Let's Review the Situation!
With a snap of a finger, the inaugural Suncoast Remake Learning Days festival and celebrations were over. In hindsight, this region rocked it!

Our community forged connections to strengthen families — highlighting the important role parents + caregivers, businesses, nonprofits, government, and the media have in working together toward a greater good and positive outcomes for our children and families.

This song parody captures some of the events and excitement shared by more than 10,000 attendees.

Lyrics: Beth Duda
Music Direction: Jim Prosser
Vocalist: Gil Brady
Video Production: Bill Wagy

Access the lyrics here to sing along!

CALL TO ACTION
Recently the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR), an initiative of The Patterson Foundation, was named one of 20 finalists for the All-America City Award, and now SCGLR has been named 1 of 22 Pacesetters by the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. The winners of each of these awards will be announced on July 21 during GLR Week July 18-22.

SCGLR continues to be the only finalist in either program that covers more than one county, which makes these achievements all the more impressive.

Credit for both awards goes to the many who strive for all children to be
As part of the award process, SCGLR will make a 10-minute presentation (imaginatively crafted by Beth Duda) for the All-America City jury via Zoom, followed by a 10-minute Q+A period. The presentation time is 11:50a on Thursday, July 21, and we want you to be there to cheer!! Please arrive no later than 11:30a.

There will be frozen treats and cookies to enjoy following the presentation. Yay!

Register + Get Directions

Glimpse the Digital Navigator Program

On June 24th, the 2nd Cohort of the Digital Access for All – Digital Navigator Program wrapped up with a Knowledge Sharing Session, with Kiarra Louis’ support.

Cohort 2 Digital Navigator Agencies included Goodwill of Southwest Florida, FUNducation, and Easterseals of Southwest Florida, with 11 new trained and Certified Digital Navigators (DN).

This cohort was trained and completed 44 support meetings by Digital Access for All.
(DA4A) consultant Maribel Martinez. During the 4-month program, 469 people were informed of Digital Navigation and the three essential elements (connectivity, devices, and skills training). Two hundred eighty-one received one-on-one assistance, and 159 received referrals to skills training opportunities for a total of 910 assistance sessions.

Since DA4A initiated the Digital Navigator Program in July 2021, six agencies and 22 Digital Navigators have completed the training. This has allowed each of our counties (Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota) to have at least one organization with a Digital Navigator to assist residents with their technology needs. Click here and scroll down a little for a list of Digital Navigator Agencies to share with your family and friends to call and obtain assistance.

What's in store for Cohort 3? In mid-July, DA4A will be seeking applications from nonprofit agencies in our region to be one of three new agencies to be included in this elite group of Digital Navigators. Interested? Contact Cheri Coryea.

We welcome your thoughts. Connect with us at thepattersonfoundation@gmail.com