

Reading is Flippin' Awesome!

As you all know, education is so very important to Amanda and me. In just over two weeks, we'll begin our Dive Into Reading program for our 3rd year! This year, at four locations Landside, Ellenton, Geckos on SR70, and The Bishop Museum (aka Southwest Florida Museum). We'll welcome 450 kids (rising 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders) for breakfast, life skills, mentoring, reading, and fun! We have over 300 mentors signed up to help...we still need a few in Sarasota and at Gecko's. We're so happy to hear the program has expanded into Sarasota County! All the help we can give "our" kids, the better our community will be. Thanks to so many of our great guests who are helping educate and mentor the kids in our community, and thanks also to so many business that have partnered with us to make our program successful by helping fund books, teacher/facilitators, breakfast, OJ...allowing employees to volunteer to help and show up to work at 10:30am without having to take vacation or PTO time...what an awesome community we live in!

We're busy getting ready for an even busier June...cooking breakfast for Dive Into Reading kids and teaching them all to learn to love to read...so helpful in life! Amanda read a statistic in the newspaper... 75% of kids in Title I schools in Manatee County are not reading at grade level...we ALL need to be appalled by that news and do something to help our kids. I know a lot of us are, and we couldn't do it without your help...and our friends at The Patterson Foundation, their Suncoast Campaign for grade-level reading program is awesome! Special thanks to Mike & Mike and all of our friends sat Gecko's, Pier 22, O'Brick's, Manatee Supervisor of Elections Office, Manatee County Clerk's Office, Manatee Library System, and Manatee School District. Also, thanks to Cindy Saunders, Willis Smith, Manatee Chamber of Commerce, LWRBA, Early Learning Coalition, Jim and Jeane with Palmetto Elks, and so many more. It really does take a village!

Wish us well...we're gonna be busy!!!



We Need You!

ANNA MARIA OYSTER BAR & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

are seeking volunteer reading mentors for our 3rd annual Dive Into Reading campaign, a summer reading program for rising 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade students in partnership with the Manatee County School District, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and Manatee County Libraries.



To get involved, visit
OysterBar.net/Reading

MENTOR COMMITMENT:

Minimum of one session per week for 4 weeks for the month of June 2019 and one 1.5 hour training session prior to the start of the program.

June 2019

AMOB LANDSIDE
6906 14th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34207

AMOB ELLENTON
1525 51st Avenue East
Ellenton, FL 34222

GECKO'S - SR 70
7228 55th Avenue East
Bradenton, FL 34203

SOUTH FLORIDA MUSEUM
201 10th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34205

