Announcing the 2018-2019 FamLAB Spark Grant Recipients

The Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop is thrilled to announce the recipients of the Families Learning Across Boundaries (FamLAB) Spark Grants, a program designed to identify, support, and promote innovative approaches to help children and youth ages 3-12 learn more deeply across home, community, and school settings. These four cross-sectoral teams represent a community of researchers, practitioners, and developers who are exploring ways to facilitate learning across boundaries, and the projects were selected for their potential to scale and to influence other partnerships in communities around the nation. Learn more about these innovative family and community engagement initiatives here.
Digital Play for Global Citizens Family Engagement Workshops at Local Libraries

This summer, librarians Anne Bensfield and Naomi Priddy hosted workshops inspired by the Joan Ganz Cooney Center’s Digital Play for Global Citizens guide at Oak Park Public Libraries. They highlighted resources featured in the guide, as well as those in the library’s own collections, with opportunities to think about global citizenship and how digital tools provide opportunities to explore the world. They share tips for other libraries interested in designing similar workshops in their communities here.

Future of Childhood: Immersive Media and Child Development

In early November, the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, Arizona State University’s School for the Future of Innovation in Society, and Dubit will convene a small group of leaders in child health, the learning sciences, children’s media developers, and hardware developers to proactively imagine a future in which immersive media (AR/VR/MR) is ubiquitous—so we can understand research questions and best practices that will lead to responsible use of these technologies with young children. Learn more about the goals here, and stay tuned for a summary after the event!

Upcoming Events

- **Children’s Media Association–Bay Area Town Hall** November 1
- **18th Annual Dust or Magic Fall Institute** November 4-6
- **Future of Childhood Salon: Immersive Media and Child Development** November 7-8

View more events on the Cooney Center Events Calendar
What We're Reading

- **A Case Study on Putting Parents at the Center of Early Childhood Solutions** (Early Learning Lab)
- **Joining Together to Create a Bold Vision for Next-Generation Family Engagement: Engaging Families to Transform Education** (Global Family Research Project)
- **YouTube Launches $20 Million Fund as Part of ‘Learning’ Initiative** (EdSurge)