

# WORD PLAY

THE ISJL'S LITERACY  
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**Welcome** to all of our literacy-loving families and community partners! Whether you joined us for a week of fun at the LAB or for six Saturdays with

Our Reading Family, or are an advocate for your community, our team is thrilled to introduce this quarterly newsletter. *Word Play* will keep us connected and provide resources as you and your young readers write, speak, read, and listen together. We look forward to seeing you and hearing about all the amazing literary adventures you went on this summer!

*Dave Miller*

*Director of Community Engagement*



## Summer Word Play

What word begins and ends with "e" but only has one letter?

*Answer: envelope*

## The Bonanza keeps on going!



Over 100 students, 70 volunteers, and 20 staff members joined up over spring break at Jackson State University for a week of nonstop literacy fun.

Click the button below and [visit our website](#) to learn about the magic that happens when literacy and day camp come together!

Join the LAB Community Facebook group!



[Find an afterschool program provider here.](#)

## Bringing LAB to Afterschool

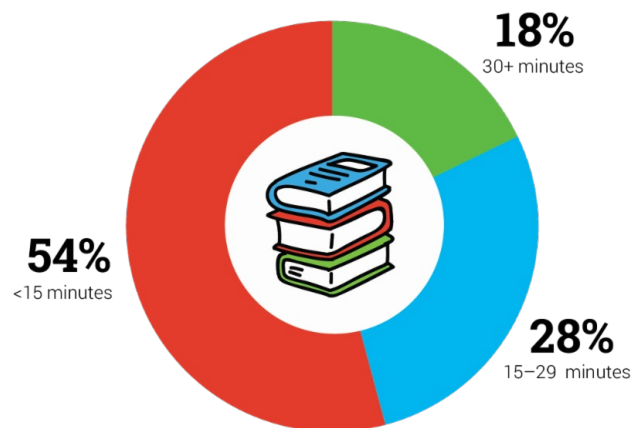
Staff members Rachel Glazer and Lizzi Meister recently spent the day at the MS Statewide Afterschool Network's Conference at the Jackson Convention Complex teaching afterschool providers from across the state about how to create engaging, imaginative, and fun literacy-based content for their students.

## Reading by the Numbers

Check out [this article from School Leaders Now](#) that breaks down the most recent statistics regarding growth for struggling readers.

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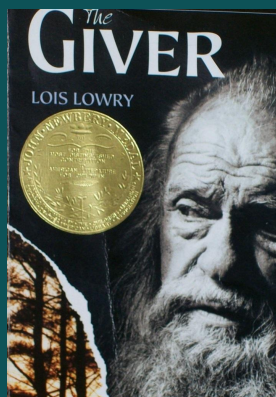
Most students read less than 15 minutes per day



## Staff Picks

Each month, our staff members highlight their favorite reads and listens. Literacy doesn't just happen in the words on a page: it can be auditory, visual, and interactive, too.

Many of these picks are great for students and family members to enjoy together!



**Circle Round** is a storytelling podcast for kids ages 4 to 10 that tells carefully-selected folktales from around the world in 10 to 20 minute episodes that delve into topics such as kindness, persistence and generosity.

*Rachel says: "My mom used to tell beautiful stories to my sister and me on long car rides. This podcast takes me back to those days and teaches me about stories from around the world. They often have famous actors perform the stories, so you just might hear a familiar voice!"*

In **The Giver**, Jonas receives the memories of the past, good and bad, from the current Receiver, a wise old man who tells Jonas to call him the Giver. This dystopian novel follows Jonas's journey of becoming the Receiver, setting himself apart from his society.

*Lizzi says: "This is my favorite book. Jonas is learning how to challenge the status quo of his society while still attempting to respect the expectations of his community. He grapples with morality in a way that still resonates with me, even after the 50th read."*

At **FutureMe.Org**, write a letter with goals or words of wisdom to future yourself. Pick a date to have the website email your letter a few months or years later and see how much you've changed. This is a great activity for the start of the new school year.

*Ava says: "I love writing a letter to myself in the future and seeing where I came from compared to where I am presently. This user-friendly website allows you to write a letter and pick a time it gets emailed to you so you don't forget to open it!"*

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