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Special Issue - Families Learning Summit



Families Learning Summit

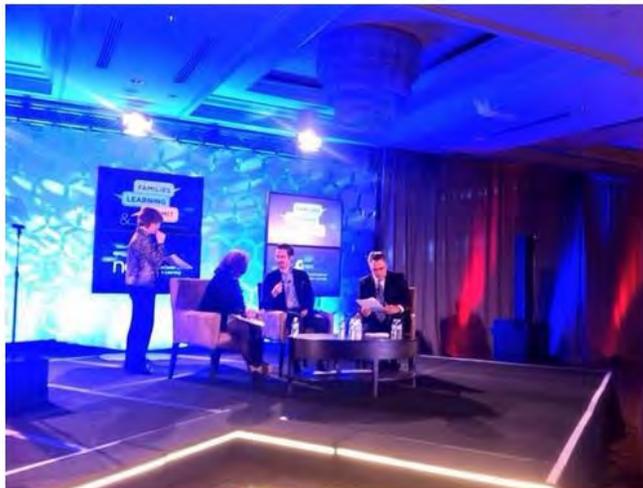
...we'll let the Tweets tell the story

In the News



Christopher Lehman @ChrisLehman · Feb 17
 Fun panel w Dr. Joyce Epstein and @gtoppo this afternoon at @NCFL.
 #engagingfamilies Thanks #ncflsummit pic.twitter.com/S4CZ5qMX0r

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7 Educational Sites That Inspire Family Learning at Home
 TechSawyMama's Leticia Barr names both Wonderopolis and the Family Time Machine as "personal favorites." She writes, "They provide helpful suggestions on how I can make the most of even the smallest amounts of time I have to spend with my kids."



Christopher Lehman @ChrisLehman · Feb 17
I'm loving the energy of #ncflsummit. A real belief that parents/families are an asset, want to be involved, and need our focus, care.

UrbanLibCouncil @UrbanLibCouncil · Feb 18
We're honored 2 b a part of #NCFLSummit. And, we're delighted to collaborate w/ @NCFL promoting & strengthening our vision together!

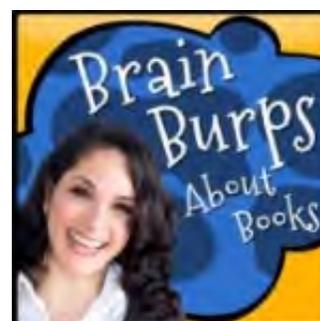
NCFL @NCFL · Feb 18
Reaching parents early and often is critical to helping their children - V. Katz re: helping immigrant families learn pic.twitter.com/oGb2WIUNu8



Yady Blessinger @YBlessinger · Feb 18
The two most important toys for a child are the voice and the face of parents. Session with Dr. Brice @NCFL pic.twitter.com/rAHG281WsN



Are You on Twitter?
To celebrate March into Literacy Month, McGraw-Hill Education will donate \$1 to NCFL for every new follower @MHEducation gains on Twitter during the month of March. Give them a follow and join the conversation at #MHMarchLit



Wonderopolis is a Wonder
NCFL Vice President Emily Kirkpatrick is featured on iTunes' #1 Podcast in Children's Publishing, Brain Burps About Books. This interview with Writerpreneur Katie Davis covers how to make Common Core learning fun with Wonders of the Day, this summer's Camp What-a-Wonder, and tips on how to best use Wonderopolis as an educator.



On Monday, March. 3 at 8 p.m. our Wonder Ambassadors will be #WonderChat-ing about everything Wonderopolis-related: Wonder Walls, Wonder Wednesdays, using Wonder to align with Common Core State Standards, implementing inquiry and imagination into science and social studies, etc. Both lurkers and chatters are



Holly Robinson Peete @hollyrpeete · Feb 18
 Inspiring day for families! Thank you @toyota @ncfl for inviting me to keynote today #families #learning #together pic.twitter.com/bGfVMSFsJP



Jon Fines @JonFines · Feb 18
 Every year, the stories of overcoming inspire and brings me to tears. Thank you @NCFL #NCFLsummit #FamilyLiteracyMatters



Barbara Phillips @WonderPhillips · Feb 18
 Honored to hear @RJPalacio speak and share what inspired the book WONDER. #NCFLsummit @NCFL pic.twitter.com/zXpjngl82f

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amy mascott @teachmama · Feb 18
 teachmama: en route to @ncfl -- cannot wait to meet tremendous advocates for family literacy and learning! #ncflsummit #weteach



Christine Nieves @NievesChristine · Feb 19
 This is happening today! <3 #AprendiendoJuntosCouncil on families' educational media use cc @NCFL @CooneyCenter pic.twitter.com/8NOiL75t1m



Susan Benton @ULCSusanBenton · Feb 19
 Great to celebrate your work here while at #NCFLsummit. Delighted to hear the great news & know your work is being supported @houstonlibrary

welcome!

EDUCATION WEEK

Report Finds Parents Want Help Deciding How to Spend Quality Family Time
 Education Week reports on the Harris Poll-inspired Family Time Machine, born of the partnership between NCFL and Toyota. The Family Time Machine website gives parents and children creative and educational ideas for how to best utilize everyday moments as learning tools.

THE TENNESSEAN

Nashville Librarian wins national award
 The Tennessean applauds its hometown literacy hero, Elizabeth Atack, for winning the Toyota Family Teacher of the Year.

PROVIDENCE Journal

Dorcas Institute wins \$175,000 Toyota Family Learning grant
 The Providence Journal reports on its local community program winning a grant to allocate toward family mentor and service learning programs.

DAILY BREEZE

Toberman grant brings education to whole family in San Pedro
 Financial help from the coveted Toyota Family Learning grant will add a family learning component to services already provided by Toberman Neighborhood



Wonderopolis @Wonderopolis · Feb 20
 Wow, we WONDER how big this flag is! MT @NCFL: Photo taken during this morning's trip to @smithsonian! #ncflsummit pic.twitter.com/ZfpcKl2lw8



Gwen Pescatore @gpescatore25 · Feb 19
 Incredibly moving, yet inspirational closing of #ncflsummit with Janice Kaplan & Jackie Hance - "I'll See You Again" pic.twitter.com/Pp9BIADFBY



Jon Fines @JonFines · Feb 19
 Refreshed. So refreshed. Thankful for my @NCFL & @wonderopolis family. Until we meet again! #ncflsummit

Check out our [Families Learning Summit 2014 Facebook album](#) to see more of what happened at this year's conference.

An Inside Look Toyota's Family Teacher of the Year and Family Learning grantees

For 17 years, Toyota has sponsored the Family Teacher of the Year award to recognize an educator who reaches beyond the classroom to impact families' lives. This year, the crystal apple of achievement was handed to Elizabeth Atack of the Nashville

Center, including literacy, a food pantry, parenting classes, counseling and legal services, gang intervention, and employment help.



Education: A Family Affair
 Senior Researcher at the New America Foundation provides his thoughts on the Families Learning Summit and involving students' families and communities in conversations about education reform.



ULC e-News Weekly
 Libraries shone brightly at the National Center for Families Learning Summit, reports the Urban Libraries Council.



Behind the Wheel: Science behind why bridges ice rapidly
 Local columnist uses Wonderopolis to explain why his readers should be careful when driving over bridges.

Congratulations, again!
 NCFL congratulates Springdale Public Schools for earning the impressive Race to the Top District grant! Springdale's leadership in education, particularly for ESL families and family engagement, sets an example for school districts and NCFL will be watching their success. We would also like to clarify

Public Library. Attack, the first librarian to receive this popular award, was greeted by the Nashville mayor at her Welcome Home reception. We'll have more to share about Attack's involvement in NPL's [Bringing Books to Life](#) program, but for now, enjoy her feature in [The Tennessean](#).

that a significant portion of the RTT-D grant will be spent on family engagement, though not necessarily exactly half, which was reported in our January newsletter.



NCFL @NCFL · Feb 21
#Nashville Mayor Karl Dean poses w/ @Toyota #Teacher of the Year Elizabeth Attack at her @NowatNPL Welcome Home party! pic.twitter.com/B3LuAPpg2s



Furthermore, we could not be more pleased to work with these [five communities](#) that were awarded Toyota Family Learning grants of \$175,000: [Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island](#), East Side House, [Houston Public Library](#), Lincoln Public Schools, and [Toberman Neighborhood Center](#). You can learn more about the history of this grant and these programs in the Press Room at [FamiliesLearning.org](#).



Yady Blessinger @YBlessinger · Feb 18
@NCFL has established 261 Family Literacy sites across USA. Houston Public Libraries is now 262! @HISD_FACE pic.twitter.com/Xz4eRs4LaN



East Side House @EastSideHouse33 · Feb 20
Congrats to fellow @NCFL Toyota Family Learning recipients @dii_of_ri @LPSorg @houstonlibrary @tobermancenter Excited to do this great work

An Inside Look

...an excerpt from [EdCentral.org](#)



Conor P. Williams @ConorPWilliams · Feb 21
Reporting back from this week's @NCFL summit: edcentral.org/education-fami...
#earlyed #families #NCFL

Senior Researcher in the Early Education Initiative at the New America Foundation, Dr. Conor Williams, reported from the Families Learning Summit:

"...school improvement is difficult even with parental buy-in. Efforts to boost student learning that do not seek out that advantage are nigh on impossible. Difficult as it may be, meaningful education reform necessarily involves conscious, comprehensive, and consistent outreach to students' families and their communities. This message rang clear at this week's conference -- the challenge is to keep it in mind as attendees return to their silos."

Hear, hear, and click [here](#) to read more!

@Wonderopolis



C.C. Chapman @cc_chapman · Feb 18
Parents (and kids)! Watch our new video for 5 steps to Wonder together:
bit.ly/1jd3YxE



Jon Fines @JonFines · Feb 18
Love the new @Wonderopolis video. vimeo.com/86917412 featuring the future celebrity & daughter of @WonderPhillips #ncflsummit

@FamTimeMachine



Have you visited our newest platform for families learning together? There's already been some chatter on social media touting the [Family Time Machine](#) for its fun and educational activities that can be worked into everyday moments like bath time or driving to school. Go see it for yourself, and share your own family's fun ways of learning together!

 **LeticiaTechSavvyMama** @techsavvymama · Feb 20
@FamTimeMachine - You are most welcome! Love your site and happy to include you with favorite learning sites like @Wonderopolis @teachmama

 **UrbanLibCouncil** @UrbanLibCouncil · Feb 19
@FamTimeMachine Love your site and app! Thanx for following us on Twitter!
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 **Mrs. Wilson's Class** @MrsWilsonsClass · Feb 23
Looking for fun Family time ideas? [familytimemachine.com](#) @FamTimeMachine
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 **East Side House** @EastSideHouse33 · 2h
We're always on the hunt for great parent resources like this 1!
[@famtimemachine](#) helps families share fun family learning activities! @NCFL

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