

2026 SUMMER PLANNING BOOTCAMP RESOURCES

Welcome & Keynote



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What's In Your Special Sauce? Lessons from NSLA Award Winning Summer Programs



Moderator
Sterling Leija



Saki Milton
The GEMS
Camp, Inc.



Kevin Delecki
Cedar Rapids
Public Library



Danny Salas
Woodcraft
Rangers



Tiffany Chalmus
School District of
Philadelphia



The New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning Award Winners:

- Summer Achievers, The School District of Philadelphia and the City of Philadelphia (Philly, PA)
- Woodcraft Rangers (Los Angeles, CA)
- The GEMS Camp Summer Experience (Dallas, TX)
- Cedar Rapids Public Library (Cedar Rapids, IA)
- [See all Past Winners](#)
- [Learn about the Summer Excellence Award and How To Apply](#)

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Leveraging Research & Data for Funding



Moderator
Christina Russell



Gil Noam
PEAR &
Harvard



Brodrick Clarke
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Katie Willse
The Learning
Agenda

- **Join NSLA’s PLC “Research, Evidence & Practice” led by Christina Russell**
- **Learn more about NSLA Training & Support from Brodrick Clarke**
- **Join NSLA’s PLC “Training and Program Development” led by Brodrick Clarke**
- **Get NSLA’s Destination Summer Learning Guide, Keynoting and Training Quotes**

Contact Natalia Sol, nsol@summerlearning.org

- **The Wallace Foundation**

• Summer Learning Toolkit: www.summerlearningtoolkit.org

- [Summer Learning Initiative](#)
- [Summer Learning Toolkit](#)
- [Getting to Work on Summer Learning](#)
- [Summer Learning Recruitment Guide](#)

- **Partnerships in Education and Resilience (PEAR)**

[Clover Model](#)

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Innovation In Summer Literacy!



Moderator
Liz McChesney



Kelly Griffin
First Book



Ileana Pulu
San Francisco
Public Library



Megan LeFavre
Book Harvest

- **Join NSLA's PLC "Libraries and Literacy" led by Liz McChesney.**

- **Learn more about First Book**

Flyer - How to Access Free and Low-Cost Educational Resources and Books

- **San Francisco Public Library**

Summer Stride is the Library's annual summer learning, reading and exploration program for all ages and abilities.

From June through August, we promote:

- Author talks, reading lists and book giveaways
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning
- Mindful experiences in nature
- Workforce development opportunities for teens
- Meaningful connections for all ages for our diverse community

Challenge yourself and others to read, learn and listen with the Library this summer! Finishing the challenge earns you a coveted prize: the 2026 Summer Stride library book tote. This year, we're featuring art by Bay Area artist Nidhi Chanani.

If you are a community-based organization, we'd like to partner with you to bring Summer Stride to your community. Please contact sfplcpp@sfpl.org.

- **Book Harvest**

Books for every child. Support for every parent. Literacy for every community. Since 2011, Book Harvest has provided more than three million books to families, ensuring that parents have the tools and power to ignite and strengthen their children's literacy.

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Bringing Career-Connected STEM to life this Summer



Stem Next Opportunity Fund

www.stemnext.org

Last year, the STEM Next Opportunity Fund launched "Career-Connected Learning: A Framework for Out-of-School Time Providers," STEM Next's bold new tool designed to accelerate and expand career-connected learning in afterschool and summer programs nationwide. This framework offers a practical, field-informed guide for OST providers, educators, system leaders, and cross-sector partners to deliver high-quality, career-connected STEM experiences.

This Summer Planning Bootcamp session introduced the framework, explained why career-connected learning in OST is critical for youth and communities, and previewed a suite of upcoming resources and supports to help bring the framework to life this summer!

Watch the STEM Next Bootcamp Session

STEM Next Presentation Deck

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Amazing Resources to Power Your Summer Programs



Moderator
Esteban Olivares



Liz Texiera
Britebound



Ellen Shannon
Association for
Suicide
Prevention



Ben Welbourn
Assembly by
Schola



Amy Dietzman
Tutor.com

- Join NSLA's PLC "**University Partnerships: Summer On-Campus Impact** led by Esteban Olivares
- **www.careerreadyhq.org** by Britebound
 - **Network**: A unified directory of organizations and employers offering work-based learning opportunities—such as internships, job shadows, and apprenticeships—to help decision-makers find, compare, and connect with providers.
 - **Library**: A curated, searchable, and filterable database of high-quality resources to inform and support educators, practitioners, and decision-makers working to advance career readiness for young people.
 - **Compass**: An interactive map highlighting state career readiness policies, active nonprofits in the space, and regional initiatives shaping the career readiness landscape across the U.S.
- **Association for Suicide Prevention**
 - AFSP's community programs
 - <https://seizetheawkward.org/>
- **Assembly by Schola**
 - Overview Presentation for Program Providers

Increase visibility and registrations! List your Summer Program on NSLA's www.discoversummer.org

- **Tutor.com**
 - Webinar Hub
 - Articles Hub
 - High Dosage Tutoring Page
 - On-Demand Tutoring

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Powerful Partnerships for Summer Impact & Beyond



Moderator
Mashona Council



Phil Kowalczyk
Camp Corral



Dr. Rosetta Bryson
Simple Trader Pro



Danielle Barreras
The Children's Trust

Join NSLA's PLC "School District Leaders" led by Mashona Council

Camp Corral Program Offerings

- [Camp Corral Summer Camp Flyer](#)

Simple Trader Pro

- [Simple Trader Pro Website](#)
- [Rosetta Bryson LinkedIn](#)
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The Children's Trust

- [About Us | The Children's Trust](#)
- [Find A Program](#)
- [Miami-Dade Campaign for Grade Level Reading](#)
- Initiatives from Private Public Partnerships :
 - [HealthConnect](#)
 - [Thrive By 5](#)
 - [Zero Drownings](#)

Additional Summer Learning Resources

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For Community Landscape Reports, contact info@summerlearning.org

- [2024 Gallup Summer Experiences Survey Infographic](#)
- [Findings from the National Summer Learning Association-American Camp Association SummerExperiences Survey, conducted by Gallup](#)

STIIX

- [Bringing meaningful STEM & Career Exploration opportunities to schools & communities in an Impactful & Teacher-Friendly way](#)

The Wallace Foundation

- [Summer Learning Toolkit](#)
 - [Districts Continue to Invest in Summer Programs: Selected Findings from the American School District Panel](#)
 - [How Districts Plan for Successful Summer Programs](#)
 - [A Turning Point for Summer Learning and a Framework for the Future](#)
 - [How States Are Expanding Quality Summer Learning Opportunities](#)
 - [Summer Learning Initiative](#)
 - [Summer Learning Toolkit](#)
 - [Getting to Work on Summer Learning](#)
 - [Summer Learning Recruitment Guide](#)

Afterschool Alliance

- [Support afterschool and summer learning in FY 2026](#)
- [The Latest Research on the Impact of Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs](#)
- [Issue Brief: Building Healthy Habits and Healthy Futures: How Afterschool Programs are Supporting Physical Activity and Healthy Eating](#)
- [21st CCLC Facts and Figures](#)
- [Voters Say Afterschool Programs are a Necessity](#)

American Camping Association

[ACA's Bipartisan Caucus](#) The Camp Caucus is a new bipartisan effort in Congress, supported by the American Camp Association (ACA), to champion high-quality camp experiences for all kids.

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The Green Circle Fundraising Model

- [The Green Circle Fundraising Model PDF](#)

bestdayever.fun

Enjoy our two free summer camp samples with these two Out of School Time Lesson Plans for PreK through 5th Grade:

- [FREE Sample School-Age \(K-5\) Summer Camp Lesson Plan](#)
- [FREE Preschool Summer Camp Lesson Plan](#)

kid-grit As an education intervention company, kid-grit delivers preventative solutions that promote educator wellness, classroom connection, and student resilience.

- [Connection Collection, 111 Ways to Show Kids You Care](#)
- [Sizzling Summer Sale, NSLA Partners receive a 15% discount](#)

University Instructors delivers K-12 staffing, tutoring, and professional development that drive student achievement and district success.

- [Comprehensive K-8 Summer School Programs – University Instructors](#)

Afterschool Labs

Turnkey enrichment programs built by educators for district reliability and student success. Zero operational friction. From our Innovation HQ in Huntsville, Alabama, we are aggressively expanding our footprint to serve diverse communities nationwide.

Spur Staffing

Spur helps K-12 schools with substitute staffing (92%+ fill rates), recruiting, attendance recovery, and extended learning programs.

4Leaf Learning- 4Leaf Learning creates STEM curriculum that combines hands-on activities with the development of resiliency and 21st century skills.

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MetaMetrics.com - Universal scales for reading and math provide the framework to connect learning today with the skills needed for tomorrow

- How Lexile and Quantile Measures Support Learning at Home [Video] - a brief video explaining Lexile and Quantile measures and how to use student assessment reports to support at-home learning.
- Lexile Find a Book - families can search for just-right books that match their child's Lexile measure and individual interests
- Quantile Find a Math Activity - families can discover free online math resources, games, and videos that align with their child's Quantile measure
- Lexile & Quantile Hub - access all of our free tools and resources for families of K-12 students

Instructure

Instructure: Leading EdTech for K-12, Higher Ed & Business

Empower learning with Instructure's LMS and edtech solutions for K-12, higher education, and businesses. Discover Canvas, Impact, and Mastery.

Waterford.org - We provide PreK through 2nd grade reading, math, and science programs that children can use wherever they learn

- Explore ways to partner with Waterford.org
- NSLA | Waterford.org Summer Learning Program Link, a FREE summer learning opportunity

Crayola

Summer Learning with Crayola - A colorful curation of learning resources including free downloadables, read-aloud videos, and hands-on art activities designed to inspire kids to imagine, explore, and create.

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