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EARLY LITERACY RESOURCE GUIDE

HILLSBOROUGH
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ACHIEVE PLANT CITY

STORY TIME ON THE GO	CALENDAR	VIEW WEBSITE
Achieve Plant City offers "Story Time on the Go" for preschoolers from September through June. This is offered on the first Friday of the month and events are posted on Facebook.		


CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS: EARLY LITERACY	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
The Family Resource Center offers programs like Fun With Phonics, which teaches children how to pronounce sounds, then blend those sounds together to make full words through engaging, hands-on, and fun activities		
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS: SIGHTING SIGHT WORDS	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
During this eight-week course, children will be engaged in fun, hands-on activities and taught new words weekly, while caregivers learn techniques and resources to promote learning at home.		


DUOLINGO













DUOLINGO ABC	VIEW WEBSITE
Duolingo ABC reinforces reading fundamentals with a fun interactive app. Phonics, handwriting, sight words, and vocabulary are part of this fun app!	








KHAN ACADEMY










KHAN ACADEMY KIDS APP	VIEW WEBSITE
Free, fun, educational program for children ages two to eight. This program can be done independently or through a personalized learning path at your child's own pace.	










PBS









PBSKIDS.ORG	VIEW WEBSITE
PBSKIDS.org includes videos, games, and printable activities for kids. These are activities you can enjoy with your children.	

SING OUT AND READ		
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT (FLIP) 	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Your child can improve their reading by singing 1-2 songs per day! There are regular check-ins with FLiP Coaches and kids enjoy the singing game, while practicing essential reading skills. As a result, kids build confidence, feel successful, and see a brighter future.		
PINELLAS COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT (FLIP) 	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Your child can improve their reading by singing 1-2 songs per day! There are regular check-ins with FLiP Coaches and kids enjoy the singing game, while practicing essential reading skills. As a result, kids build confidence, feel successful, and see a brighter future.		
WATCHKNOWLEARN		
READING BEAR		VIEW WEBSITE
Reading Bear is a collection of free multimedia phonics presentations to help your child learn to read. Your child can learn their letter sounds and take quizzes to support their learning.		
CAREGIVER RESOURCES		
CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK 		
SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (SEEDS)	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
The primary goal of SEEDS is to ensure children are ready for kindergarten, are promoted at the end of the school year, and are reading on level by third grade.		
CLINTON FOUNDATION TOO SMALL TO FAIL		
TALKING IS TEACHING: TALK, READ, SING		VIEW WEBSITE
Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing is a public awareness and action campaign that helps parents recognize their power to boost their children's early brain and vocabulary development.		
DUOLINGO		
DUOLINGO ABC RESOURCES		VIEW WEBSITE
Download free coloring and DIY printables to enhance your child's experience offline. Select the materials based on the interests of your child.		

EARLY LITERACY MATTERS (ELM)		
LEARNING LINE RESOURCES 📍		VIEW WEBSITE
The Learning Line is specifically set up for all Hillsborough County Preschool Providers, Family Child Care Homes and their families (with children ages birth to five) and includes a YouTube Channel.		
LITERACY INTERVENTION PROGRAM 📍		VIEW WEBSITE
The Literacy Intervention Program screens and identifies children experiencing challenges with early reading skills. It also offers a kindergarten transition program to educate parents on developmental expectations, school readiness skills, and strategies to support skill development.		
FLORIDA CENTER FOR READING RESEARCH (FCRR)		
RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES		VIEW WEBSITE
A multidisciplinary research center at Florida State University that produces resources and YouTube videos to provide literacy tools for grades K-5.		
FLORIDA GRADE LEVEL READING CAMPAIGN		
EARLY LITERACY RESOURCE REPOSITORY		VIEW WEBSITE
The Early Literacy Resource Repository helps connect parents and educators with evidence-based resources on birth-to-five school readiness.		
GoMo EARLYCARE	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
EarlyCare services delivers health and educational guidance customized to your child's age with information on speech and reading development, wellness, and growth, with a resource library, including games, videos, articles, and learning & development tools for young children.		
HÁBLAME BEBÉ		
HÁBLAME BEBÉ APP		VIEW WEBSITE
This app helps promote bilingualism, brain development, and cultural pride. Features include fun tips and tools to monitor your baby's bilingual development.		



HÁBLAME BEBÉ RESOURCES		VIEW WEBSITE
A variety of resources for families in Spanish and English which include videos, songs, audio books, e-books, teaching materials and much more!		
JUST READ, FLORIDA!		
JUST READ, FAMILIES		VIEW WEBSITE
Strong parental involvement is a key component of the Just Read, Florida! initiative. Other than helping your children to grow up happy and healthy, the most important thing that you can do for them is help them develop their reading skills.		
JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY (JWB) 		
TURBO BABIES		VIEW WEBSITE
A campaign to support early childhood development and empower parents and caregivers as their child's first teachers. Resources are for families with children ages birth to three.		
KHAN ACADEMY		
KHAN ACADEMY KIDS: CIRCLE TIME		VIEW WEBSITE
Kids Circle Time includes multiple YouTube videos with interactive stories and lessons that you can watch with your child.		
KHAN ACADEMY KIDS: PRINTABLE LITERACY PACKET		VIEW WEBSITE
Free printable activities which offer an off-screen learning option for families to enjoy. There are fun, interactive worksheets that you can complete with your child, available in English and in Spanish.		
PBS		
PBS KIDS FOR PARENTS		VIEW WEBSITE
PBS KIDS for Parents includes age-by-age tips and activities to help children learn and grow. There are multiple activities and shows based on the interests of your child.		
PBS NEWSLETTERS	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
PBS offers two newsletters for parents. PBS KIDS for Parents features daily activities for parents to help children learn. Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood includes learning support and activities for children.		

READ STRONG PINELLAS 		
GET HELP FOR YOUR CHILD	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
A collaborative project to teach parents and caregivers across Pinellas County about grade-level reading and to inspire readers of all ages. They share information, reading resources, and ways to strengthen your child's reading skills.		
TIPS AND RESOURCES		VIEW WEBSITE
View tips and resources by child age group or grade to help your child read on grade-level. Find simple and fun things to do with your child!		
READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF)		
FAMILY RESOURCES		VIEW WEBSITE
Reading Is Fundamental's free family resources encourage children to read, including suggested books that kids love, activity sheets, puzzles, tips for families, and much more.		
LITERACY CENTRAL		VIEW WEBSITE
Literacy Central is a free digital site designed to foster a love of reading and literacy development in children. Reading resources include fun book titles, activity sheets, puzzles, tips for families, and much more!		
READING ROCKETS		
APPS FOR LITERACY AND LEARNING		VIEW WEBSITE
Reading Rockets helps your child practice essential skills in alphabet knowledge, phonics, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. Apps are also included to support children with dyslexia, ADHD, and autism.		
FINDING FREE BOOKS		VIEW WEBSITE
Here are a number of national organizations, as well as local programs, you can turn to for help filling the shelves of your library, classroom, or literacy program and putting books into the hands and homes of young readers.		
HELPING ALL READERS		VIEW WEBSITE
Learn practical suggestions on how to support a child's reading development and self-esteem. Parents will find guidance on advocating for their children, getting help, evaluations, and more.		


LITERACY AT HOME		VIEW WEBSITE
Discover how to support your child's growth as a young reader and writer including a Reading 101 guide, bilingual parent tips, ideas to build your child's knowledge about the world, Q&A with experts, helping a child who struggles, and ways to connect with your child's school.		
READING 101 AND LAUNCHING YOUNG READERS		VIEW WEBSITE
Here you can explore reading basics as well as the key role of background knowledge and motivation in becoming a lifelong reader and learner. You'll also find the PBS Launching Young Readers series and the self-paced Reading 101 course.		
UNITED WAY SUNCOAST		
CAMPBELL PARK NETWORK FOR EARLY LEARNING: LEARN AND PLAY SESSIONS 		VIEW WEBSITE
Caregivers of children can participate in weekly interactive Learn and Play sessions focused on building early literacy and language skills. Sessions teach caregivers how to promote math and literacy through everyday conversation and activities.		
PARENTPOWERED FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Each week caregivers will receive three text messages with fun facts and easy-to-use tips on ways to help your children learn and grow.		
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LASTINGER CENTER		
NEW WORLDS READING LITERACY RESOURCES		VIEW WEBSITE
Helpful tips and support for family reading - tips and strategies to support your child, develop their skills, and nurture their love of reading.		
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LITERACY INSTITUTE		
PARENT RESOURCE HUB		VIEW WEBSITE
Parent Resource Hub has age group categories, including a birth to pre-K category, with resources for parents and caregivers.		

DIGITAL BOOKS


FLORIDA GRADE LEVEL READING CAMPAIGN

BOOKSMART WORLD READER	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
BookSmart helps children build their reading skills through activities that reinforce reading skills in fun and interactive ways. The program offers children and families access to thousands of books in multiple languages, with tips to support parents and caregivers.		


FUNBRAIN

FUNBRAIN BOOKS	VIEW WEBSITE
Free books for children which are organized by age groups. There are also games and videos for your child to enjoy while learning.	


GLOBAL SPACE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

STORY TIME FROM SPACE	VIEW WEBSITE
Astronauts videotape themselves reading books to children which supports literacy as well as learning more about science and space.	




INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION (ICDL)







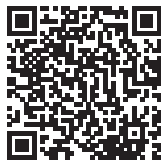
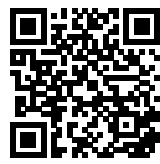




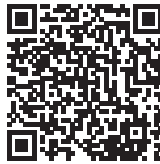
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY	VIEW WEBSITE
The world's largest digital collection of children's books. Currently, this library includes over 45,000 books in over 50 languages. The ICDL app is available on iPad, iPhone, and Storykit.	













JUST BOOKS





JUST BOOKS READ ALOUD	VIEW WEBSITE
Children's books read aloud with video showing each book while the narrator reads. You can spend time with your child while the book is read aloud.	

RENAISSANCE LEARNING

MyOn READING: HILLSBOROUGH 	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
MyOn Reading is a digital library personalized to grade and reading level, with tools embedded in books. This is a student-centered program which fosters student engagement and achievement.		

MyOn READING: PINELLAS 		
MyOn Reading is a digital library personalized to grade and reading level, with tools embedded in books. This is a student-centered program which fosters student engagement and achievement.	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
		
SPARKS COLLABORATIVE ENSEMBLE		
SPARKS KIDS		VIEW WEBSITE
Free read-along and interactive stories for kids, illustrated by amazing visual artists. You can enjoy these accessible stories as illustrated videos, as audio only, or downloadable words to read to your child.		
UNITE FOR LITERACY		
GROWING READERS		VIEW WEBSITE
Over 400 free picture books. The digital books include audio narrations in more than 40 languages, like Arabic, Chinese, Somali, and Tagalog.		
PHYSICAL BOOKS		
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF PINELLAS COUNTY 		
READY TO READ PINELLAS	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Ready to Read Pinellas provides free books for children ages 0-5. Register your child and get your free book delivered monthly to your door.		
JUST READ, FLORIDA!		
NEW WORLDS READING INITIATIVE: FREE FLORIDA LITERACY PROGRAMMING	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Delivers free books and reading activities to children. To be eligible, a child must be in VPK and not yet meeting age-appropriate standards according to FAST Star Early Literacy or in K-5th grade and not yet reading on grade level in a public or charter school.		
READ STRONG PINELLAS 		
READ STRONG PINELLAS: FREE BOOKS	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Sign-up your child (ages 0-17) to receive books and build their reading superpowers! Reading 20 minutes a day will strengthen your child's reading skills.		

THE DOLLYWOOD FOUNDATION		
DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY	ENROLLMENT	VIEW WEBSITE
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five.		
LIBRARIES		
FLORIDA LIBRARIES		
1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDEGARTEN	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a fun early literacy program for young children. Sign up to keep track of each book read and celebrate reading milestones along the way. Works with multiple libraries in the Tampa Bay area.		
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE (HCPLC) 		
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY PROGRAMMING		VIEW WEBSITE
Hillsborough County libraries offer multiple early literacy programs and online books for young children including 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, ABC Mouse, and others.		
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
Regular events for children and families are held on-site at Hillsborough County libraries. Look for your closest location with the QR code and filter through the events by ages and interest.		
PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY COOPERATIVE (PPLC) 		
PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMMING		VIEW WEBSITE
Pinellas County libraries offer multiple early literacy programs and online books for young children, including the Pinellas Talking Book Library, Deaf Literacy Center, 3 for Me, and Reading With The Rays.		
PINELLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
Regular events for children and families are held on-site at Pinellas County libraries. Look for your closest location with the QR code and filter through the events by ages and interest.		

ST. PETERSBURG LIBRARY SYSTEM 		
ST. PETERSBURG LIBRARY PROGRAMMING		VIEW WEBSITE
St. Petersburg libraries offer multiple early literacy programs and online books for young children including ABC Mouse, Take Home Storytime Bundle, Read Squared Early Literacy Summer Reading Program, and others.		
ST. PETERSBURG LIBRARY EVENTS	LOCATIONS	VIEW WEBSITE
Regular events for children and families are held on-site at St. Petersburg libraries. Look for the closest location with the QR code to view the children's events.		

Discover the Magic of Early Learning with Florida VPK

WHAT IS VPK?

Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) offers an early learning experience to prepare your child for success in kindergarten. Use the QR codes below for enrollment.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- VPK is FREE for all children who live in Florida and are 4 years old on or before Sept. 1st of each year. *Young 4's, or children born between Feb. 2nd and Sept. 1st, can choose to enroll in VPK or wait until the following year. Children turning 4 years old after Sept. 1st can enroll in VPK the next year if they are not yet in Kindergarten.*
- School-year and summer programs are available. Typical programs are three hours per day. Financial assistance through School Readiness programs is available to qualifying families in need of full-day programs.

CHOOSE A PROVIDER

- Parents can select where their children can learn. VPK is offered at private preschools, public schools, and faith-based centers.




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