

Early Readers. Future Leaders. Newsletter



HELLO, EARLY READERS FUTURE LEADERS PARTNERS & FRIENDS:

Happy October! Find the latest Campaign updates and resources below.

WORK GROUP

The next quarterly Work Group meeting is **Thursday, November 13 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM**. The meeting will be held at JWB. Hear the latest information from our Campaign, partner updates, and more! Coffee and breakfast items will be provided.

TRAINING SUBGROUP

The next Training Subgroup meeting is **Thursday, October 9 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. The meeting is online via Microsoft Teams.

[MEETING LINK](#)

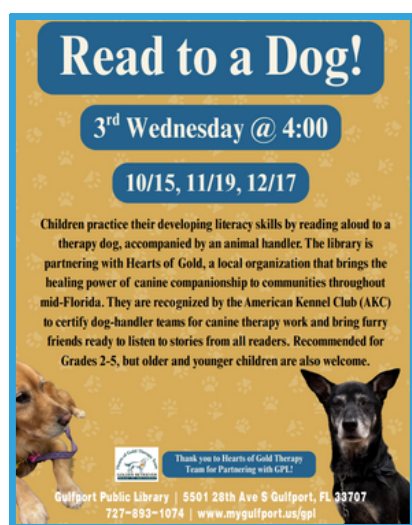
FOCUS + VPK Training

On September 17, the Pinellas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading hosted a Focus and VPK Training at JWB! The training was well attended, with **40 attendees** representing **15 organizations**, including staff from neighborhood family centers, libraries, and early learning centers. The training was designed for program staff who work with families, and it provided an overview of two Pinellas County Schools platforms, **Focus and Clever**, and the **VPK registration and enrollment** process.

Attendees described the training as insightful and shared that they would like to bring this training opportunity to more staff. The Grade-Level Reading Campaign looks forward to hosting this training again soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Read to a Dog!
Gulfport Public Library
October 15



St. Pete Reads! Lit Fest
The Woodson Museum
November 1



Fueling Fatherhood
The Collection on Palmetto
November 8

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



The **St. Petersburg Library System's** newly renovated **President Barack Obama Main Library** is now open! Nearly 1,000 people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 27 to celebrate the reopening. The library has over **80,000** books and digital texts, dedicated children and teen rooms, and so much more! The St. Petersburg Library System is an active partner with our Campaign, and we are so excited to welcome this library back into the community. Find hours of operation, programming, and events at www.splibraries.org.