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3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

October 2022



On October 11, 2022, the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading hosted its annual [Community Update Breakfast](#). This joyous and inspirational morning included keynote speaker, Ralph Smith, managing director of the national [Campaign for Grade-Level Reading](#), video presentations of the work happening in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties, and opportunities for the attendees to affirm their commitment to the children and families in the region.

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Niavy and Janeli Griffith take viewers through a checklist to explain the threads that create SCGLR's unique tapestry.

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Join us for the

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The Campaign for
GRADE-LEVEL
READING



Holiday Kickoff!!

This event will be an in-person experience at
Selby Public Library in the Geldbert Auditorium
1331 First Street, Sarasota, Florida, 34236
on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**
3:00-5:00pm

*Light refreshments
will be provided,
and you bring the
fun!!*

Attendees will:

- Learn about the possibilities for **Suncoast Remake Learning Days 2023**
- Network with fellow nonprofits, business, government, organizations, and media
- Participate in games and activities
- Have a chance to win some surprises
- Hands-on learning
- and most importantly, **CELEBRATE** learning together!

Organization's staff, volunteers, and family members are welcome!

To RSVP click [here](#), or use your mobile device camera and scan QR code.



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors After Hurricane Ian

On October 8, SCGLR and community partners set out to DeSoto County after Hurricane Ian caused havoc. Ashley Coone shares a glimpse into how DeSoto County has been affected by the hurricane and provides details of what residents currently need.



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Elaborating on her comments about the Suncoast Campaign's visit to DeSoto...."What an amazing [Pop-Up Neighbor Through Laundry](#) event in Arcadia. This time the event was even more special as our community was hit hard by Hurricane Ian. From 9a-1p, all laundry was free, thanks to the generosity of [The Patterson Foundation](#). We served 91 families and washed 1033 loads of laundry! Families also received gift cards for gas and groceries. Special thank you to all of our volunteers and celebrity readers. I'm forever grateful for the investment The Patterson Foundation is making in our community and for community partners who shared great resources with all patrons: [United Way Suncoast](#), [Manatee County Rural Health Services](#), [All Faiths Food Bank](#), [Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County](#), [Current Initiatives](#), [Anna Maria Oyster Bar](#), and volunteers." – [Ashley Coone](#)

On October 15, SCGLR visited North Port, FL: "Saturday was a joy-filled morning at [Pop-Up Neighbor Through Laundry](#). 51 Families washed 501 loads of laundry for free, as a gift from The Patterson Foundation. Hurricane Ian hit North Port hard, and neighbors are stepping up to help each other.

Kiwanis brought school supplies, clothes, backpacks, and shoes, and All Faiths Food Bank donated snack bags. Our friends at the ELC of Manatee County along with the Suncoast Campaign gave away hundreds of books to the children. The city manager and mayor were on hand to connect with individuals and hear their stories." – [Beth Duda](#)

Take a glimpse into the event by clicking on the video below.



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We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net.

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