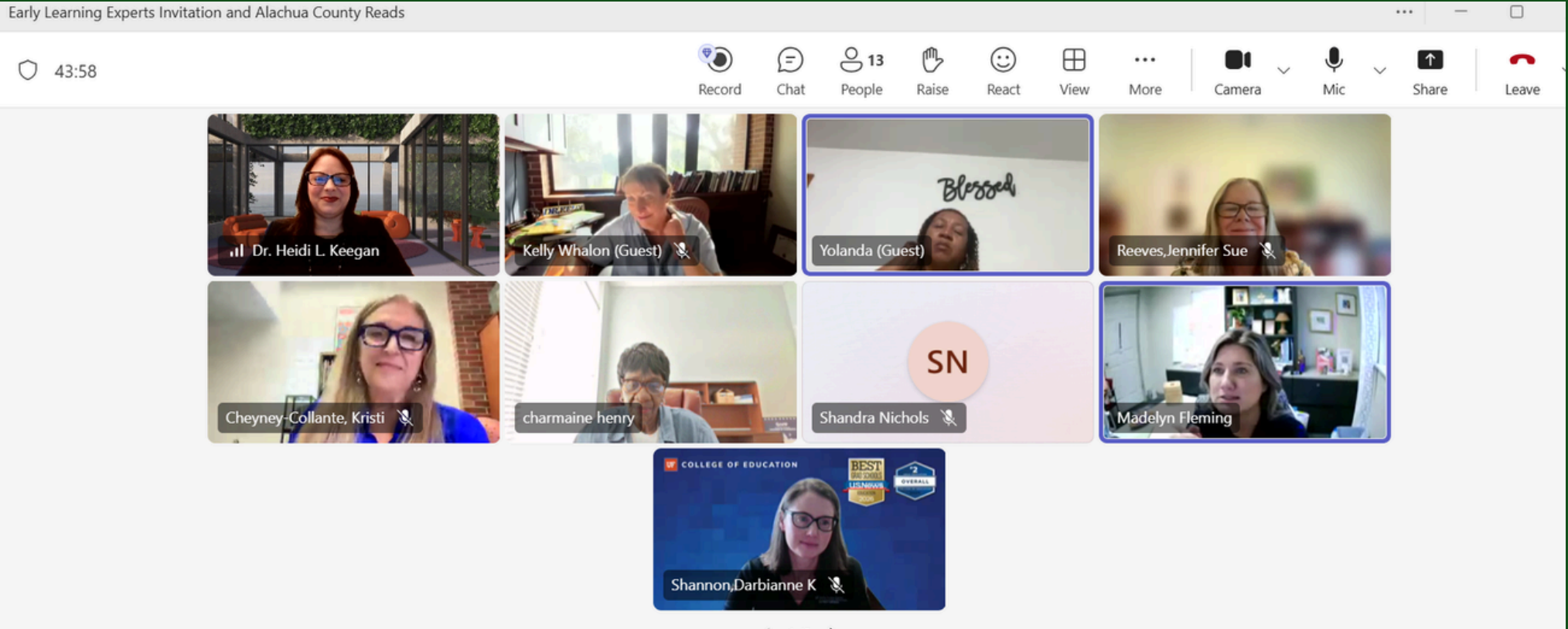
Highlights

UFLI Faculty receive \$2 million grant from US Department of Education

The University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI), in partnership with Project Read AI and New York City Public Schools received a \$2,000,000 grant from the ETechM² Program—Stepping-Up Technology Implementation at the US Department of Education for UFLI_{AI}: Advancing Foundational Literacy with Artificial Intelligence. The project will (a) develop a tool to modify instruction in UFLI Foundations to better benefit all learners’ early literacy skills, but particularly students with disabilities, and (b) study the scalability of the AI-enhanced instructional tool to revolutionize early literacy instruction.

This is the program we have invested in for ALL ACPS K-2 teachers

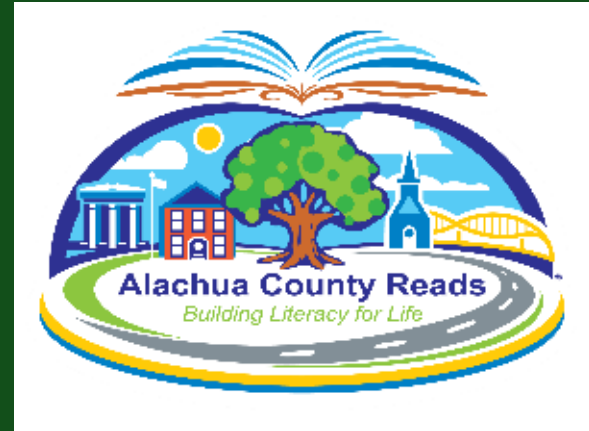
Early Learning Experts Initial Meeting Zoom



ACPS
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throughs



Questions and Discussion



If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Dr. Heidi Keegan at

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