

NSLA Summer Learning Resources

The **National Summer Learning Association** is committed to ensuring that youth in high-poverty communities have access to high-quality summer learning programs. We work directly with policymakers and key stakeholders to make investments in summer learning a national, state and local priority.

Summer Learning Planning and Funding Tools



Summer Starts in September Program Planning Guide

summerlearning.org/SummerStartsinSeptember

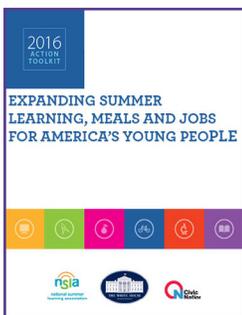
The Summer Starts in September Program Planning Guide is a comprehensive summer learning program planning guide full of research-based strategies, program examples and tools that program leaders can use to develop an intentional and high-impact program. Purchase it today.



Funding Resource Guide

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Developed in collaboration with the National Summer Learning Association, the White House, Civic Nation and U.S. Department of Education, the 2016 Funding Resource Guide helps state and local leaders identify the most promising funding streams to support summer learning and shows how innovative states, districts, and communities have creatively blended public and private funding to develop programs, services and opportunities to meet the needs of young people during the critical summer months.



Action Toolkit

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Developed as a part of the White House Summer Opportunities Project Initiative, this Action Toolkit is designed to share the key steps leaders can take this summer to increase access to high-quality summer learning, meals and jobs opportunities. Whether you are a city, nonprofit, school, business or philanthropic leader, you will find examples of how your peers across the country are finding innovative ways during the summer to expand access to learning, meals and jobs to more young people.

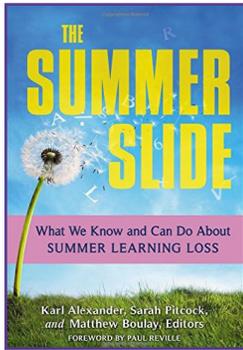


Plan a Summer Learning Block Party

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Use this tip sheet as a guide to plan a summer block party that connects families with summer resources and opportunities young people need.

Featured Books



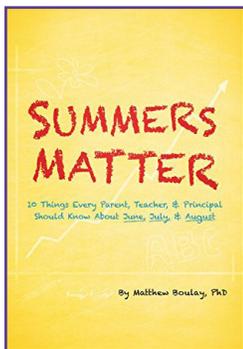
The Summer Slide

What We Know and Can Do About Summer Learning Loss

By Karl Alexander Ph.D., Matthew Boulay Ph.D. and Sarah Pitcock

bit.ly/TheSummerSlide

This book is an authoritative examination of summer learning loss, featuring original contributions by scholars and practitioners at the forefront of the movement to understand and stem the summer slide. The contributors provide an up-to-date account of what research has to say about summer learning loss, the conditions in low-income children's homes and communities that impede learning over the summer months, and best practices in summer programming with lessons on how to strengthen program evaluations.



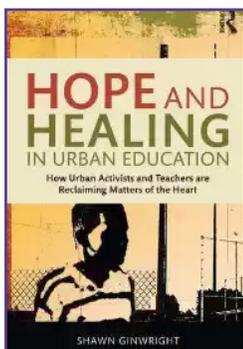
Summers Matter

10 Things Every Parent, Teacher, & Principal Should Know About June, July, & August

By Matthew Boulay Ph.D.

bit.ly/SummersMatterBook

Written in an engaging and fast-paced style, *Summers Matter* is a fun and easy read that will empower parents and educators alike. Readers will be entertained by the quotes and anecdotes, surprised by the facts, and, ultimately, encouraged by the knowledge that they can - and should - foster learning even when schools are closed.



Hope and Healing in Urban Education

How Urban Activists and Teachers are Reclaiming Matters of the Heart

By Shawn Ginwright Ph.D.

bit.ly/HopeandHealingBook

Hope and Healing in Urban Education proposes a new movement of healing justice to repair the damage done by the erosion of hope resulting from structural violence in urban communities. Drawing on ethnographic case studies from around the country, this book chronicles how teacher activists employ healing strategies in stressed schools and community organizations, and work to reverse negative impacts on academic achievement and civic engagement, supporting students to become powerful civic actors.

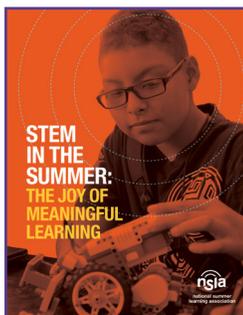




Summer Youth Employment Programs Offer More than Just a Summer Job

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Expanding opportunities for youth still in school to work during the summer provide youth not only a wage, but a chance to learn social and soft skills that are valuable in both school and the workforce, such as self-efficacy and impulse control. Engaging students through mentorship, training and paid work is shown to have positive impacts on their behavior, skills and academic performance.



STEM in the Summer

The Joy of Meaningful Learning

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Enhancing STEM learning in elementary and secondary education has become one of the most critical issues in education. Many sectors have a stake in student interest and outcomes in these topics. Under new education law, students will be tested regularly against science standards; employers have a growing need for a workforce trained in STEM-related skills; and communities have a desire to attract and retain businesses with a strong home-grown employee pipeline.



2016 Excellence in Summer Learning Awards

summerlearning.org/SummerExcellence

From elementary schools to universities, the winners of the 2016 New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning Award and Founder's Award, show the power of summer to create brighter futures for America's children and youth. The National Summer Learning Association recognizes this year's winning programs for demonstrating excellence in accelerating academic achievement and promoting healthy development for low-income students.



Libraries at the Center of Summer Learning and Fun

bit.ly/SLToolkit

Ready to expand your library's summer reading program into a more diverse summer learning program? The Urban Libraries Council and National Summer Learning Association's new online toolkit is designed to provide you with the resources, ideas and strategies that can help! This online toolkit includes links to tools and materials gathered from libraries across North America that are implementing summer programs designed to engage participants in active skill building, creative exploration and critical thinking.

