

# Get Free Books for Your Home Library!

Your child may qualify for Florida's New Worlds Reading program, which provides a new free book every month throughout the school year to children who need some extra reading support. It's a great way to make reading an exciting adventure your child can look forward to.

**Applying for your free books is incredibly simple. Here's how it works.**

1. Complete the short application at [www.newworldsreading.com/en/enrollment](http://www.newworldsreading.com/en/enrollment).
2. After you submit your application, the New Worlds Books program will verify your child's eligibility using their education records. You'll receive a verification email once you're approved.
3. That's it! In a few months, you'll start receiving a new book in the mail every month. You'll be able to choose the titles you want from a selected list, which includes lots of popular favorites. Use your free books to build your child's literacy skills and inspire a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

The sooner you complete your application, the sooner your child can begin receiving free books! For more information, talk to your child's teacher or visit [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com).

## What is New Worlds Reading?

New Worlds Reading is a **FREE Florida literacy program**, administered by the UF Lastinger Center for Learning, developed to help bridge the reading gap and make reading more fun and accessible for kids.

Book titles are selected in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and Scholastic and are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and braille.

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# Support Reading at Home With New Worlds Reading

New Worlds Reading strives to improve literacy among Florida students by providing families with the tools to read and grow at home. Enrolled students receive nine free books each school year, one per month.

Families can choose the books they want from a diverse list of popular titles, selected in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and Scholastic. Books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and braille. See the full list of titles at [newworldsreading.com/en/family-resources](http://newworldsreading.com/en/family-resources).



“My son gets so excited when he gets mail and then he realizes it’s new books. We open them and read them as soon as they get in. He has struggled with reading and this makes him excited to read!”

—Sky A.

## Who qualifies for New Worlds Reading?

The program serves public and charter school students from VPK through 5th grade who are not yet meeting grade level expectations in reading. (See eligibility requirements here: [newworldsreading.com/en/eligibility](http://newworldsreading.com/en/eligibility).) If your child’s school or teacher recommended this program to your family, it likely means they already qualify.

The application process is quick and simple—it takes 5 minutes or less! Once you apply and are approved, your child remains in the program through 5th grade, even if their reading scores improve.

### What other support does New Worlds Reading offer?

Each book comes with fun activities for families to do together as they read. Parents and caregivers can also use the reading guides developed for each title to dig deeper and help kids improve their comprehension skills.

“As a parent, I enjoy having the book activities right at my fingertips to help them understand and comprehend the book. The children love ALL of the books that have been sent to them. They are all in their range of interests and encourage them to want to read more and to look forward to their next book in the mail!”

—Iliana S.

# 10 Ways To Make the Most of Your New Books

There's nothing like the excitement of opening a new book! Try these simple and fun activities to spark your child's love of reading while strengthening their skills.

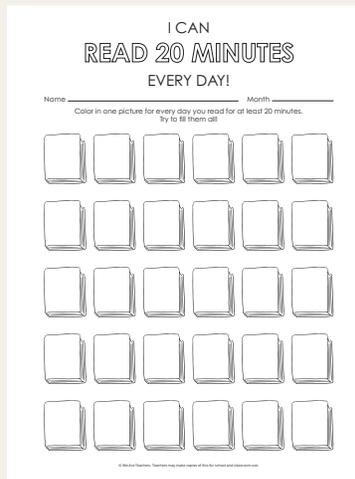


## Make an event out of receiving a new book

Make it special—set aside time to open your new book package together. Look over the book and explore the activities and other fun stuff that's included. Create a cozy reading corner and add snacks or a favorite treat to make book time extra fun.

## Read at least 20 minutes a day

Experts agree: When kids read for 20 minutes every single day, they build stronger skills and grow more confident as readers. Use a reading tracker like the one in this guide to record reading time each day. Tip: Hang it where your child can see their progress to keep them motivated!



## Use echo reading and choral reading together

Echo reading is a simple technique where an adult reads a sentence or passage in a book out loud, then the child reads the same passage. This gives them a confidence boost and helps your child hear what smooth, fluent reading sounds like. You can also try choral reading, where you and your child read aloud together.

## Act out stories to practice retelling

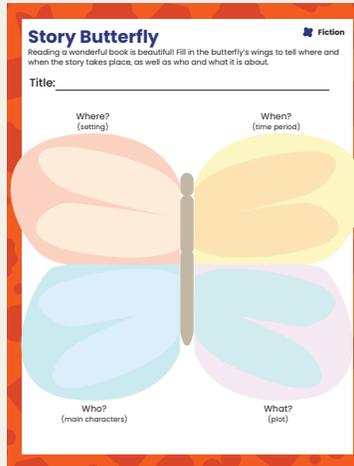
After you read a book together, have fun acting it out! You can play the characters yourselves, or use stuffed animals, dolls, puppets, or other toys instead. Put on a show for family or friends—it's a fun way to retell the story and might

even inspire others to read it too!

# 10 Ways To Make the Most of Your New Books

## Fill in a Story Butterfly

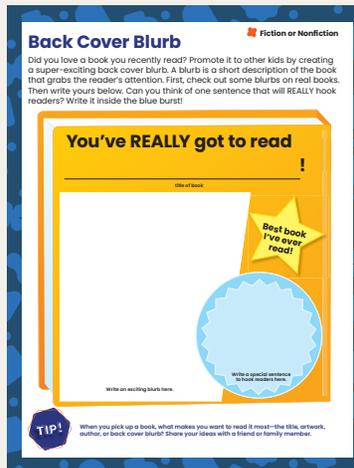
Use the worksheet in this guide as a way to help your young reader identify the characters (who), setting (where), time period (when), and plot (what) in each book. This is a simple method they can use with any book they read, at home or at school.



It's so interesting to hear different perspectives, and sharing a love of reading is a wonderful way to keep kids engaged.

## Write your own back cover blurb

A back cover blurb is a short, catchy summary that makes other readers want to pick up the book. Use the worksheet in this guide to write your own blurbs, with a quick summary of the plot and a "hook" to grab the reader's attention.



## Keep a reading journal

Start a notebook with a page for each book your child reads. Include a short plot summary, then encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings about the book. Did they learn something new? Would they want to be friends with any of the characters? Did they like the ending? If not, how would they change it?

## Look for other similar books

If your child loved their New Worlds Books title this month, why not head to the library and check out other books by the same author or illustrator? You might also want to find books on the same topic, especially for nonfiction books.

## Continue read-alouds as kids get older

Even fluent readers still enjoy listening to stories, so keep reading aloud together as your child grows, moving on to books you can read a chapter at a time. Bedtime is a perfect moment to turn off screens, relax, and share a chapter together as you wind down for the night.

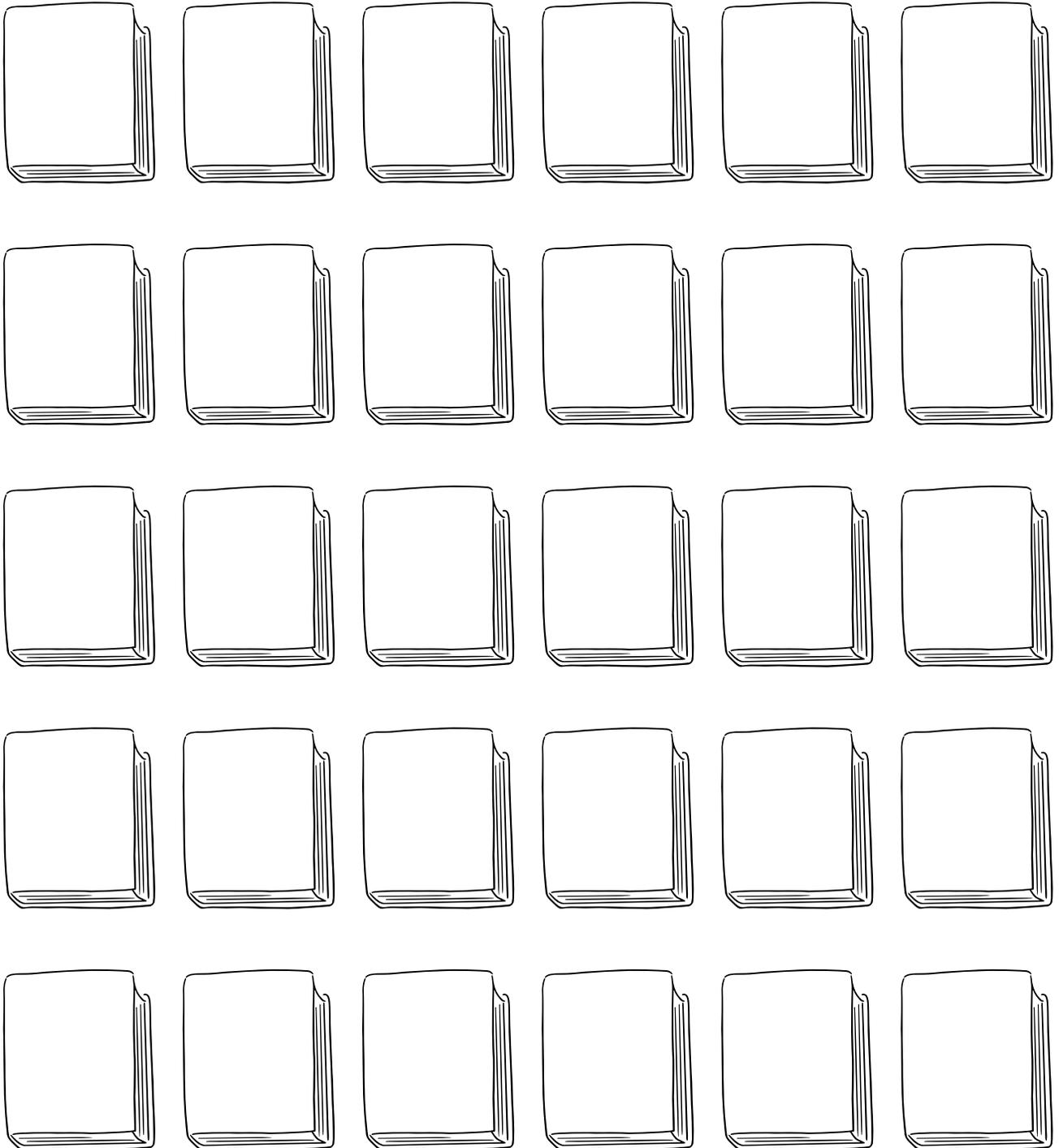
## Start a book club with family and friends

Show kids that reading can build community with a book club. Invite family and friends over to read your new book together. Provide some snacks and treats and talk about the story—characters, illustrations, favorite parts, or even questions the book left you with.

# I CAN READ 20 MINUTES EVERY DAY!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_

Color in one picture for every day you read for at least 20 minutes.  
Try to fill them all!



# Story Butterfly

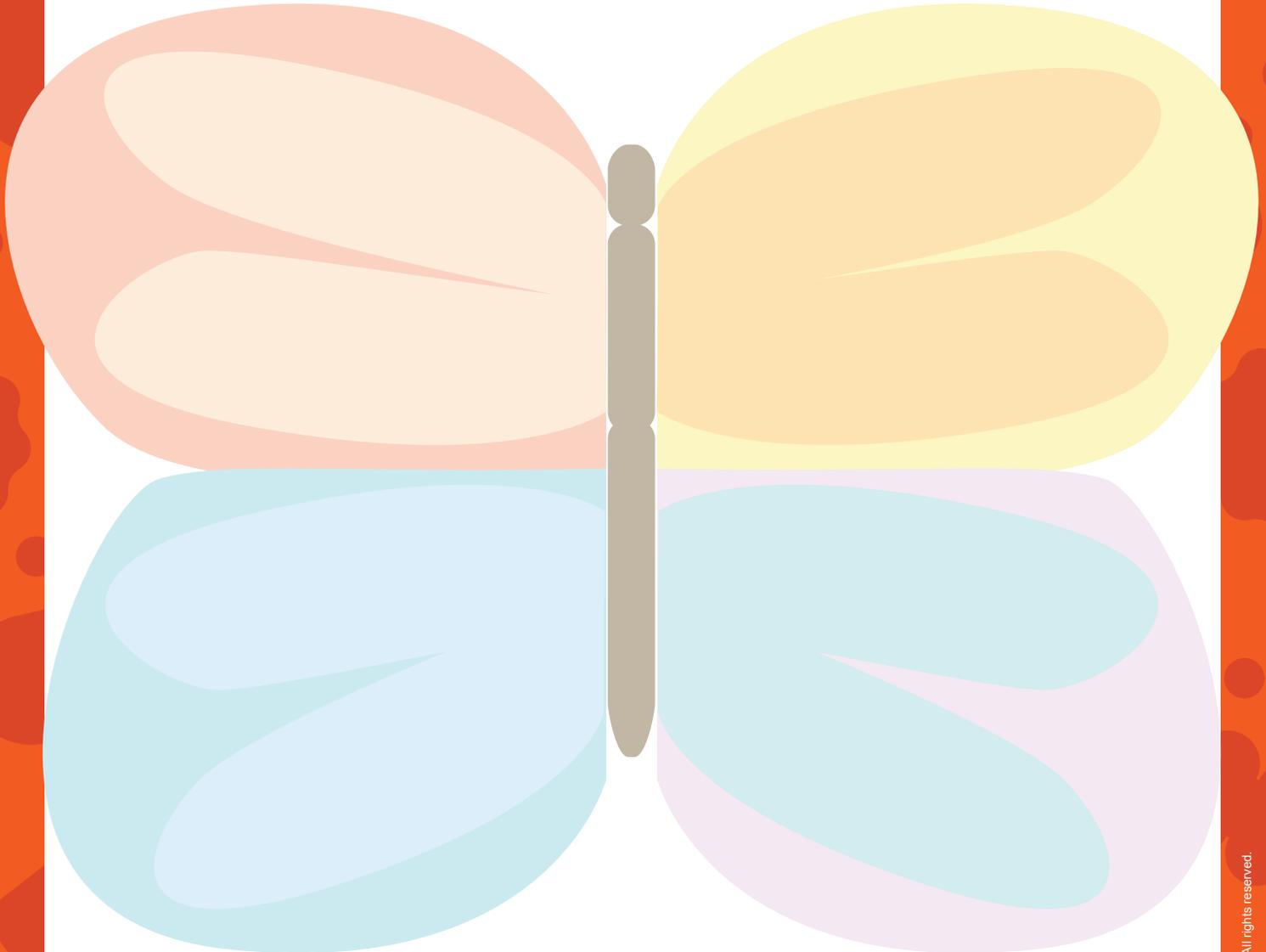
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Reading a wonderful book is beautiful! Fill in the butterfly's wings to tell where and when the story takes place, as well as who and what it is about.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Where?  
(setting)

When?  
(time period)

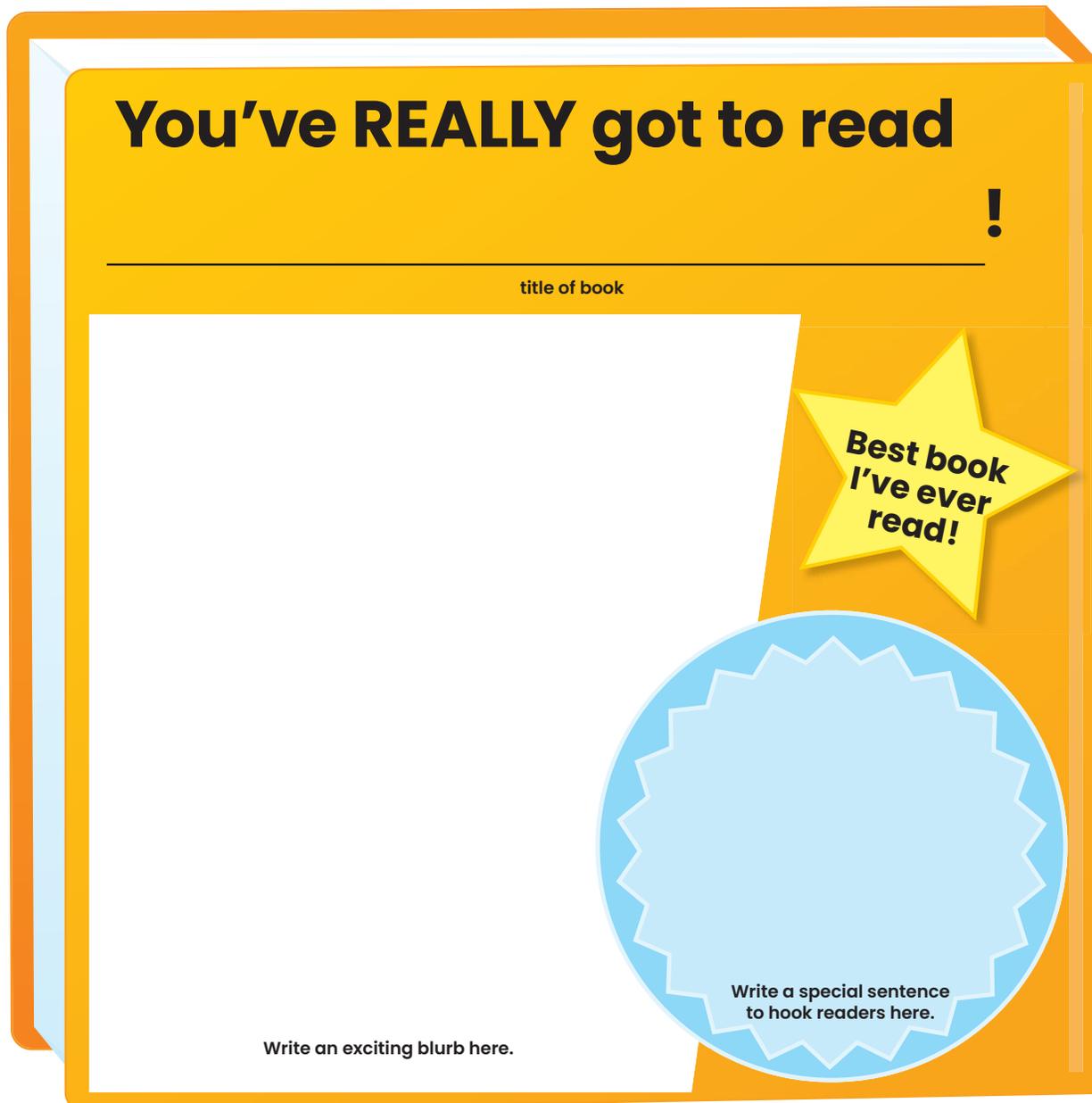


Who?  
(main characters)

What?  
(plot)

# Back Cover Blurb

Did you love a book you recently read? Promote it to other kids by creating a super-exciting back cover blurb. A blurb is a short description of the book that grabs the reader's attention. First, check out some blurbs on real books. Then write yours below. Can you think of one sentence that will REALLY hook readers? Write it inside the blue burst!



**You've REALLY got to read** !

\_\_\_\_\_

title of book

Write an exciting blurb here.

Best book I've ever read!

Write a special sentence to hook readers here.



When you pick up a book, what makes you want to read it most—the title, artwork, author, or back cover blurb? Share your ideas with a friend or family member.

# Florida Teachers Guide to New Worlds Reading Program

## Free Books for Your Students Who Need Extra Reading Support

The New Worlds Reading Initiative is Florida's free home literacy program for eligible VPK through 5th grade students. Its goal is to help Florida's striving readers strengthen their literacy skills, build reading confidence, and foster a lifelong love of reading. Nearly 1 million Florida students qualify for this free program!

### New Worlds Reading Program Benefits

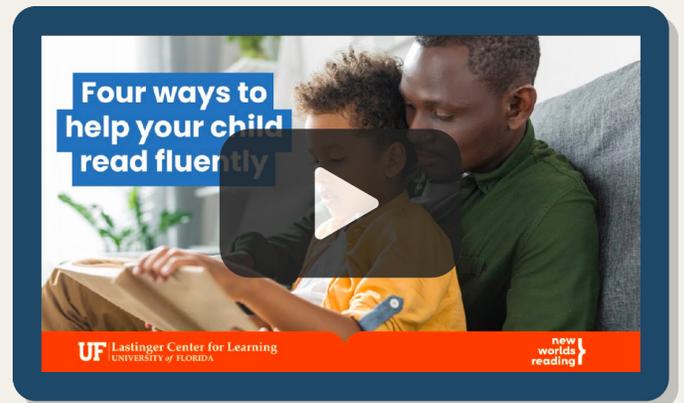
#### 9 Free Books Every School Year

Students enrolled in New Worlds Reading receive nine books each year through 5th grade, one for each month of the school year. These books are shipped directly to students' homes, so there's no extra work for schools or teachers.

Plus, once a child is enrolled in New Worlds Reading, they'll continue to be enrolled all the way through 5th grade, even if their reading skills improve. If a student enrolls in the program in VPK, they'll receive a total of 63 books by the end of 5th grade. That's a whole home library!

#### Popular Titles in Multiple Languages

Families choose the books they want from a list of pre-selected titles, available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and braille. Titles are selected in partnership with the Florida Department of Education and Scholastic, and include popular fiction and nonfiction favorites featuring diverse characters and topics.



## Florida Teachers Guide

### Activities and Reading Guides

Each month's shipment comes with activities and a Reading Guide to help families explore their new book together. These activities are designed to help kids build their skills and make a deeper connection to the book as they work toward reading on grade level.

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For more family resources, visit [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)

**new worlds reading** | *I Spy Numbers*  
from the *I Spy* series  
written by Jean Marzollo  
illustrated by Walter Wick

#### Read and Talk



**Time to find the hidden numbers! How many can you find? Numbers help you count how many things you see.**

- What are some things you like to count at home or outside?
- Look around you. What numbers can you find, and where do you see them?

#### I Spy Words!

Listen to the first word, and then look at the picture to find the second word. What new word do you make?

**book** +  = 

**book** +  = 

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Encourage your child to use their finger to follow along with the words as you read together. This builds print awareness and helps your child stay engaged with the text by interacting with it.

- On one page in your book, count all the objects that have these shapes: square \_\_ circle \_\_ rectangle \_\_.
- How is the front of the book different from the back of the book?
- What does it mean if something is spotted? Can you think of something spotted?
- What is something new you learned from the story?

# New Worlds Reading Eligibility

This program is for VPK through 5th graders who are not yet meeting grade level expectations in reading. Students must be enrolled in Florida VPK programs, public schools, or charter schools.

To qualify, students must score below the 40th percentile on FAST Star Early Literacy/Reading or score below Level 3 on FAST assessments. Students who receive Tier 2 or 3 Reading Intervention Support are also eligible, as are those who are exempt from FAST assessments or take the FAA instead.

If your students meet these criteria, they can enroll in New Worlds Reading and receive free books throughout the school year! There are no income requirements. This program is funded by the state and donor support and is truly free for all eligible participants.

Ready to help your students get their free books? Encourage their families to apply at [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)!

# New Worlds Reading Initiative Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I know if a student is eligible for free books through New Worlds Reading?

Students must be enrolled in Florida VPK, public, or charter schools, in grades VPK through 5th grade. They must be reading below grade level standard, as determined by these requirements:

Grade Level	Reading Level Standard Eligibility Requirements
VPK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score below the 40th percentile on FAST Star Early Literacy</li> <li>OR exempt from taking FAST Star Early Literacy</li> </ul>
Grades K–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score below the 40th percentile on FAST Star Early Literacy/Reading</li> <li>OR exempt from FAST Star Early Literacy/Reading testing</li> <li>OR receive Tier 2 or Tier 3 Reading Intervention Support (as reported by districts in Survey 2 and Survey 3)</li> </ul>
Grades 3–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score below Level 3 on FAST assessments</li> <li>OR take the Florida Alternate Assessment (FAA) instead of FAST assessments</li> <li>OR receive Tier 2 or Tier 3 Reading Intervention Support (as reported by districts in Survey 2 and Survey 3)</li> </ul>

## Are there any income requirements for this program?

No! All families are eligible, regardless of income. This program is funded by the state and donor support, providing free books to any student who meets the eligibility requirements.

## How do families apply for the New Worlds Reading free books program?

The application process is simple—it only takes about 5 minutes. Families provide basic information such as caregiver contact info, plus information about their child’s birth date, grade, and school. They select the books they’d like to receive in the year ahead and provide a shipping address. That’s it!

## FAQs

### **How long does it take for families to start receiving their free books?**

Once an application is submitted, the child's eligibility is confirmed using state records of their test scores and other education information. This can take up to two months. Families will receive a confirmation email once they're approved, and their first shipment will arrive several weeks later.

### **How are the New Worlds Reading books chosen?**

All books are selected in collaboration with the Florida Department of Education. They work with Scholastic to provide families with a variety of high-quality books based on children's interests, grade level, and Florida B.E.S.T. Standards. Families can choose both fiction and nonfiction books in a wide variety of genres and topics to appeal to their interests. See the full list of titles here: [newworldsreading.com/en/family-resources/](https://newworldsreading.com/en/family-resources/).

### **What do teachers need to do to get their students enrolled in New Worlds Reading?**

All teachers need to do is share this opportunity with the families of eligible students. Families apply online in a few simple steps, and the program takes care of the rest. Share the flyer in this packet with your students' families, or get a free detailed Parent Guide at [weareteachers.com/new-worlds-reading](https://weareteachers.com/new-worlds-reading).

### **Who can teachers or families contact with questions?**

Call (855) 399-1147, or send an email to support@[newworldsreading.com](https://newworldsreading.com).

# New Worlds Reading Program Tips and Resources

## When To Share the New Worlds Reading Program With Families

- At individual conferences when discussing reading progress
- When parents ask for extra reading support for their child
- After testing, when scores indicate a student is reading below grade level
- When arranging for Tier 2 or 3 Reading Intervention Support for a student

## New Worlds Reading Toolkit

To make it easier for you to share this free literacy program with families, the New Worlds Reading Initiative has provided a downloadable toolkit with flyers, talking points, and more. All materials are available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. Download the toolkit here: [newworldsreading.com/en/educator-resources](https://newworldsreading.com/en/educator-resources).

## Parent Guide to New Worlds Reading

New Worlds Reading has partnered with We Are Teachers to provide a Parent Guide, complete with program details, FAQs, and reading resources. Get your copy here: [weareteachers.com/new-worlds-reading](https://weareteachers.com/new-worlds-reading).

## New Worlds Reading Teacher Resources

Every book included in the New Worlds Reading program has an accompanying Reading Guide, available online. Teachers will love these free guides, which include activities, vocabulary words, games, and more. Use them in your classroom when you share any of these books with your students. The program's website also includes a list of Science of Reading resources for teachers to explore.

Visit the website to learn more: [newworldsreading.com](https://newworldsreading.com).

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# Help kids build reading skills

Florida offers families a completely free reading program to help VPK - 5th graders improve their literacy skills and spark a lifelong love of reading. There's no income requirement to participate!

Enrolled students get special deliveries addressed to them with:

- 9 books that they choose each school year.
- Reading activities that help build literacy skills.

Books are available in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, or braille.

Has your child ever needed extra reading support? Apply and see if they qualify! If they become eligible in the future, they'll automatically begin receiving books and activities.

**Apply today:**  
**[newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)**  
to see if your child qualifies



# Ede timoun yo devlope ladrès yo nan lekti!

Eta Florid la ofri fanmi yo yon pwogram lekti ki konplètman gratis pou ede elèv ki nan VPK rive nan 5<sup>èm</sup> ane. Objektif pwogram sa a se ede timoun yo amelyore ladrès yo nan lekti, epitou devlope yon lanmou pou lekti pandan tout lavi yo. Pa gen okenn kondisyon parapò ak revni w pou w patisipe!

Elèv ki enskri yo resvwa pake pa lapòs ki prepare espesyalman pou yo ak non yo ki parèt nan adrès la. Pake sa yo gen ladan yo:

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Fè yon demann enskripsyon

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# ¡Ayude a su niño/a a desarrollar sus destrezas de lectura!

Florida ofrece a las familias un programa de lectura completamente gratuito para apoyar a estudiantes desde VPK hasta 5.º grado. Este programa ayuda a mejorar las destrezas de lectura y fomenta el amor por los libros para toda la vida. ¡No hay requisitos de ingresos para participar!

Los estudiantes inscritos reciben por correo paquetes especialmente dirigidos a ellos con:

- 9 libros que ellos mismos eligen cada año escolar.
- Actividades de lectura que fortalecen sus destrezas lectoras.

Los libros están disponibles en inglés, español, criollo haitiano y en formato braille.

¿Su hijo/a ha necesitado alguna vez apoyo adicional para leer? ¡Solicite y vea si califica! Si es elegible, comenzará a recibir libros y actividades en casa automáticamente.

**Solicite la inscripción**

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para ver si su hijo/a califica

