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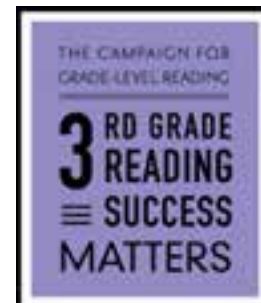
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“Ensuring that all children in Arizona enter kindergarten ready to succeed and read at grade level by the end of third grade must be a priority for our state. We appreciate the leadership that Read On Arizona is taking to create a statewide early literacy system that is helping us move toward that goal. We simply must address this issue and increase the language and literacy skills of our students—our future depends on it.”

— *Paul J. Luna, president and CEO,  
Helios Education Foundation*





## Tempe AARP Experience Corps

An early literacy skills tutoring program engaging adults 50+ as trained volunteers to support struggling students in K-3.

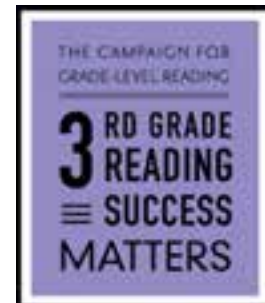
### Scope

**85 volunteer tutors** contributed **8,765 hours** working with **353 K-3 students** in **9 elementary schools** and 1 after-school site (2014-15).

### Impact

On average, **students in each grade met or exceeded needed growth** in fluency and accuracy.

**65%** reached benchmark in fluency and **64%** in accuracy.





## Raising A Reader

Make Way for Books offers this parent education series that fosters healthy brain development, parent-child bonding, and emergent literacy skills critical for success.

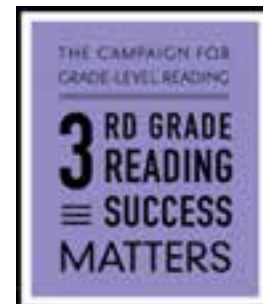
### Scope

Participants enjoy stories, practice newly gained skills, and share food, all while building community and discovering the wonderful world of books.

### Impact

**98%** of participating parents reported that they **shared books more often** with their children following the program

**86%** of parents reported feeling **more confident** in their role as their child's first, best teacher.







## My Summer Library

A research-based summer learning loss intervention, provides 12 self-selected books to children starting in kindergarten until second grade, building home libraries and lessening the achievement gap.

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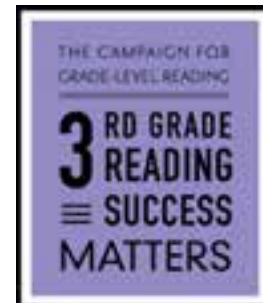
**4,500** K-2 children, **5** districts, **54,000** self-selected books distributed since 2011.

### Impact

**46%** reported it was their first time having books to read during the summer.

**49%** get all of their books from school, reiterating the crucial school-home connection.

**64%** help their siblings read and write.





## Kinder Camp

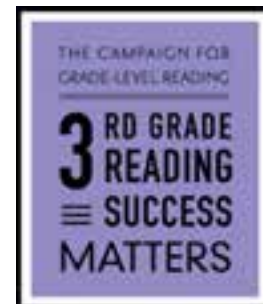
Designed to prepare incoming kindergarten students who had little-to-no preschool experience to become academically and socially ready for their first day of school.

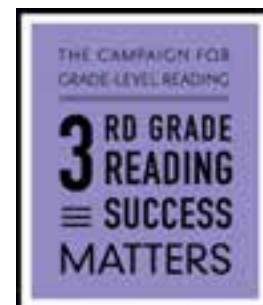
### Scope

77 children from the Yuma community participated in 2014; 60% had not attended preschool.

### Impact

After attending Kinder Camp, 44% of those who had not attended preschool were considered **ready across all domains**.









## Summer Learning Collaborative

Provides trained coaches in afterschool/summer programs, working directly with program staff to embed literacy activities in existing K-5 summer program curriculums.

### Scope

**Children ages 5-8** from four summer program sites participated in summer of 2014.

**30 staff members** gained an understanding of literacy concepts and practices appropriate in a summer program through the support of a reading coach.

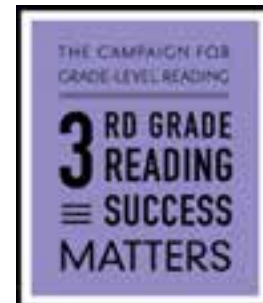
### Impact

**53%** of 2nd/3rd grade students **improved their reading level**

**11%** maintained reading level

**70%** of staff reported success in raising reading performance

**80%** believe the program improved attitudes towards reading





## Kith and Kin Literacy

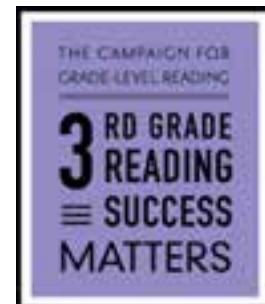
Provides one-on-one language and literacy training and technical assistance in home based child care settings.

### Scope

Increased number of activities related to language and literacy in family, friend and neighbor settings.

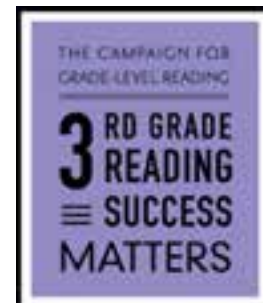
### Impact

Statistically significant outcomes noted with Child/Home Early Language and Literacy Observation (CHELLO) tool; overall score went from 42.39 to 74.99.



“Our partnership with Read On Arizona has helped us take our commitment to language and literacy development to the next level and offered us tools to ensure that professionals working with families on behalf of First Things First receive consistent training and resources to support early literacy in their early childhood practice.”

— *Sam Leyvas, CEO, First Things First*





## Family Engagement Strategy

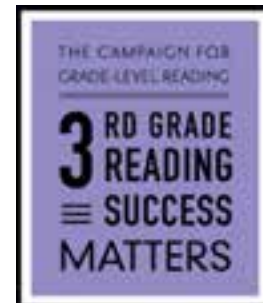
Family Resource Center, libraries and schools used as hubs to provide Raising a Reader parent-child workshop series focused on early literacy strategies.

### Scope

Workshops service more than **100 families**.

### Impact

Success lead to Read On Buckeye securing a grant to double its target for serving families in the community.





## Literacy Scan & Gap Analysis

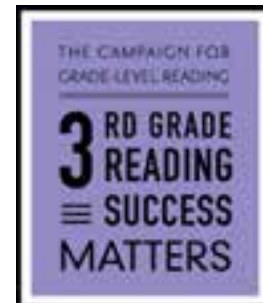
Read On Bullhead City is completing a comprehensive literacy scan and will be analyzing their community data to provide intentional and coordinated early literacy services.

### Scope

Plans to serve over **3,000 children** from birth to age 8

### Impact

Read On Bullhead City will help local schools and districts connect with the available and unique resources in the community.





# Summer Reading Collaborative



“Summer 2015 marks the third year of the statewide summer reading collaboration between the Arizona State Library, Read On Arizona, and their partner organizations. Kids, teens, and adults are exploring books, community programs, and learning opportunities at their local libraries and via [summerreading.org](http://summerreading.org). Together, we’re keeping everyone reading and preparing Arizona students for a successful school year.”

— *Joan Clark, state librarian*



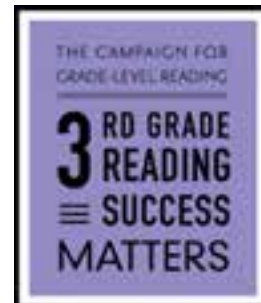


## Chandler Early Literacy Environmental Scan

Identifies early literacy resources and early literacy providers serving families in local areas and features the perspectives of families living in the neighborhoods.

### Impact

The scan will assist partners with data needed to target interventions to address gaps in service during their strategic planning process.





## Early Literacy Symposium

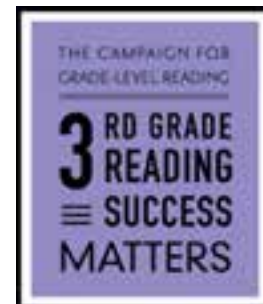
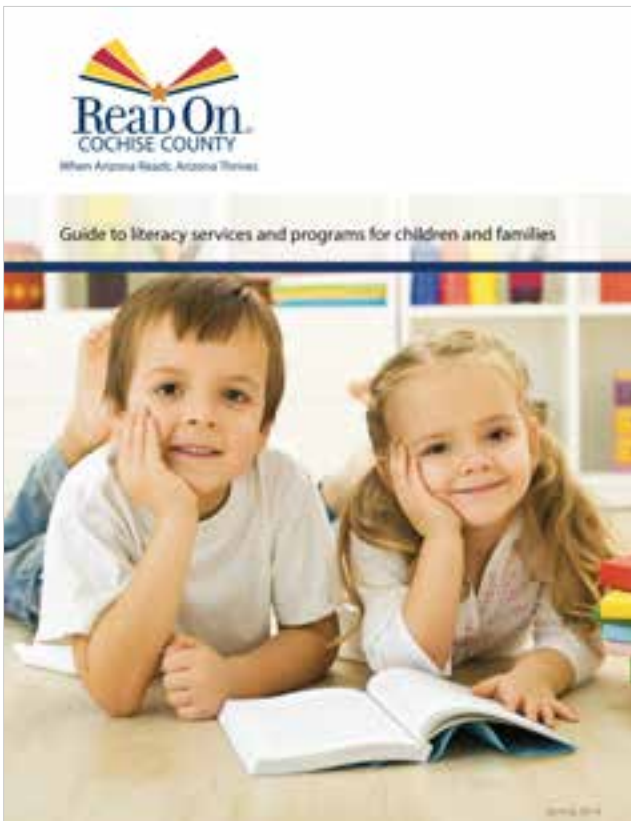
The County School Superintendent's Office, First Things First, and Read On Cochise County held an early literacy symposium that discussed effective strategies to enhance and expand early literacy efforts for stakeholders, K-12 schools, parents, and community members.

### Scope

**50+** key individuals and organizations attended.

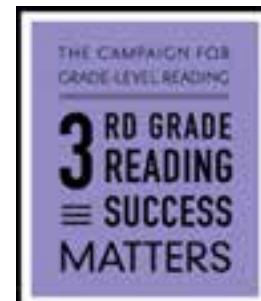
### Impact

From this collaborative, Read On Cochise County created a county-wide literacy resource guide.



“The world is accessible through reading and writing, and children’s potential to be contributing citizens of a democracy can only happen if they are thoughtfully engaged. Read On Arizona has taken each part of this enormous task and peeled it back to action. This is a point of pride and hope for Arizona.”

— *Dean Mari Koerner, Mary Lou Fulton  
Teachers College, Arizona State University*







## Reach Out and Read

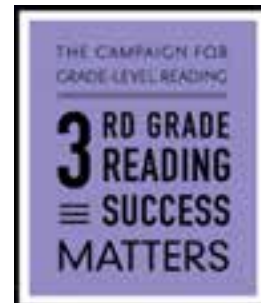
Local health clinics have created reading corners in waiting rooms to encourage families and children to read and interact. Every family that visits the clinic is able to browse through a wide variety of books and select one book to take home.

### Scope

Two clinics that service over **500 children and families**.

### Impact

Providing early literacy education to parents and caregivers, increasing access to and ownership of books for young children, and increasing school readiness.







## In-Home Literacy Coaching

Read On literacy coaches encourage families to use everyday routines and experiences to support young children's language and literacy development.

### Scope

More than **100 families** will be impacted in 2015

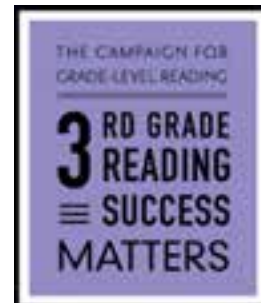
### Impact

Personalized support impacts both parents and children.

Parents receive new information on how to incorporate early literacy opportunities into family routines.

Children are excited by new activities presented by coaches.

Literacy kits ensure families have the tools they need to support literacy development at home.





**Developing a Thriving Reader  
From the Early Years:**  
A Continuum of Effective Literacy Practices  
A Guide for Practitioners



**Contents**

**The Five Legs of Emergent Literacy**

This article for practitioners explains the five legs and interrelationships with the continuum of literacy. What do we mean by emergent literacy? How can we support it? How do we know if we are doing it well? A glossary of terms is provided at the end.



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## Dolly Parton Imagination Library

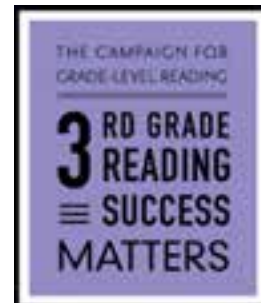
Provides a carefully-selected book each month to children ages 0 to 5.

### Scope

**80% of children 0-5** in the Globe Miami area participate in this program!

### Impact

Ensures children have access to books by building a home library and helps families incorporate reading into home routines.





## Building Blocks to Great Schools Summit

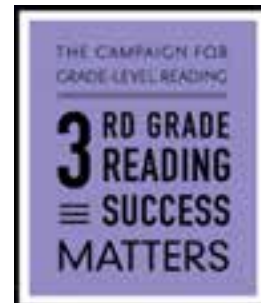
School districts, local colleges and local government staff met to identify key areas where progress could be made to enhance school operations and education.

### Scope

More than **30** participants

### Impact

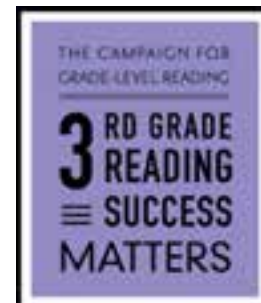
Increased communication and relationship development among public and private education stakeholders.





“Large-scale change requires broad cross-sector collaboration, and that’s where Read On Arizona shines. By bringing together expertise from businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and philanthropies, Read On Arizona is tackling the early literacy crisis. The collaborative has improved student success in several key areas and produced an impressive array of resources and tools for the community in a very short period of time.”

— *Susan M. Pepin, M.D., president and CEO,  
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust*





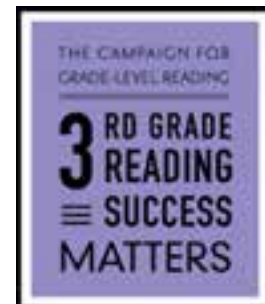


## Summer Reading Program 2015

Summer reading club for children ages 5 to 13 at the Boys & Girls Club and at the Hualapai Training Center Library.

### Impact

Children that read during the summer retain their reading level when they return to school in the fall.





## 12 Books Summer Enrichment Program

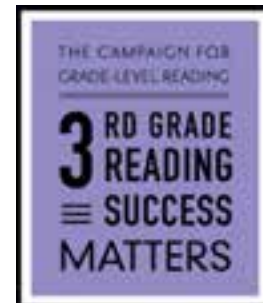
Mesa United Way provides 12 books to build a home library for each kindergarten student at six elementary schools. Additionally, book distributions are held during summer school and include children pre-K up to 5th grade.

### Scope

**7000+ books** provided to **600+ students** prior to 2015 summer break. Hundreds more provided at summer school.

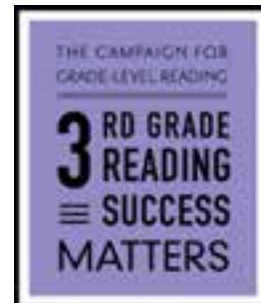
### Impact

Students spent more time reading over the summer because they had books and sustained their reading level, avoiding summer learning loss.



# Welcome

to our newest  
Read On Community





## In-Home Literacy Coaching

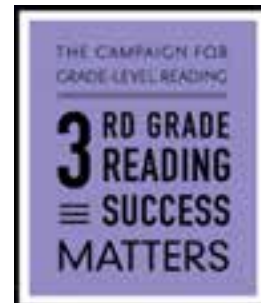
Gila County First Things First, the Payson Public Library, Isabelle Hunt Public Library, the Library Friends of Payson and Delta Dental contributed books, toys, dental care items, and literacy information to fill CARE bags.

### Scope

**40** bags have been distributed to date.

### Impact

Books, literacy tools and comfort items are readily available for first responders and other agencies that work with children in crisis.







## AARP Experience Corps Phoenix

Read On Phoenix launched Experience Corps Phoenix tutoring program to increase literacy fluency rates.

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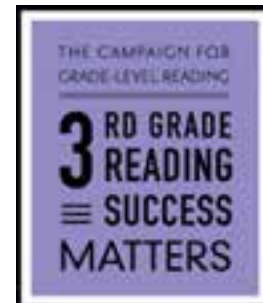
**92 volunteers** served over **300 students** served in grades 1-3.

### Impact

**98%** of the students improved their fluency reading rates

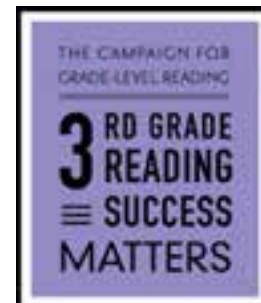
Average increase: **58%** words read per minute.

**3,000** books provided



“Read On Arizona is helping local communities throughout Arizona build coalitions that elevate literacy as an educational priority, fill gaps in vital student services, and scale effective practices. The Read On approach allows each community to take the lead so that they can determine what works best for their schools and students.”

— *Steve Seleznow, president and CEO,  
Arizona Community Foundation*





## Early Literacy Fairs

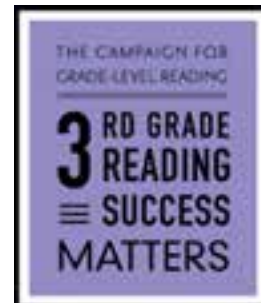
Community awareness event brings focus on the importance of reading and cultivate a culture of literacy in the home.

### Scope

More than **500 students** directly impacted

### Impact

An educational and fun morning filled with literacy activities that can be replicated inexpensively in participants own homes. All children are able to self select five books to take home to start their own home library.





## Professional Development

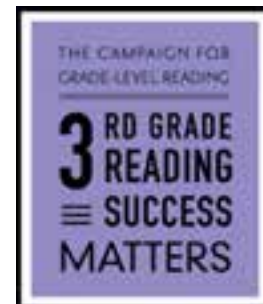
13 literacy coaches participated in a one-year professional development learning cohort to build their capacity through the use of communities of practice, mentoring, and site visits.

### Scope

More than **800 students** directly impacted from the gained knowledge the literacy coaches/teachers had as a result of the literacy learning cohort.

### Impact

Providing high-quality and relevant literacy and language strategies for those in the K-3 teaching field strengthens the education workforce and develops professional expertise in the practice of teaching children to read.







## Super Bowl Legacy Grant

**A DIGITAL LIBRARY FOR  
EVERY CHILD IN ARIZONA!  
INNOVATIVE READING SOLUTION  
TO KEEP KIDS READING ALL  
SUMMER LONG!**

Literacy program will allow every preschool to 3rd grade student at high-need elementary schools to have access to a digital library for an entire school year. Volunteers also will place books and bookshelves in early childcare sites across the Valley.





## Reading Challenge

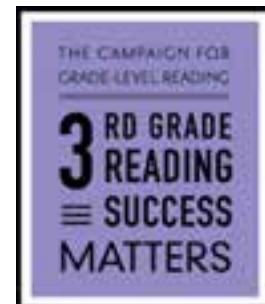
An interactive program that engages both parents and students to read and record their reading milestones.

### Scope

**500 participants**

### Impact

Increased parent/student participation and community awareness on the importance of reading every day.





## Community Literacy Action Plan

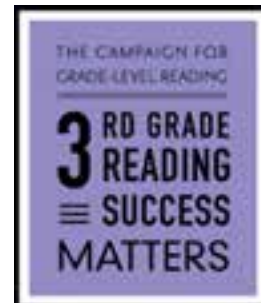
Read On Santa Cruz County is working with key partners for a county-wide action plan that involves local authors for advancing early literacy.

### Scope

Collaborative includes more than **30 partners**

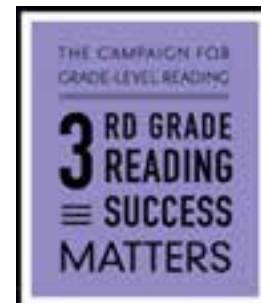
### Impact

Through this collaborative, Read On Santa Cruz County hopes to provide a continuum of effective literacy services for its county.



“In a very short amount of time, Read On Arizona has emerged as the key driver in getting stakeholders working together and focused on what works. And that’s essential to building the early literacy system we need in Arizona and really improving outcomes for our children.”

— *Ginger Ward, CEO, Southwest Human Development*





## Read to Succeed

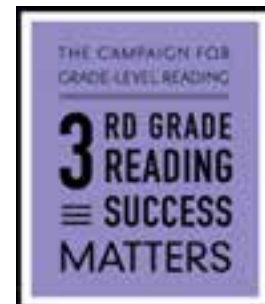
A volunteer-based early literacy program that matches trained tutors with small groups of at-risk readers in 1st grade.

### Scope

**200+ students** individually tutored.

### Impact

This program strategically trains adult volunteers with a clear curriculum to deliver high-quality literacy coaching for children before, during, or after school.





## An Integrated Approach to Family Engagement

Partners collaborate to offer evidence-based literacy programs in health clinics and family resource centers in six Read On Communities in Maricopa County.

