AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT®
OF THE UPSTATE

2026 Impact Report

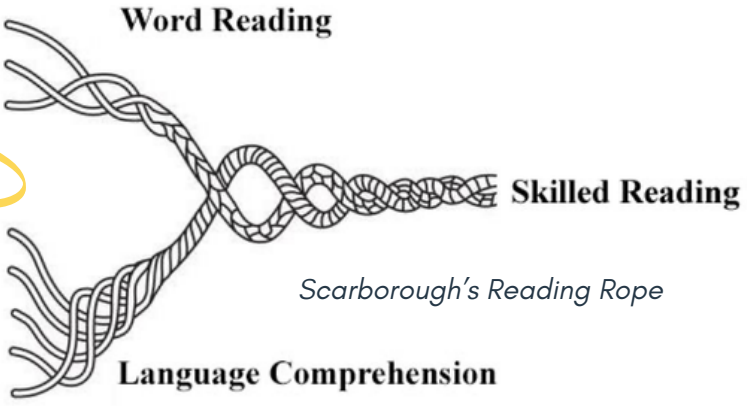
Every child deserves the chance to discover the power of reading. In the Upstate, too many children are growing up in poverty and facing barriers that can make that chance feel out of reach. With early, focused support, those barriers can be removed so a child's future can begin to open.

For 20 years, Augustine Literacy Project of the Upstate has helped make that possible. In the 2025/2026 school year, our trained volunteer tutors delivered more than 2,200 structured lessons grounded in the science of reading to 77 students who came to us as non-readers or struggling readers. Through consistent, multisensory instruction, these children made life-changing progress toward grade level proficiency. Over two decades, this work has delivered more than one million dollars in free reading services to Upstate families. This year, 91 percent of every dollar donated went straight to helping children learn to read.

Word Reading
- letter-sound knowledge
- accurate word decoding
- automaticity in decoding

These are the skills ALP tutors are trained to teach.

Language Comprehension
- comprehension monitoring
- understanding text structure
- understanding sentences
- activating word meanings
- making inferences



Scarborough's Reading Rope

During the 2025/2026 school year, **ALP students** made steady, measurable progress. At the beginning of the year, 70% were Non-Readers or at the Frustration level for single-word decoding. By the end of the year, 79% were reading at Progressing or Skilled levels. Decoding is a key skill because it is the foundation for all reading and writing. As our students develop strong decoding abilities, they gain the tools needed for reading comprehension and written expression.

2025/2026 Skill Growth	1 Level Gained	2+ Levels Gained
Letter-Sound Correspondence	58%	27%
Phonological Awareness	58%	12%
Single-Word Decoding	**67%**	**30%**
Spelling	61%	18%

2025 - 2026 Single-Word Decoding

