

new worlds reading

New Worlds Reading is Florida's free program

to help eligible students strengthen literacy skills, build at-home libraries, and encourage a lifelong love of reading. To be eligible, children must be in VPK and not making age-appropriate progress per state assessments or K-5 and not yet reading on grade level in a public or charter school.

The Florida legislature created New Worlds Reading in 2021 and appointed the UF Lastinger Center for Learning as the administrator. **The program:**

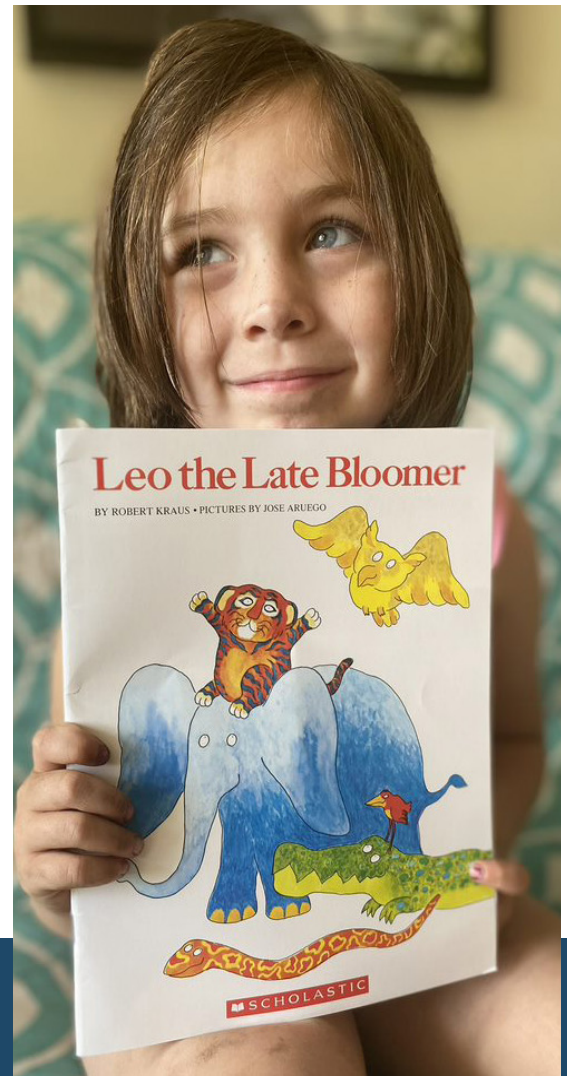
- Mails enrolled students a new, FREE book to build a personalized library based on their interests,
- Provides families with practical, supporting materials that build reading confidence and reinforce science of reading techniques, and
- Supports each student to successfully launch their reading skills and nurture a love of reading.

In addition to book delivery, New Worlds Reading provides:

- At-home literacy resources for caregivers to help children practice reading,
- Community engagement events with local and regional non-profits,
- Professional development for educators using New Worlds Reading books to strengthen the home and school connection

Florida families are loving the program.

"We enjoy the excitement of getting new books. He usually dives into a new book as soon as it arrives, without fighting!"



The UF Lastinger Center is a registered Scholarship Funding Organization (SFO) and is eligible to accept tax credit contributions to support the initiative. Under the New Worlds Reading Initiative, corporate taxpayers can make private monetary contributions to the UF Lastinger Center and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against select Florida tax types.

For more information on how to contribute, contact:
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Overview

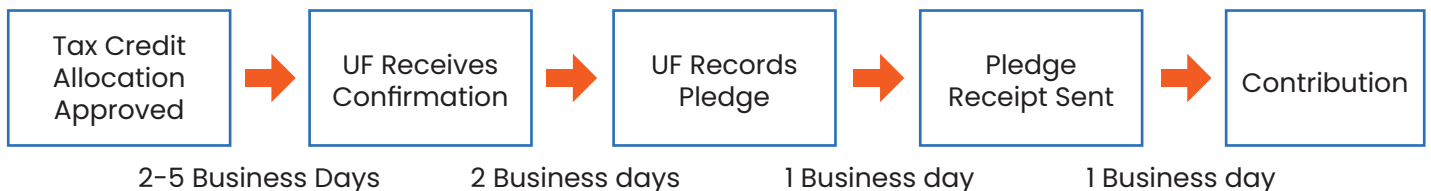
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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TAX TYPE	APPLICATION PERIOD		GIFT WINDOW	
	Open	Close	Open	Close
Corporate Income*	1/1/2025	2/26/2026	1/1/2025	2/28/2026
Insurance Premium*	1/1/2025	2/26/2026	1/1/2025	2/28/2026
Direct Pay Sales & Use	1/1/2025	6/29/2026	6/1/2025	6/29/2026
Oil & Gas Production	1/1/2025	6/29/2026	6/1/2025	6/29/2026
Alcohol Beverage Excise Tax	1/1/2025	6/29/2026	6/1/2025	6/29/2026

*APPLICATION PERIOD AND GIFT WINDOW CAN BE EXTENDED FOR CORPORATE INCOME AND INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES, IF COMPANY FILES FOR A STATE TAX EXTENSION. CONTACT DAVID BRYANT FOR MORE DETAILS. SOME TAX CREDITS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2023.



HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Please note, contributions should only be made once the following conditions are met:

- ✓ You have received approval from the [Florida Department of Revenue](#)
- ✓ The appropriate gift window has opened
- ✓ You have received your acknowledgement (this will include the Pledge Number) from the University of Florida

Payment Method	Information
Electronic ACH	Contact David Bryant (davidbryant@ufl.edu) or Jessica Long (JessicaLong@coe.ufl.edu) for approval and banking information.

- The Certificate of Contribution will be e-mailed to the donor in a timely manner. (**IMPORTANT:** Retain this document for your tax credit claim).
- For questions related to the gift or Certificate of Contribution, please contact: **1-877-351-2377** or records@uff.ufl.edu

Thank you for your contribution!