

GLR Coalition Meeting Notes 3.8.17

Baltimore Learns Every day—City Schools Office of Engagement

- Baltimore Learns Every Day is a game designed to help families foster reading skills at home
- The goals of the game are building the relationship between a child's vocabulary and later literacy outcomes and exposing children to literacy and mathematics through playful learning
- To find out more or to request an order visit www.baltimorelearnseveryday.org or email Jessica Lawrence (JCLawrence@bcps.k12.md.us)

Transitions Work

- The Family Literacy Coalition gave grants of \$2,500 to 8 schools to foster social and academic success for incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students through targeted family engagement and stronger collaboration with Head Start sites and childcare providers
- Grantees from these schools will be able to continue to improve the work this year through another grant from the Family Literacy Coalition
- Family Literacy Coalition will determine how they can take what they've learned to create system level change

Summer

Young Audiences' Summer Academy

- Young Audiences partnered with City Schools to run 4 free summer school sites with 797 kids from 54 schools last summer
- Program utilizes teachers from City Schools and teaching artists who work together to infuse arts into academics
- Program curbed summer learning loss for students. Students who participated showed:
 - A positive change in writing skills
 - Significant gain in reading skills compared to students who did not attend
- Young Audiences is still working on program details for this year—but hope to serve 800 students, provide after care to combat attendance barriers, and increase family engagement in the program through hiring a Family Engagement Specialist
- This summer, Young Audience, will evaluate how working with program helps teachers improve their practice when they return to school in the fall

Summer Challenge

- Pratt Summer Reading has become the Summer Challenge—the program will allow students to also complete activities to count towards prizes (reading 15 minutes a day is still an option)
- The theme this year is “Build A Better World” and the program starts June 14th
- Log will be available in English, Spanish and Mandarin
- Flyers and a marketing tool kit to promote the program will be available at the next Coalition Meeting
- For questions, email Rachel Peffer (rpeffer@prattlibrary.org)

Announcements

- The Maryland Book Bank's Raven's Book Mobile is scheduling visits for this summer. You can apply for a visit [here](#)
- The Maryland Association for Adult, Community and Continuing Education Conference May 4 & 5. Find out more at www.MAACCEmd.org
- Port Discovery is hosting Countdown to Kindergarten on April 16, which will give free tickets to 10,000 people to visit the museum and learn about resources to prepare children for school. If

you are interested in tabling there, please call Summer Rosswog at 410-864-2692. For more information about the event, visit <http://www.portdiscovery.org/educators/programs>

- Heart of the Schools, a night hosted by the Fund for Educational Excellence to celebrate principals in Baltimore City, is May 22nd. Find out more here: <https://www.heartoftheschoolawards.org/>
- The Enoch Pratt Free Library's Annual Fairytale Festival is April 3rd. Find out more http://calendar.prattlibrary.org/event/fairy_tale_extravaganza_6673#.WMGCutLyuig
- The Liberty Judy Center's 3rd Annual Early Childhood Conference is March 25th. Find out more here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/liberty-judy-center-3rd-annual-early-childhood-conference-tickets-31276501859>