

The New Worlds Reading Initiative (NWRI) is a statewide program to accelerate reading and advance literacy for K-5 students in Florida who are not yet reading on grade level.



Monthly books and literacy resources are shipped to families' homes in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. NWRI is a new program that was created by House Speaker Chris Sprowls and signed into law in June 2021 after receiving unanimous bipartisan support by the Florida Legislature. NWRI is powered by the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning, in partnership with Scholastic, the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books.

NWRI is designed to foster ongoing, positive connections among families, schools, and communities around a shared mission of ensuring all children learn to read and are supported in developing a lifelong love of reading. With literacy resources and activities for families included with each book, NWRI partners with caregivers to build their child's love of reading, strengthen language interactions, and literacy skills. Book deliveries began in December 2021. The program is completely free to eligible students and families. Any student in grades K-5 who is not yet reading on grade level, in a Florida public or charter school, is eligible to enroll in the program. An estimated 545,000 students in grades K-5 are eligible to participate. Visit www.newworldsreading.com to enroll.

The UF Lastinger Center is a registered Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) and is eligible to accept tax credit contributions to support the initiative. Under the New Worlds Reading Initiative, corporate taxpayers can make monetary contributions to the UF Lastinger Center and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit against select Florida taxes.



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