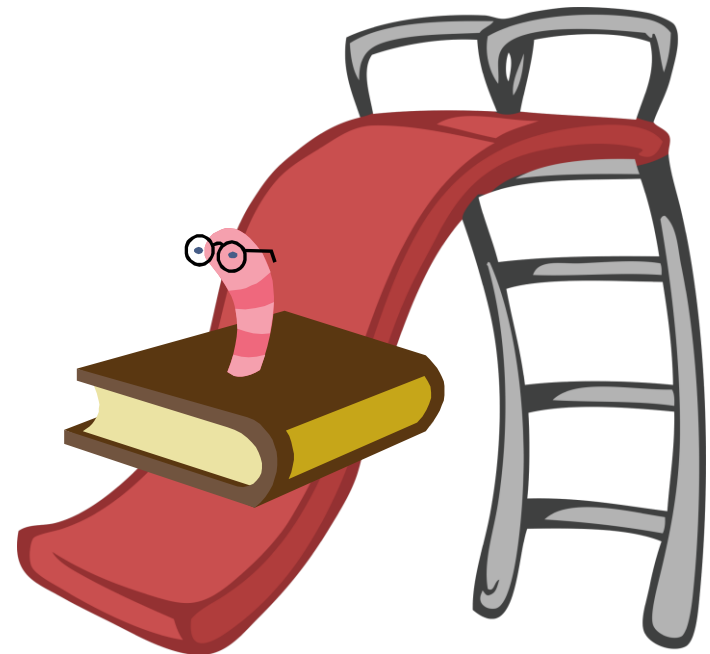


SUMMER

LITERACY

SLIDE



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Brief background
- Summer Reading Achievement Pilot
- Future Recommendations

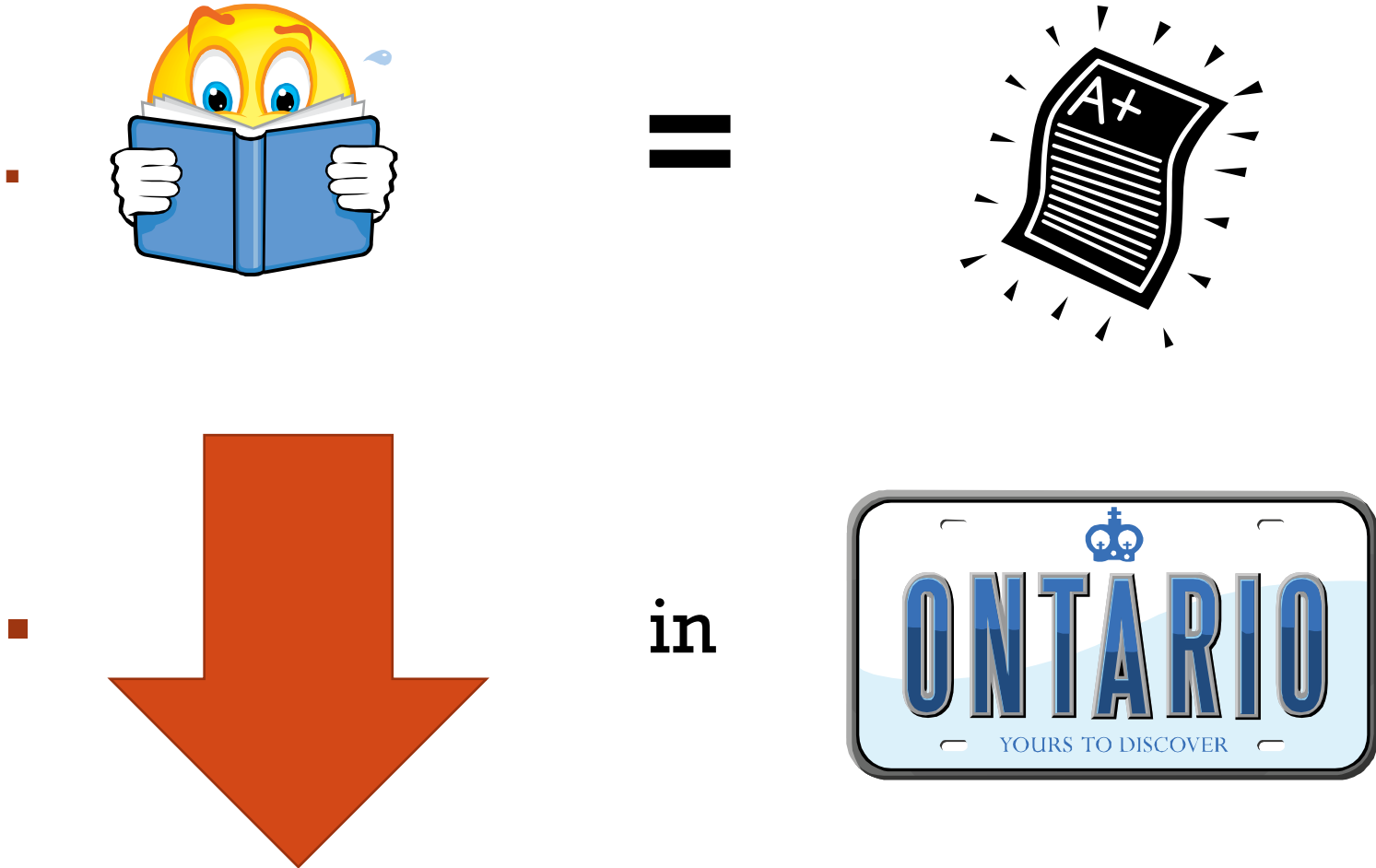


BACKGROUND — WHAT WE KNOW

1. Literacy is a key SDOH
2. Low-income children lose more reading skills due to summer vacation than their middle and high income peers
3. Early Development Instrument
4. Attitude impacts reading



ATTITUDES TOWARDS READING

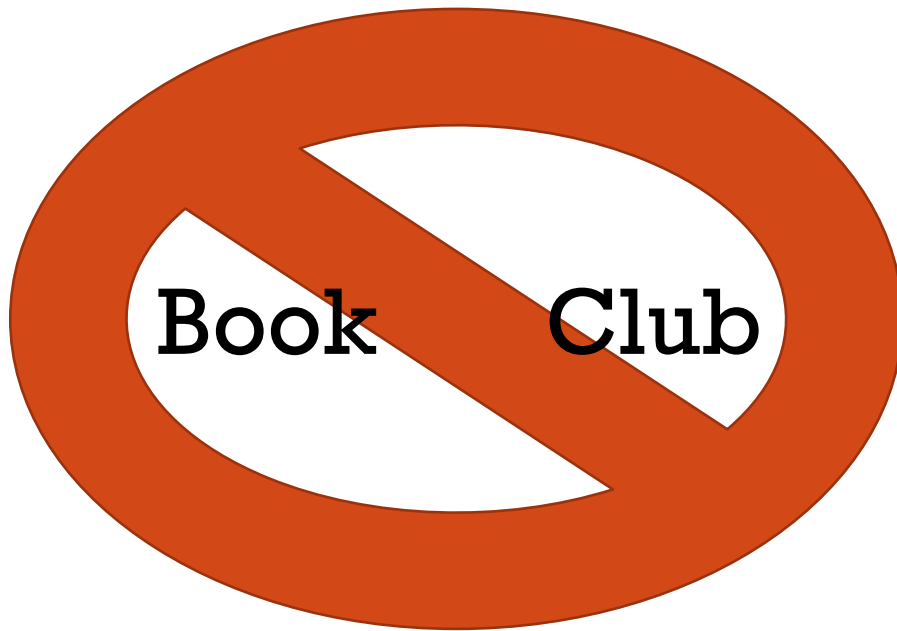


IMPACTS OF SUMMER READING CLUBS

- Increases vocabulary
- Increases reading comprehension
- Increases imagination and creativity
- Increases general knowledge
- Increases other types of literacy
- Increases confidence
- Increases parental reading
- Increases types of materials read



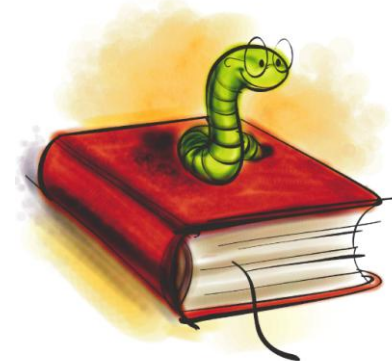
HOW CAN WE HELP



SUMMER READING ACHIEVEMENT PILOT

June-August 2013

- Collaboration between Child & Youth Initiative, Ottawa Public Library & Coalition of Community Houses
- The pilot was comprised of a training session, visits from librarians and provision of tools such as boxes of books
- Staff at community houses were asked to build literacy into their existing summer programs run at community houses in Ottawa
- Our aim was to mitigate the reading gap



QUESTIONNAIRE

Circle the picture that shows...

How do you feel when you read?



How do you feel when someone reads to you?



How many books do you want to read this summer?



- The pilot program was evaluated through short questionnaires that children (6-12 years) completed about their attitudes toward reading
- One questionnaire was completed at the beginning of the pilot and one at the end. Results were compared.
- Participants: 139 children from nine community houses participated and 67 children were retained in the final analysis



QUESTIONNAIRE SAMPLE

Circle the picture that shows...
How do you feel when you read?



RESULTS

- Nearly half of children demonstrated an increased interest in reading (**49%**)
- Over one fourth of children reported a more positive attitude toward reading (**27%**)
- Over one fourth of children reported a more positive attitude toward being read to (**37%**)
- Many children had positive attitudes toward reading at the beginning of the program, which were maintained throughout the summer



LIMITATIONS

- There were a number of limitations with data collection and analysis :
 - Infrequent attendance
 - Incomplete responses
 - Varying program length
 - Varying program content



STAFF TRAINING

June 2013

- Eleven community houses attended the training session
- Hosted by the Ottawa Public Library
- Staff were provided with take away tools and tips that would help them to integrate literacy into their existing programs



STAFF TRAINING

- Staff were encouraged to be creative and adapt to their group's age and interests.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS[®]

By Bil Keane



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"Why do I have to keep writin' in these K's when they don't make any noise anyway?"



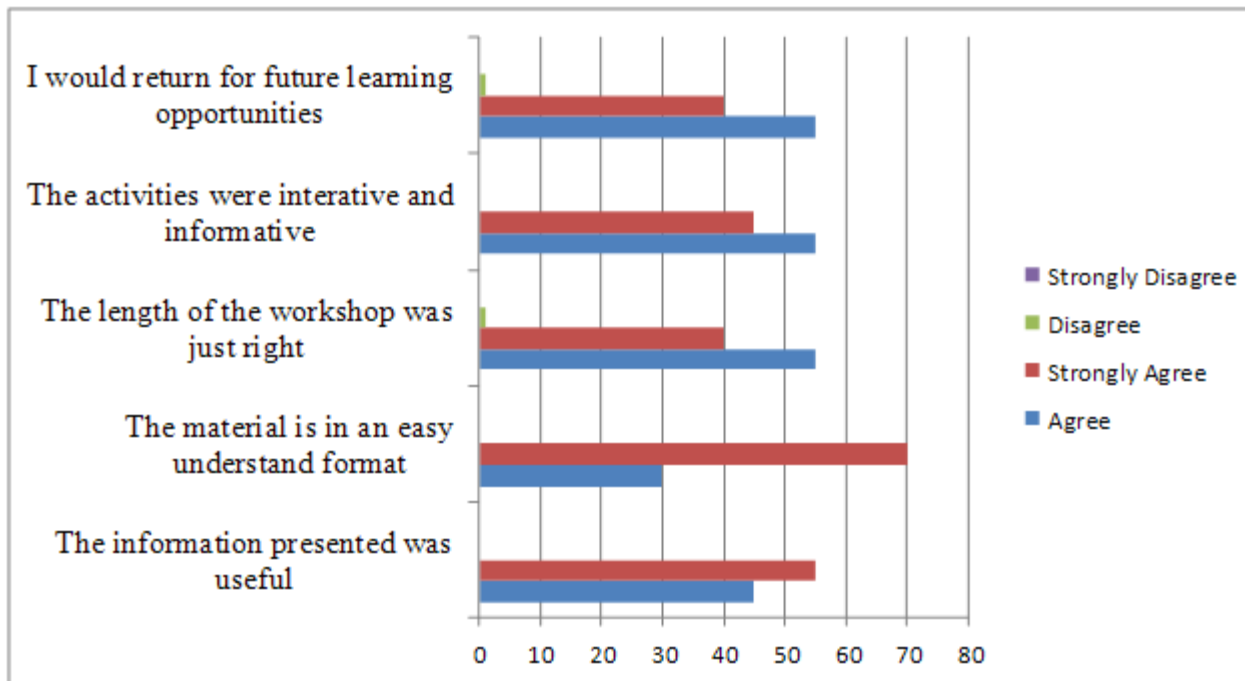
STAFF EVALUATIONS

- There were two sets of staff evaluations: one directly after the training (June) & one at the end of the pilot program (late August)
- Results were very positive from both of the evaluations
- Following the training, almost all staff indicated that the session was useful or very useful (**95%**)
- Following the pilot, many staff indicated that they were able to integrate the skills learned into their programming (**73%**)



STAFF EVALUATIONS

Following the training session in June...



STAFF COMMENTS

Following the pilot program in August...

What did you like most about the workshop? What was the most effective or helpful thing you learned?

- Group work-- reading and brainstorming together
- The hands-on approach of the workshop
- The examples provided and the program planning sheet

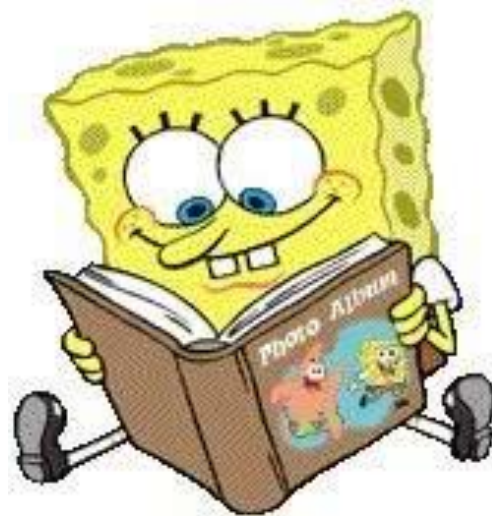
Please let us know if you have any suggestions to improve our session.

- Have other community staff present materials during the workshop
- Include more ideas for games, visuals, activities
- Tip sheets on how to address challenges, i.e. getting youth motivated to read
- Provide community house staff throughout Ottawa with an opportunity to share their experiences and discuss challenges with each other
- Further support with visits and supplies by community agencies



OVERALL

- Overall the pilot was a success!



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Best practices
- Partnerships
- Support



JOIN US!

Date: Tuesday, January 14 at 2:00pm!

Location: TBD

RSVP: info@growingupgreat.ca



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**QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?
RECOMMENDATIONS?**

THANK YOU

