The Future of Childhood: Immersive Media and Child Development

This past November 7 and 8, the Joan Ganz Cooney Center, Center for Science and the Imagination and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society at Arizona State University, and Dubit convened about 60 leaders at the inaugural Future of Childhood Salon on Immersive Media and Child Development. Participants representing the fields of education, research, pediatric medicine, technology policy, content creation, hardware development, and more began thinking about the opportunities and risks of immersive media (i.e., augmented, virtual, and mixed realities) for young children. In 2019, we will share a summary of the outcomes of this event that we hope will continue the conversation.

Learn more about the event
Computational Thinking in Storytime with Robots

What happens when you combine storytime with computational thinking? Claudia Haines shares a recent family event she hosted at Homer Public Library, in which she made coding activities fun and accessible for young children and their families.

How Latino Families Find Information Together

Latino immigrant parents in lower-income households with limited English-language proficiency rely on their children to help them navigate the Internet. Wendy Roldan describes findings from a study about how children and parents rely on each other to find and manage information together.

The Time is Now: Investing Early in our Children's Future

This week, Omidyar Network, Sesame Workshop and Promise Venture Studio are hosting Early Futures: a first-of-its-kind two-day gathering of leaders who have
recognized that the early years are a critical time for new investments in our nation’s most precious resource, our children. A cross-section of 200 leaders from within and outside the field of early learning and development will convene to form partnerships, gain exposure to new ideas, and support a field that is percolating with exciting innovations and a new cadre of entrepreneurs.

What We're Reading

- Joining Together to Create a Bold Vision for Next-Generation Family Engagement: Engaging Families to Transform Education (Global Family Research Project)
- One School District’s Simple Solution to the Homework Gap? Local Businesses (EdSurge)
- What the Times got wrong about kids and phones (CJR)