

# AfterSchool Academic Enrichment

## Expanded Learning Programs, Grades K-6

Out-of-school academic enrichment powerfully supports kids' learning in a way that is fun and engaging. Intentionally designed for after-school settings, and field-tested with leading partners, our programs help create a space and an environment in which kids feel safe learning and expressing themselves. Students are invited to expand their thinking and share their ideas, which in turn builds their confidence and success.

### AFTERSCHOOL KIDZLIT®, GRADES K-5

#### Reading Comes to Life!

The *AfterSchool KidzLit* program is a reading enrichment program designed for out-of-school settings. Kids hear terrific fiction and nonfiction books read aloud—or read books independently—and make connections between the stories and their own lives. Working with partners or in groups, the kids have opportunities to express their feelings and explore big ideas through discussion, drama, art, movement, and writing. The program promotes reading motivation and capacity to read, as well as thinking skills and social development. *KidzLit* is aligned with the Common Core State Standards, the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) standards, and other state standards.

### AFTERSCHOOL KIDZLIBRARY, GRADES K-6

Children learn how to read in school, but leaders can support them during out-of-school time by offering books that encourage them to put reading into practice by being read to and reading independently. Research shows that reading proficiency increases with the amount of time children spend reading on their own. Providing children with a variety of books at their reading levels gives them the opportunity to read independently and build their reading skills. And as Marilyn Jager Adams says, “Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.” *KidzLibrary* gives leaders the opportunity to do both of these things with a handbook written specifically for Expanded Learning leaders.



#### Learn More!

To learn more, download a sample lesson: [info.collaborativeclassroom.org/afterschool-enrichment](https://info.collaborativeclassroom.org/afterschool-enrichment).

#### Questions?

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