

New Worlds Reading Initiative



The New Worlds Reading Initiative is a FREE Florida literacy program, created by the 2021 Florida Legislature and administered by the University of Florida (UF) Lastinger Center for Learning, and is designed to help Florida K-5 public or charter school students, who are currently reading below grade level, realize the power of literacy.

This statewide book delivery program is a collaborative effort with school districts, local and state organizations, and the UF Lastinger Center - **ALL WITH THE GOAL OF:**

- Mailing a new book to each eligible enrolled K-5 student in Florida during the school year for free,
- Helping students build a personalized library based on their interests,
- Providing families with practical, supporting materials that build reading confidence,
- Reinforcing the science of reading techniques, and
- Supporting each student to successfully launch their reading skills and develop a love of reading.



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 private monetary contributions to the UF Lastinger Center and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against select Florida tax types.

For more information on how to contribute, contact David Bryant (david.bryant@coe.ufl.edu: 813-389-6234).