



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: May 6, 2026

Originating Department: Library

Agenda Title: Presentation - Honorable Mention (2nd Place Finish) - Read for the Record 2026

Approved by Town Manager: _____ **Date:** _____

Cost of Item: \$0.00 **Funding Source:** _____

Account Number: _____ **Finance Signature:** _____

Advertised:

Date: _____ **Newspaper:** _____

Attachments: Certificate

Please initial one:

_____ Yes I have notified everyone

N/A _____ Not applicable in this case

Summary Explanation/Background:

The Town of Lake Park and the Town's Public Library has proudly participated in the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Read for the Record event for 20 years.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Read for the Record initiative and the book that was read was *See Marcus Grow*, written by Marcus Bridgewater and illustrated by Reggie Brown, which is a vibrant picture book that introduces young readers to the wonders of gardening while exploring themes of curiosity, discovery, nurturing and growth. In this story, the young character named Marcus learns from his grandmother in her garden. The book beautifully illustrates the parallel between plant care and human development, sharing the wisdom that both children and seedlings need "water and air and sunshine. And space to grow."

This year, the Town was honored to be named as Honorable Mention (2nd Place) in the Small Municipality (under 20,000) category and the Town and all of our volunteers read to

708 students/individuals at 14 different locations.

Previously, the Town was declared to have read to the most children in our category in 2021 and 2022 and received Honorable Mention recognition in 2023 and 2024.

The Library staff would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Mayor and Commissioners, Town staff, our community, PBSO, PBC Fire-Rescue, and so many others for your active participation and time to read to children/individuals throughout our community this year. Your support helps strengthen the impact of this program and inspires a shared commitment to literacy and learning.

Note: For 20 years, the Literacy Coalition has coordinated municipal leaders, businesses, and individuals to make an impact through Read for the Record, an early literacy initiative connecting adults and children through shared reading experiences. This program has made a difference in our community, and our continued commitment to support the learning and reading of children within our community will continue...

Recommended Motion:

N/A