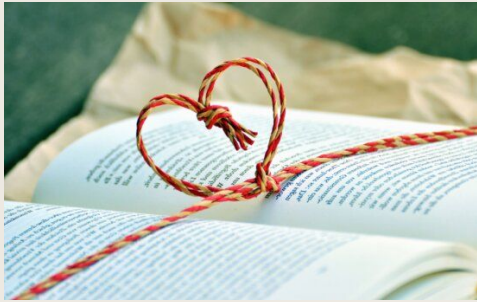

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LEARNING GAPS & LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

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Today's Conversation

- Recognizing the opportunity and learning gaps in all of our students, especially those most vulnerable
- Locating community partnerships for “many hands make light work”
- Making your library available to schools who are interested in using federal funding for community based relief
- Think creatively about experiential learning where you live
- Finding other funding sources after you tell your story _____

Inspiration and Information

**NOT
TO SMALL
TO FAIL**



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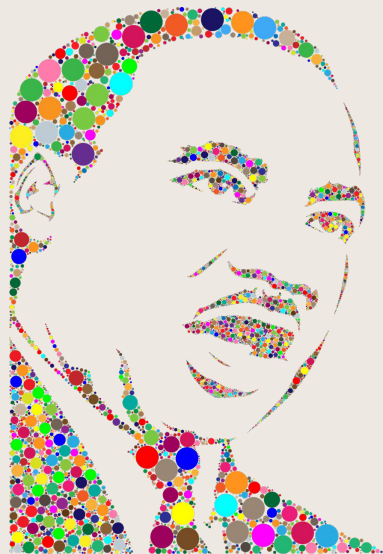
SAVE THE DATE!
**SUMMER
CHANGES** 
EVERYTHING™
NOVEMBER 7-10 2021



Meet Aaron Dworkin

CEO - National Summer
Learning Association (NSLA)

<https://youtu.be/qiGPPaWys3s?t=1540>



We are faced with the fact, my friends, that **TOMORROW IS TODAY.** We are confronted with the **FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW.** In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being **TOO LATE.** Procrastination is still the thief of **TIME.**

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



ESSER Funds

Elementary and Secondary
School Emergency Relief

<https://dpi.wi.gov/arp/esser-iii>

ASSESS YOUR COMMUNITY

(Story collecting)

ASK

Multiple sources:
parents, kiddos, teachers,
child care folks,
administrators,
businesses/employers,
other youth
programmers

LISTEN

Refrain from judgement.
Empathize. This is not
the place for you to
problem solve. Truly hear
the impact of their
situation.

ASK MORE

What do these
challenges look and feel
like to the individual?
How have they tried to
manage the situation?
What has worked? Or,
not worked?

Stories I've heard in my community...



COLLECTING DATA

- Census
<https://www.census.gov/data.html>
<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045221>
- School District Report Cards
<https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>
- Local County/City Resources



Waupaca's Data

Census Data - 81% reported having broadband Internet
School District Report Card - Be Careful!!

- Note individual schools with decreased performance

Local County/City

- ThedaCare and Mental Health Professionals
- City Zoning - Mapping new youth card holders for future outreach opportunities
- New Neighborhood Creation - Advocating for neighborhood community space
- Laundromat owners/Grocery Store managers -
- Assess your community for family friendly places/businesses - work with Chamber of Commerce for improvements.



Who have you
worked well with
in the past?

COFFEE?

Tell your stories, your
data, ask and listen.



OPPORTUNITY GAPS

Experiential learning is an engaged learning process whereby students **“learn by doing”** and by reflecting on the experience.

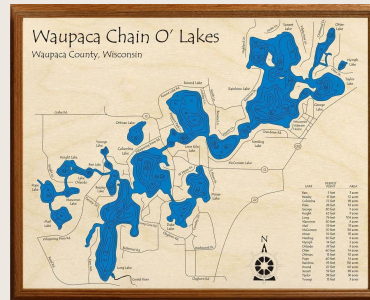
- Opportunities for students to engage intellectually, creatively, emotionally, socially, or physically.



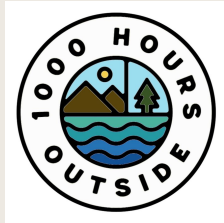
Stories from Waupaca



Outdoors is safest now- Naturalist programs, hikes, critical thinking skills like geocaching/map reading/escape room activities, puzzle solving.



Field Trips - Virtual are more accessible on-demand.



1000hoursoutside.com



https://calchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Creative-Summer-Book_FINAL_5.8.17.pdf

More Resources



<https://www.kqed.org/mindshift/58872/how-extra-funding-and-learning-time-are-helping-students-catch-up-from-covid-interruptions>



<https://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org/alsc/files/content/professional-tools/alsc-summer-and-outofschooltime-toolkit-SCREEN.pdf>



<https://discoversummer.inplay.org/>

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- Be the broken record with your stories and data.
 - You can never overtell your impact stories.
 - It is crucial for our “reimagined” library service model.



THANK YOU

Do you have any questions?

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