

ReadingPals is a **statewide early literacy initiative** of The Children's Movement of Florida that provides volunteer mentors for pre-K to 3rd grade students 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

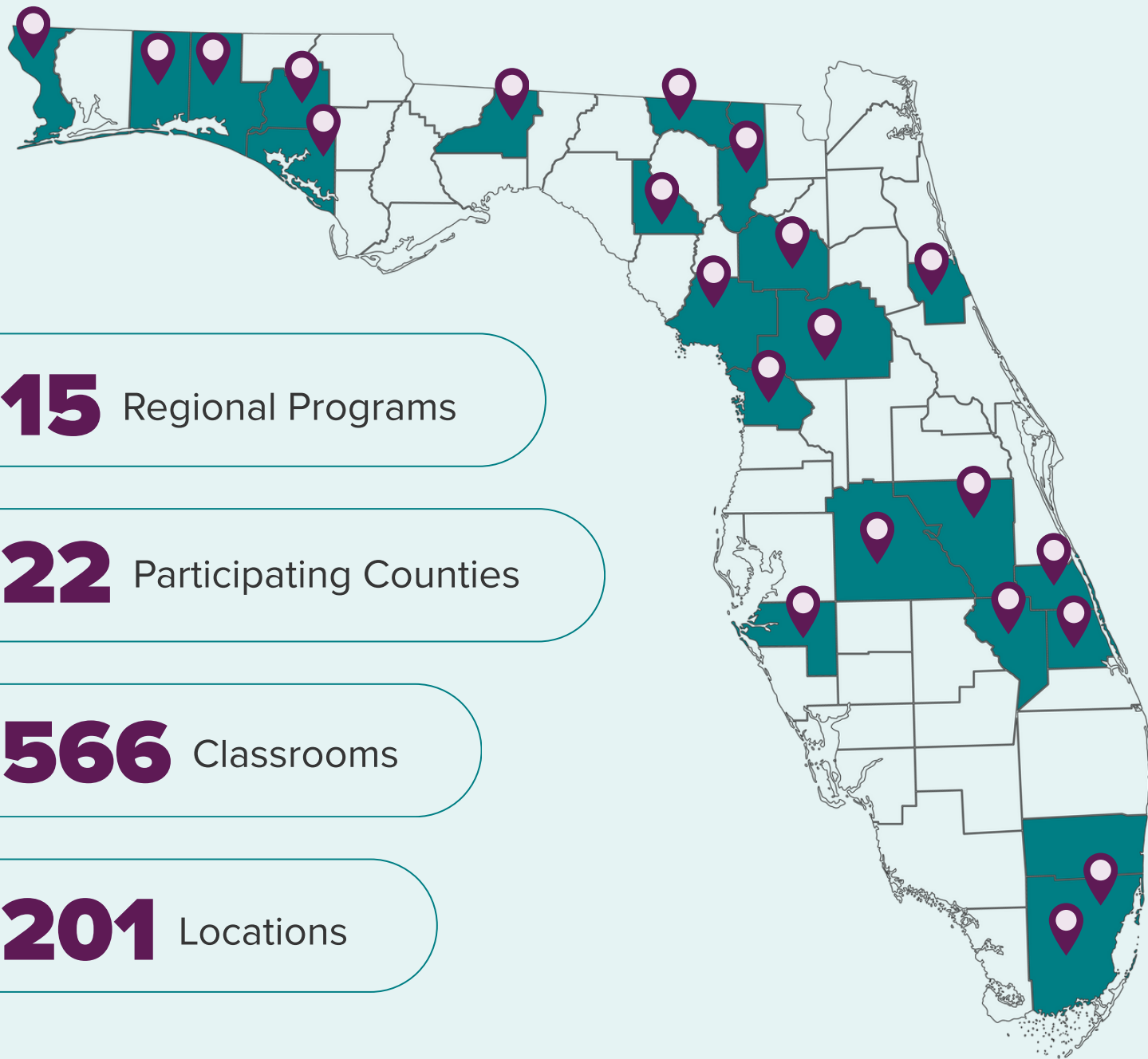


Love of Reading

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



Thanks to local partners and volunteers, ReadingPals now spans:



15 Regional Programs

22 Participating Counties

566 Classrooms

201 Locations

Collectively in 2024–2025, ReadingPals programs more than matched their base grants with local funds, **effectively doubling statewide investment in the program.**



ReadingPals mentors supported **3,219 students** this year from pre-K through 3rd grade. Each student took home an average of 15 books for their home libraries.

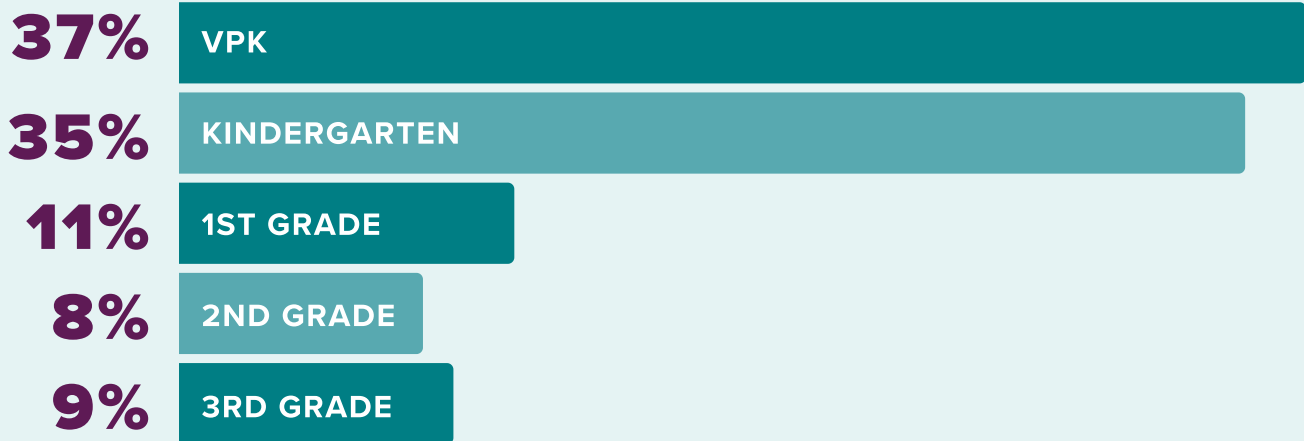
3,129

Students Matched



Student Participation by Grade

2024-2025



Nearly three-quarters of ReadingPals students are in VPK or kindergarten. These are the years when children's brains are most receptive to language and literacy growth—**making early intervention a powerful way to close learning gaps** before they start.

17.6

Average Reading
Sessions Per Student

15

Average Take Home
Books Per Student



1,707

Volunteer Mentors

51%

Returning Volunteers

20%

Returning Volunteers
2+ Years in Program

Volunteer Demographics

54%

RETIRED

32%

WORKING

10%

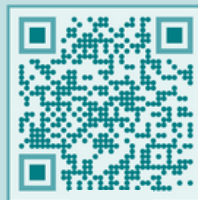
STUDENTS

4%

OTHER



YOU can be part of this impact.
Volunteer as a ReadingPal or help
spread the word so more children have
the chance to read, learn, and thrive.



Scan the QR code or click
the link below to learn more.

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