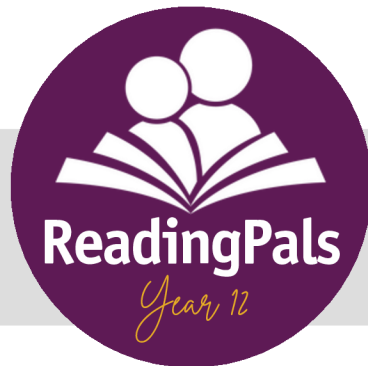


2023-2024 IMPACT REPORT

ReadingPals is a statewide early literacy initiative that provides volunteer mentors for students from pre-K to 3rd grade who may need extra help.



Early Literacy



To improve students' vocabulary and understanding of the fundamental building blocks of early literacy



Mentorship



To strengthen confidence, self-awareness, and empathy through a consistent relationship between mentors and students

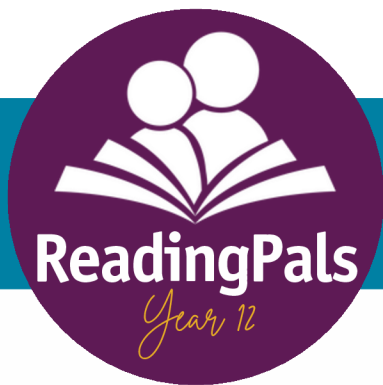


Love of Reading

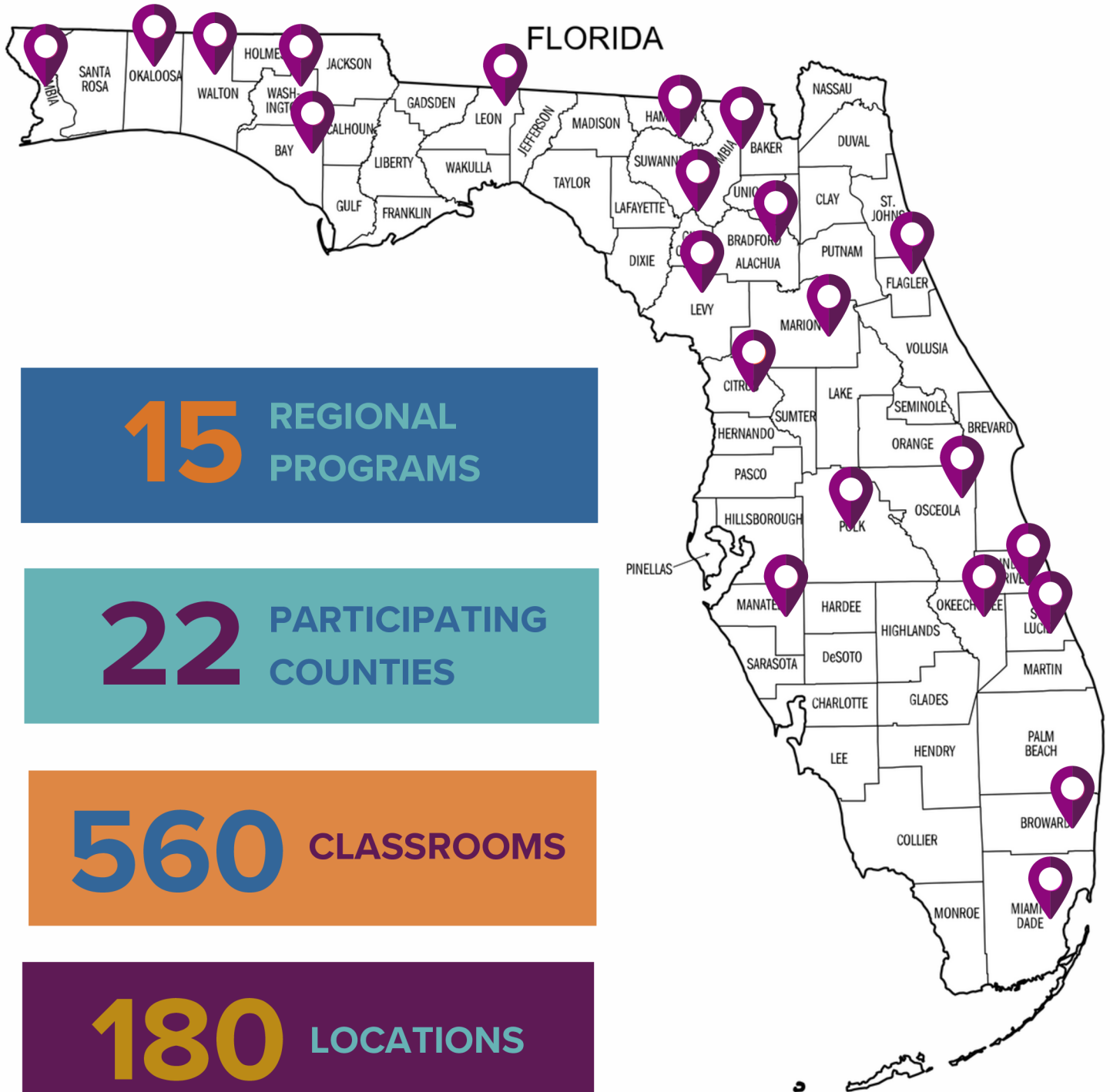


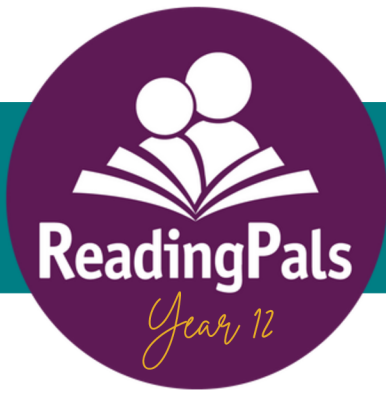
To reinforce a love of reading with high-quality books and engaging activities





OUR REACH



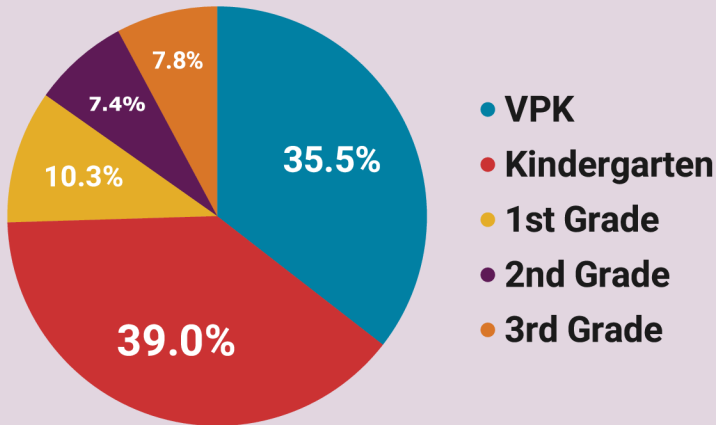


OUR STUDENTS



2,594
STUDENTS MATCHED

STUDENT PARTICIPATION BY GRADE 2023-2024

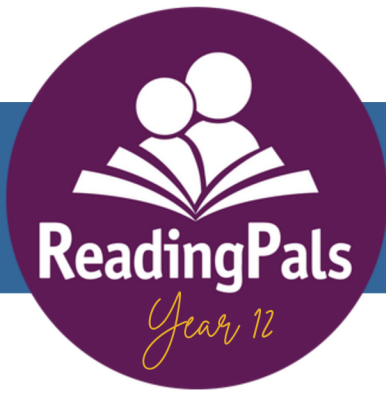


18.1
READING SESSIONS
PER STUDENT
(AVERAGE)



15
TAKE-HOME BOOKS
PER STUDENT
(AVERAGE)





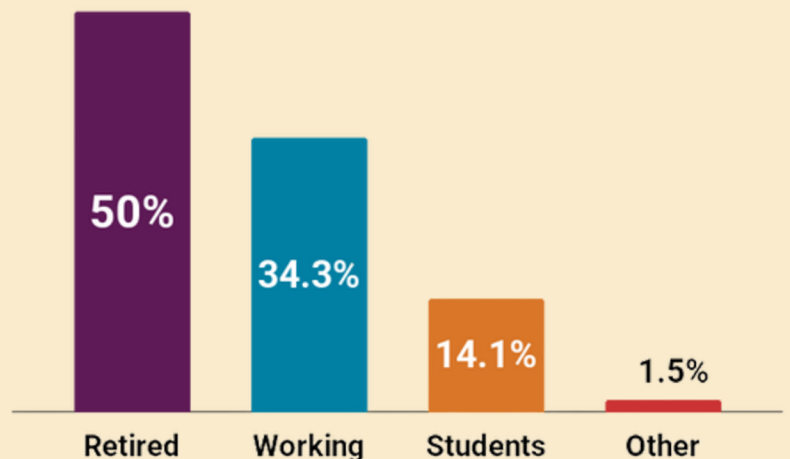
OUR VOLUNTEERS



1,495
VOLUNTEER MENTORS

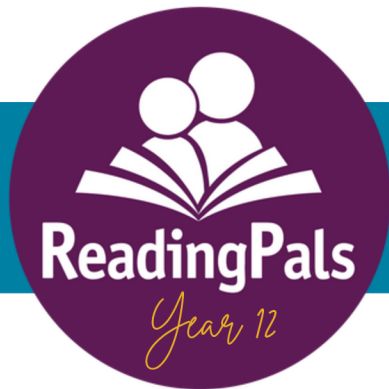
47%
RETURNING
VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER DEMOGRAPHICS



24%
OF VOLUNTEERS
3+ YEARS IN PROGRAM





OUR IMPACT

2023-2024 School Year:



47,626

READING SESSIONS
COMPLETED



41,460

TAKE-HOME BOOKS
DONATED

Over the last 12 years:



30,000+

STUDENTS MATCHED
WITH MENTORS



530,000+

TAKE-HOME BOOKS
DONATED

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

"This has been a fantastic experience. I have seen my student grow leaps and bounds in her confidence with her reading and comprehension."

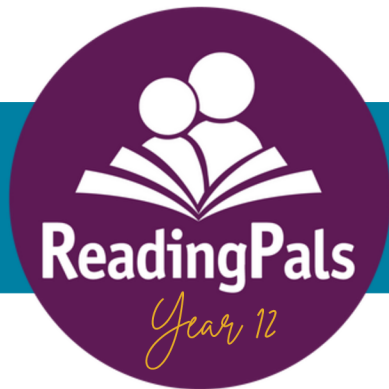
-Volunteer, United Way of the Big Bend



"Volunteering as a ReadingPal gives me great joy by sharing something I love. I have the unique opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young person."

-Volunteer, Big Brothers Big Sisters





AWARDS

READYKIDS! (ESCAMBIA COUNTY)

Most Volunteers & Highest Percentage of Eligible Students Matched

Kristy Craig, Executive Director & Kari Lindemann, Program Manager

We're recognizing ReadyKids! for their standout accomplishments in 2023-2024:

- Recruited our largest volunteer base of 218 mentors
- First ReadingPals program to match 100% of eligible students in their partner classrooms
- 212 students matched 1:1 with a mentor



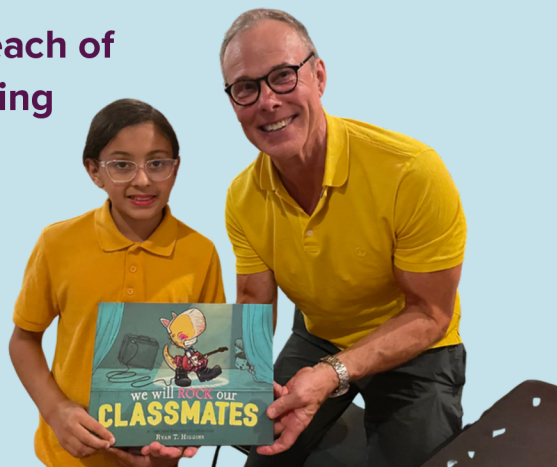
UPLIFT LITERACY (MIAMI-DADE COUNTY)

Fastest Growing Program

Aileen Sanchez Gonzalez, Executive Director & Pooja Patel, Program Manager

Uplift Literacy's growth of more than 65% in each of these key areas makes them our fastest-growing ReadingPals programs in 2023-2024:

- Expanded from 13 to 39 classrooms
- Increased from 34 to 97 volunteers
- Increased from 72 to 219 students





ReadingPals

2024 Conference & Celebration

For the third consecutive year, we held our statewide virtual conference and celebration in conclusion of our 12th year of ReadingPals! We celebrated the successes of our statewide early literacy initiative, including special recognition of our top-performing programs.



Keynote Speaker

EMILY HANFORD

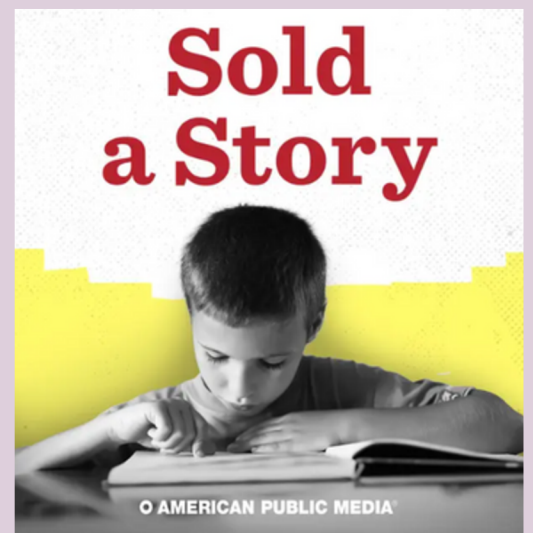
Senior Producer & Correspondent

American Public Media Group

Producer, *Sold a Story* podcast
(among the most-shared shows on
Apple Podcasts in 2023)

Renowned journalist, Emily Hanford, produced the hit podcast Sold a Story (Sold a Story en español), which was one of the most-shared shows on Apple Podcasts in 2023. Emily's work has helped change practice and policy on early literacy across the country.

In her ReadingPals keynote address, Emily shared stories and insights to shift our perspective on how children are being taught to read in the U.S. – and what volunteers, parents/caregivers, teachers and community partners need to know to make the greatest impact.



[Click here to access the recording of Emily Hanford's Keynote presentation](#)

