

Creating a Sustainable Culture of Literacy with Kentucky Schools and Families



SCHOLASTIC EDUCATION SOLUTIONS

Your Partner in Raising Literacy Outcomes

Four Critical Ingredients to Ensure All Children Read at Grade Level

The Power of Investing in Home Libraries

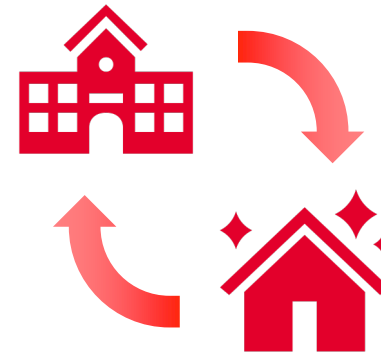
Rigorous curricula

based on scientifically proven pedagogies



Highly effective teachers, trained in the science of teaching reading

Engaged parents and families, with resources to support kids outside of the classroom



Home libraries that surround kids with a literacy-rich environment

Based on Years of Research



“ Approximately 80 books in an adolescent student's home library raises literacy levels to average.

Sikora, J., Evans, M. D. R., and Kelley, J. (2019). Scholarly culture: How books in adolescence enhance adult literacy, numeracy and technology skills in 31 societies. *Social Science Research*, Vol. 77, 1–15.

“ High-quality books outside of school are critical for striving readers and are related to the emergent reading skills of all children.

Mol, S. E., and Bus, A. G. (2011). To read or not to read: A meta-analysis of print exposure from infancy to early adulthood. *Psychological Bulletin*, Vol. 137(2), 267.

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“ Growing up with more books in the home has been shown to elevate students' educational attainment across 27 countries, including the United States.

- As few as 20 books in the home helps students achieve higher levels of education.
- A home library is as important as parental education and family income in predicting educational outcomes.

Evans, M. D., et al. (2010). Family scholarly culture and educational success: Books and schooling in 27 nations. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, Vol. 28(2), 171–197.

Aligned to Kentucky's Needs & Vision

Targeting At-Home Learning Strategies & Family Engagement

Read to Succeed Act

(SB 9 2022)

Reading Instruction **aligned to the standards.**

Engage all students in **on-level reading by Grade 3.**

Ensure quality instruction with **highly trained teachers.**

Provide **high-quality library media** programs.

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION GOALS

Parallel Investment in Home Libraries

Book selections to reflect curriculum standards and student interest, boosting joy and achievement.

Building home libraries elevates literacy outcomes for all readers, learning to read & reading to learn.

Teachers and families have the support they need to engage students in a culture of literacy.

Libraries extend beyond the school building, expanding essential literacy environments.

Our Approach to Building Literacy-Rich Environments in the Home

- **Engage all stakeholders** in the education ecosystem, consider state curricular standards, and deliver high-quality materials
- Students' expressed interests + age, grade, and reading level = **the best book selection for each child**
- **Provide families with meaningful support** materials to expand learning and growth in every setting



Opportunity to build home libraries for the 270,000+ PreK-5 children of Kentucky.


Proven Success in Building Home Libraries

Florida's New Worlds Reading Initiative Completes a Fantastic Year 1

- **1.5 million books delivered** directly to homes of striving readers in the first year of the program.
- Eligible students invited to enroll and select topic areas of interest. Topics are combined with age, grade, and reading level to create a high-interest home library.
- Throughout the school year, with one new book each month (available in multiple languages), over **100,000 students** developed both their reading skills and a love of reading.
- The program, which also engages families and reinforces Science of Reading strategies, is sustained via [legislation](#) and looking forward to a dynamic Year 2.

Louisiana Program Ready to Launch

- Expands program design to add PreK students – a critical moment of development.
- Students are enrolled automatically in an “opt-out” approach, reaching more readers.
- Sustainable funding mechanism created via [legislation](#).



97% of
Florida
children
LOVE the
books they
received!

Q&A



Thank you!

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