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LOVING LITERACY

THIRD-GRADE READING SKILLS predict high school graduation.

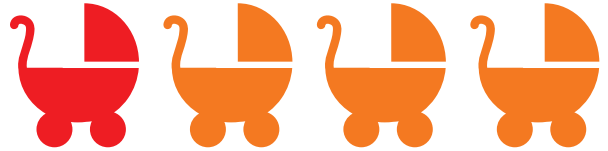


Graduation rate among students who read proficiently by 3rd grade

Graduation rate among students who did not read proficiently by 3rd grade

[Source: Donald Hernandez, DOUBLE JEOPARDY]

ONE IN FOUR YOUTH in the United States is born into a low-income community.



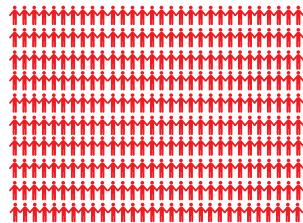
[Source: KidsCount]

BOOKS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN KIDS' LIVES



In an UPPER-MIDDLE INCOME COMMUNITY, there are 13 BOOKS per 1 child.

[Source: FIRST BOOK]



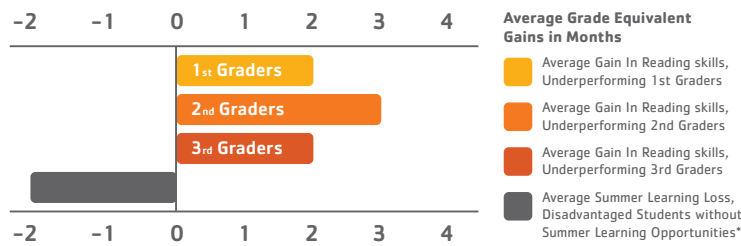
In a LOWER-INCOME COMMUNITY, there is 1 BOOK per 300 children.

THE Y'S SUMMER LEARNING LOSS PREVENTION PROGRAM

helps elementary students reading below grade level. The pilot program focuses on phonics, writing and reading to boost literacy skills, with enrichment activities to support physical and social emotional growth.



BOOSTING READING SKILLS in a 6 week program over the summer



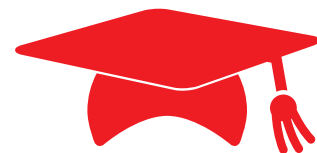
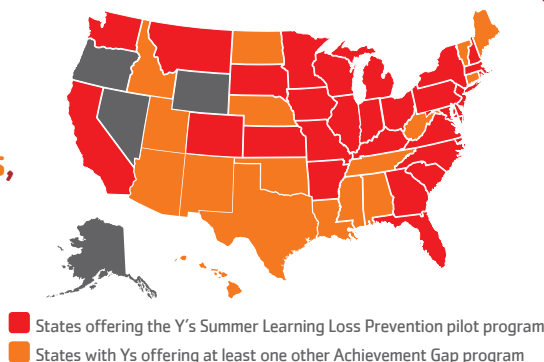
[Source: *Average Summer Learning Loss, Disadvantaged Students Without Summer Learning Opportunities McCombs et al. (2011). Making Summer Count: How Summer Programs Can Boost Children's Learning. Rand Education & The Wallace Foundation. Cooper, Harris (2003). The Problem and Some Solutions. ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education.]

BUILDING LIFE SKILLS

98% of parents agreed that the program helped increase their child's self-confidence.



The Y's efforts to close the Achievement Gap are at work in nearly 46 STATES, including 29 STATES with the Summer Learning Loss Prevention pilot program.



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