



All in for Early Literacy

Florida District Kiwanis Governor's Project – 2025–2026

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The All in for Early Literacy Project empowers Florida's children ages 0–5 through reading. This initiative addresses literacy disparities, promotes family engagement, and ensures every child has access to books and opportunities to develop foundational reading skills.

Why Early Literacy Matters

- 90% of brain development occurs before age 5.
- Reading aloud builds vocabulary, comprehension, and social skills.
- Children who are read to regularly are more likely to succeed academically.
- Strengthens caregiver-child bonds.

Goals 2025–2026

1. Expand Access to Early Literacy Resources – Increase the availability of age-appropriate books and literacy materials, especially in underserved communities.
2. Empower Parents and Caregivers as First Teachers – Equip families with tools and knowledge to support language development at home.
3. Elevate Public Awareness – Highlight the critical role early reading plays in long-term academic success.

Objectives

- Distribute 10,000 books to children ages 0–5 through book drives, partnerships, and community events.
- Install 50 Little Free Libraries across Florida in 50 weeks.
- Collaborate with preschools, WIC centers, health departments, and local organizations to reach families.

How Clubs Can Participate

- Host community book drives and reading events.
- Adopt and maintain a Little Free Library.
- Partner with schools, businesses, and local coalitions.
- Encourage youth clubs (Key Club, CKI) to volunteer as reading buddies.

Reporting & Next Steps

- Track book donations, library installations, and community partnerships.
- Share project photos and impact stories via the Florida Kiwanis website.
- Visit the Governor's Project webpage: <https://k05.site.kiwanis.org/governors-project/>
- Contact KiwanisGovProject.FL@gmail.com for committee interest or questions.