

Libraries & Afterschool: Partnering for Student Success



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Agenda

- **ND Afterschool Network**

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- **Collaborating with Afterschool**

- Report: Library & Afterschool Partnerships
- Challenges & Opportunities
- Activity: Ideas for Collaboration

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ND Afterschool Network

- **Mission:** On behalf of school-age youth, the ND Afterschool Network supports and advocates for high-quality out-of-school time programming, resources & services.
- By working in partnership with out-of-school time programs, schools, state and community based organizations, the Network works to **CONNECT, SUPPORT,** and **ADVOCATE** for high-quality afterschool programming K-12 across ND.



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Afterschool Landscape in ND

- **21st Century Community Learning Centers**

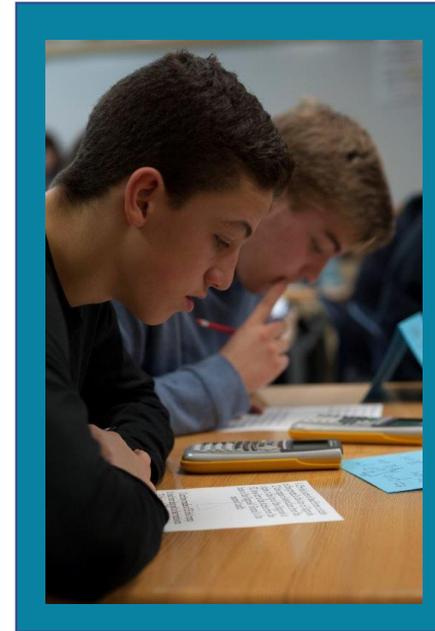
- 1.7 million students nationally
- 5,986 students in ND
- 65% academic focus (ND)

- **School District Programming**

- Clubs
- Activity-Based

- **Community Based Organizations**

- YMCA/Boys & Girls Club
- Mentoring Programs
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts



Afterschool Alliance Study



98% See benefit to working with libraries

74% Have worked with public library

Summer Reading/Learning (65%)

Library Visit (58%)

Special Events (48%)

Visited for educational program (41%)

STEM Education (29%)

Curriculum Development/Support (18%)

Why Libraries & Afterschool?

Library and afterschool partnerships:
Everybody's doing it!

Well, pretty close. In a 2017 survey of more than 350 afterschool programs, almost three-quarters are working with their local public library. Ninety-eight percent of programs recognized the benefits in partnerships with public libraries, such as collaboration with caring and qualified library staff, availability of better reading materials, access to technology for students and families, and opportunities to build community.

We also found that afterschool programs work with their library partners in diverse ways, ranging from summer reading initiatives to curriculum development support, book lending programs, family events, and even science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities!

Why afterschool?

Libraries and afterschool programs share common goals of creating safe and enriching environments for children and families to come together and learn. Across the country, 10.2 million children attend afterschool programs, including high proportions of youth from low-income, African-American, and Hispanic backgrounds¹. With afterschool programs, libraries can leverage a dedicated and enthusiastic set of educators, to work together to cultivate more and better learning opportunities for children and youth in their communities.

Getting a partnership started

Based on the responses from the 26% of afterschool programs in our survey who hadn't worked with a public library before, we've culled some suggestions for how to get a partnership started.

1. **Reach out!** Pretty obvious, right? Well, almost 40% of this group just hadn't considered it before. Nearly 70% did not have a personal contact at their local library, or

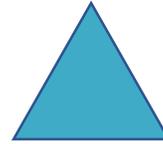
“These are the kids who don't make it to the library often... through this partnership, they got access.”
— Ypsilanti District Library

weren't sure if any of their colleagues did. Since not all libraries have a children's librarian or other "obvious" contact, help out your potential afterschool partners by making the first call!

This October, host a Lights On Afterschool event. Library partnerships are an official 2017 theme! Be one of more than 8,000 events celebrating the role of afterschool programs in keeping kids safe, inspiring them to learn, and helping working families. www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm



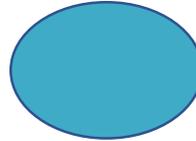
Visible Learning



Words you are unsure of



Key ideas & essential details



Essential Vocab

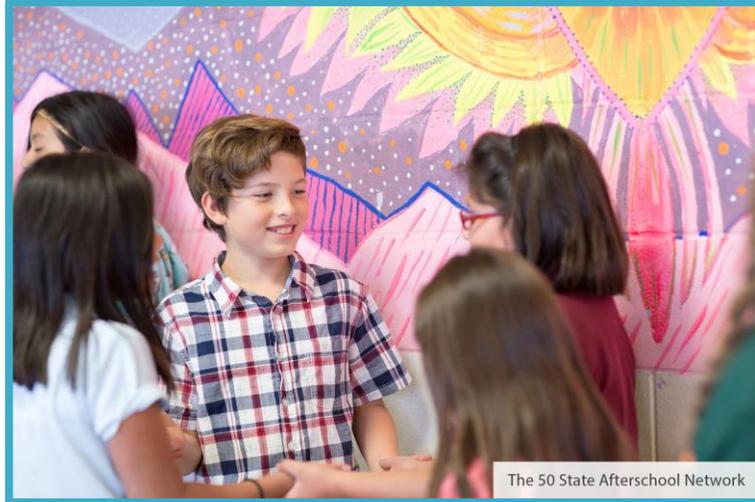


Ask a ? Or agree/disagree



Most essential idea

Goals for Student Programming



Areas for Collaboration

- Leverage Resources
 - Funds
 - Physical space
 - Technology
- Programming
 - Access to local experts
 - Information
 - Curriculum development
- Community Connections
 - Parent workshops
 - Community hubs



Challenges to Collaboration

- Transportation
 - Securing
 - Funding
 - Timing
- Communication
 - Knowing library contact
 - Understanding of shared goals/resources
 - Programming availability
- Staff capacity
- Funding



Big Bold Ideas: Activity

What **Big Bold Ideas** do you have for creating or fostering partnerships between libraries & afterschool/summer programs?

How could the ND Afterschool Network support this idea?

As a group, also consider:

What about this idea sounds promising to you?

What concerns do you have?



Stay Involved...

- ndafterschoolnetwork.com
- **Facebook:** ND Afterschool Network
- **Afterschool Day on the Hill**
 - April 3, 10am-1pm
 - Memorial Hall at Bismarck State Capitol Building
- **Out-of-School Time Summer Conference**
 - July 30-31, 2019
 - Bismarck Career Academy
 - Youth Engagement & Workforce Readiness in Afterschool



Stay Involved...

- National Summer Learning Week

July 8-13, 2019

- Lights on Afterschool

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Thank you!

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