

# YMCA READS

## A LITERACY MENTORING INITIATIVE TARGETING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS

YMCA READS seeks to close the gap in students' reading performance and the State of Florida's reading performance expectations. YMCA READS meets the educational and developmental needs of students by providing structured and supervised services.

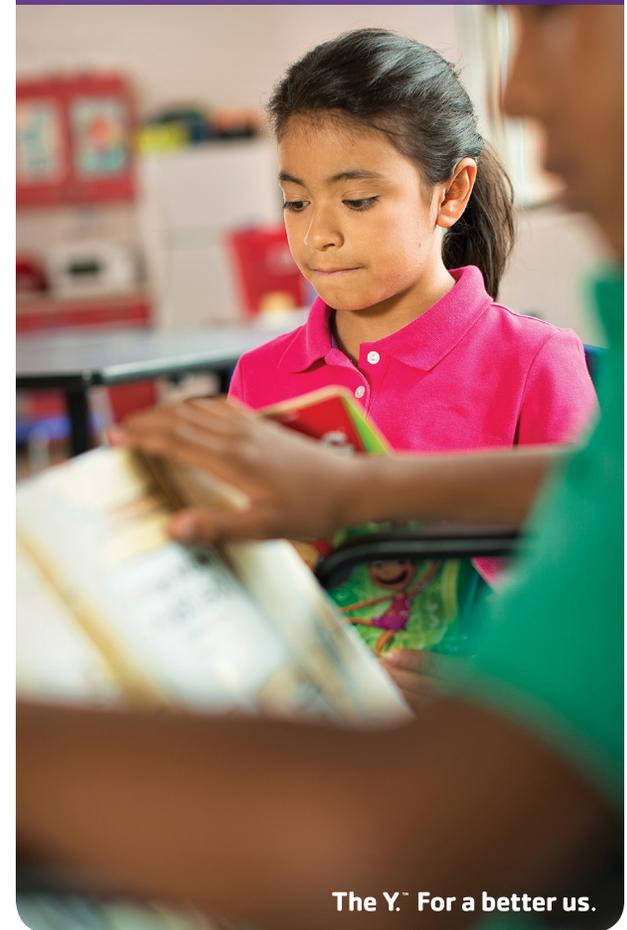
The primary focus is on improving students' reading skills. Additional services are provided to develop the whole child, including meeting each child's need for relationship building and greater self-esteem. Volunteer mentors deliver the curriculum under the supervision of the program coordinator.



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YMCA READS PROGRAM  
YMCA of Collier County



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Email [volunteers@ymcacollier.org](mailto:volunteers@ymcacollier.org) to learn more about volunteering opportunities.

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## YMCA READS PROGRAM

The YMCA READS program is implemented by trained mentors under a full-time YMCA Reads Site Coordinator's supervision. The Site Coordinator assesses students' knowledge to establish instructional groups.

Instruction is developmentally appropriate for each group and encompass these principles:

### SIMPLICITY

It can be taught by non-certified tutors with training and support.

### SYSTEMATIC AND EXPLICIT

The curriculum teaches children to read and spell words, sentences and stories. Each lesson builds on the next one, and students master one level before attempting the next.

### CONSISTENCY

From session to session, the level of difficulty increases; however, the instructional procedures are customizable to the child.

## YMCA READS CURRICULUM



**SIPPSS Curriculum:** SIPPSS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words). For younger students, the program provides the kind of structure and systemic lessons that beginning readers need. For older students, the SIPPSS program uses age-appropriate reading materials that help them acquire the skills they must have to read grade-level texts and understand content-level vocabulary.



**Afterschool KidzLit:** Afterschool KidzLit is aligned with the Common Core and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards; the KidzLit curriculum helps students develop a love of reading while building comprehension skills and vocabulary.

## myON READER

**myON Reader:** MyON Reader is an on-line digital library from Capstone books. Our students have access to over 1700 books online anytime, anywhere. MyON reader personalizes reading for students by recommending books based on their interests, reading level, and ratings of books they've read.



## DID YOU KNOW...

- Only 55% of 3rd grade students are reading on grade level.
- A student not reaching grade level proficiency by 3rd grade is four times less likely to graduate high school.
- If a student is living in poverty and not reading at grade level, then they are 13 times less likely to graduate.

## YMCA READS MENTORS GIVE A CHILD THE COURAGE TO READ TO THE WORLD

By volunteering two hours a week, you can teach a child to read. As a YMCA READS mentor, you will work in a small group environment or one-on-one with a kindergarten to fourth-grade student, developing positive self-esteem and helping students improve their academic performance. Be a child's tutor and friend and give them the keys to a brighter future. No experience necessary!



**Step 1:** Contact YREADS of Collier County by calling 239.394.9622, ext 114 or emailing [yreads@ymcacollier.org](mailto:yreads@ymcacollier.org)



**Step 2:** Meet with YREADS Coordinator and fill out an application.

### READY TO VOLUNTEER!

Use your phone to scan the QR code to contact our YMCA READS coordinator!



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