

# Promoting Reading Over the Summer Hawaii State Board of Education May 1, 2012

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## Agenda

- Who We Are and What We Do
- The Achievement Gap
- Mitigating Summer Loss





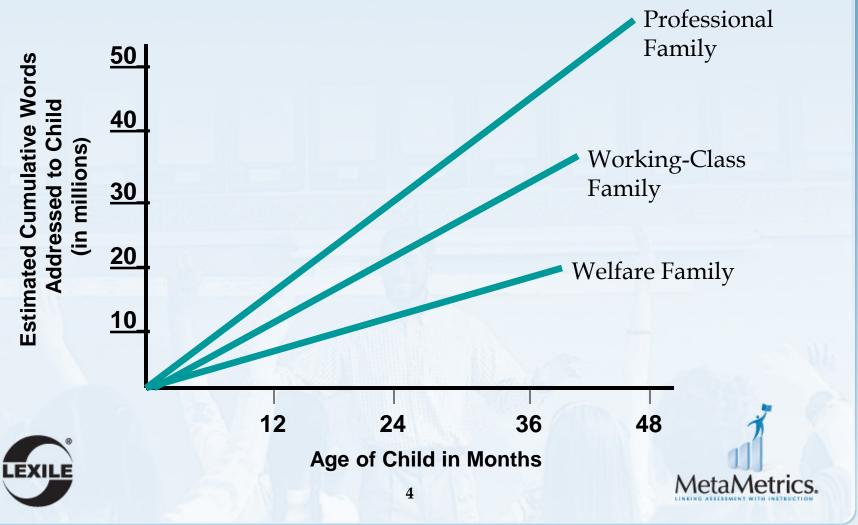
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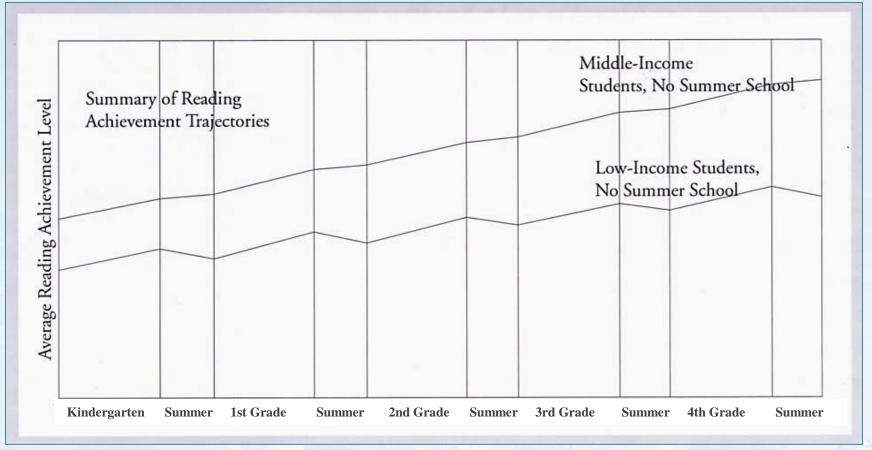




## Estimated Cumulative Differences in Language Experience by 4 Years of Age



## Mitigate Summer Learning Loss





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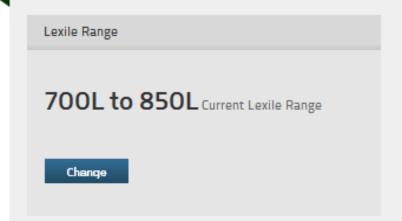
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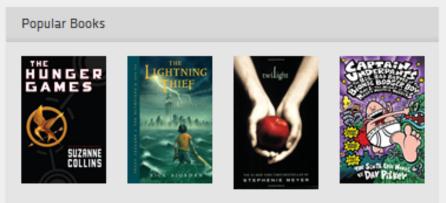
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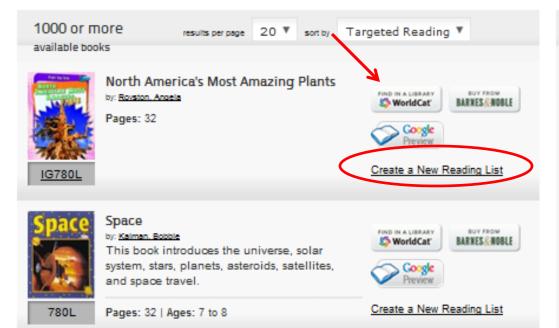
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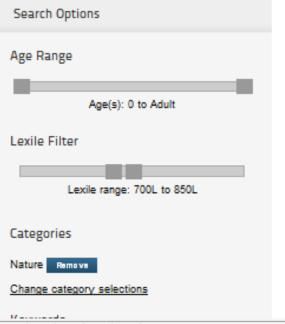
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