



2023 PRIORITIES & ACTIVITIES

Turn the Page STL



Turn
The Page
STL

St. Louis' Chapter of the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading

Prepared by Lisa Greening, Project Director

About Turn the Page STL

Mission:

Turn the Page STL is a city, county-wide literacy initiative dedicated to increasing the number of children that are reading at or above grade level by the end of third grade in the St. Louis community.

Vision:

St. Louis is a community with no disparities in literacy, based on race or zip code. All children are able to read proficiently by the end of third grade, contributing to their long-term academic outcomes (eg. graduating from high school, career readiness), and personal well-being.

Geographic Areas Served:

Our primary geographic focus includes the seven Promise Zone School Districts in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. Those include Hazelwood Public Schools, Jennings School District, Ferguson-Florissant School District, Normandy Schools Collaborative, St. Louis Public Schools, and the School District of University City.

Understanding:

Our work is viewed through a racial equity lens with the understanding that racial inequity in metropolitan St. Louis' public education system has contributed to generations of under literate citizens.



2022 Priorities & Activities continued

Family Engagement

Family Engagement Work Team*

- 1.) Analyze and create a landscape of book deserts in the St. Louis Promise Zone. Continue to explore cost and design for reading areas in businesses, fast food restaurants, laundromats and barbershops.
- 2.) Work with the Saint Louis Zoo, Pocket Parks, and others to create literacy "Everyday Places and Spaces" and "Playful Learning Landscapes." Provide books and resources at area events.
- 3.) Assist families who have low levels of literacy by providing books that through technology can support them in reading aloud with their children.
- 4.) Create a collaboratively written list of literacy resources for families.
- 5.) Support Ready Readers' Neighborhood Reading Captains program that will start January 2023.

Community Awareness

- 1.) Champion organizations and literacy policies and programs via social media and e-newsletters.
- 2.) Continue to solicit funding to market Turn the Page STL's literacy movement, priorities and actions.
- 3.) Work with local and state officials to make literacy a policy platform.

Work Team Members

Kindergarten Readiness *

- Books for Newborns
- Generate Health
- LUME Institute
- Parents as Teachers National Center
- Ready Readers
- RISE
- S.T.A.R. Coaching
- St. Louis County Library
- The Little Bit Foundation
- United 4 Children
- Urban Sprouts
- YouthBridge Community Foundation

Summer Learning *

- Blue Print 4 Summer STL
- BJC School Outreach and Youth Development
- City of St. Louis
- Ferguson Municipal Public Library
- Gateway Regional YMCA
- Girl Scouts of Eastern MO
- Missouri History Museum
- Nine PBS
- Office of St. Louis County Executive
- St. Louis County Library
- St. Louis Public Library
- Nine PBS
- United 4 Children
- University City Public Library

Family Engagement *

- Beyond Housing
- Gateway Regional YMCA
- HomeWorks
- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
- Love for Literacy
- Missouri Humanities Council
- Parents as Teachers National Center
- Ready Readers
- Reach Out & Read Cardinal Glennon
- S.T.A.R. Coaching
- St. Louis Economic Development Partnership
- St. Louis Public Library
- St. Louis University Department of Education
- UMSL College of Education
- Village of Moms

Turn the Page STL is committed to the following.

Data Driven:

Work with UMSL's Data Alliance and other partners to collect baseline data for kindergarten readiness, summer learning, teacher preparedness, family engagement and community awareness.

Joy of Reading:

Children and their families need access to fun, high-interest, culturally-relevant, hero-centered literature in their home, school, and throughout the St. Louis community.

Science of Reading:

Turn the Page STL recognizes that teachers need to teach the five main components that are fundamental to reading: phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension, in agreement with science of reading research.

State-lead:

Turn the Page STL is the state-lead organization for Missouri for the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading. During summer 2023, Turn the Page STL with Turn the Page KC will host a week-long, virtual conference about Missouri literacy initiatives.

Literacy Collaborative:

Turn the Page STL provides an open, monthly meeting for all literacy organizations. The agenda is attendee-driven and based on relevant literacy topics. Currently, there are 46 members.

**It's Your Turn!
Become a Leader.
Be a Reader.**

Join the Movement.
www.turnthepagestl.org/

