



## The Benefits of Association with the YOUmedia Learning Labs Network

A 2017 survey showed that the YOUmedia Learning Labs Network serves an estimated **130,000 youth annually**. Our national network enables practitioners to connect, share programs, and engage in high-quality continued professional development. Associated labs in the YOUmedia network gain access to the following benefits:

### Innovative Professional Development

The YOUmedia Network offers associated labs a wealth of resources, including:

- Vetted lesson plans and supply lists
- Program development
- Program evaluation
- Sustainability strategies
- Communications plans

This also includes access to a longstanding community of administrators, program directors, and mentors, both online through a community of practice ([community.youmedia.org](http://community.youmedia.org)), and in-person at network retreats and conference opportunities. Network labs are also regularly convened to develop professional development across network labs, creating a cohesive, YOUmedia-branded set of resources.

### Visibility

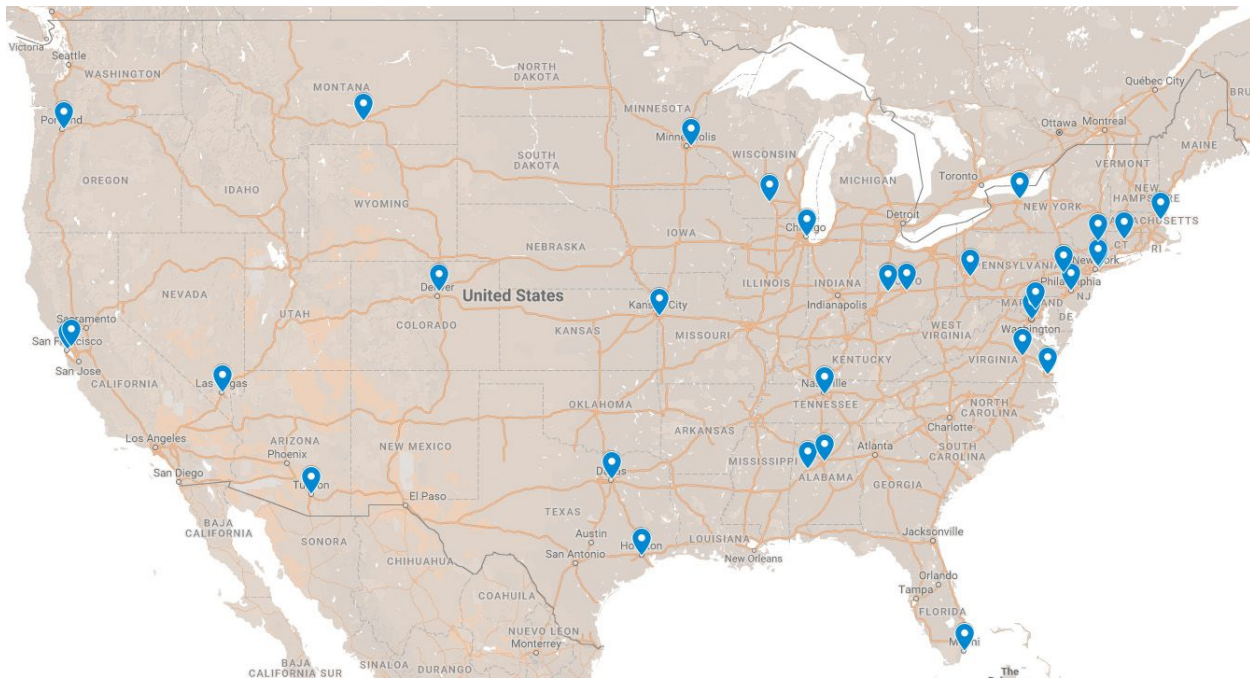
As part of a nationally recognized and supported network launched by the MacArthur Foundation and the Institute for Museum and Library Services beginning in 2009, labs have access to the use of the national brand, marketing tools and expertise including representation in YOUmedia press coverage. Labs share branding strategies, which allows them to increase efficiency while collectively offering resources and programs, informed by the national network.

### Research

The YOUmedia Learning Labs Network is leading the field of 21st century digital literacy in formal and informal learning spaces such as libraries, museums, community centers, and schools. The practices are based in research from the Digital Media and Learning Research Hub, the University of Chicago, and is actively working with nationally-recognized researchers in the fields of education, cultural anthropology, learning sciences, and digital learning. By joining the network, your institution will have access to new opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research to measure and show 21st century learning skills and digital literacy, youth-engagement methodologies, ways of engaging with new opportunities and technology, mentor-supported informal learning, outcome measurement strategies, and access to evaluation tools.

### Opportunities for Funding

All labs in the YOUmedia Learning Labs Network are eligible for national grants, corporate sponsorships, and other funding streams. The YOUmedia Network actively pursues shared funding opportunities from national foundations through its home at the National Writing Project, and has dedicated staff for grant writing, reporting, and fiscal agency.



## 2018-2019 Associated Labs in the YOUmedia Learning Labs Network

TPL Teen Zone  
Tuscaloosa Public Library, AL

ARTLAB+  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC

Create 205  
Birmingham Public Library, AL

TECH Lab,  
Billings Public Library, MT

The Labs @ CLP  
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, PA

YOUmedia Chicago  
Chicago Public Library, IL

SURGE Columbus  
Columbus, OH

Dallas Museum of Art, TX

DaVinci Science Center  
Allentown, PA

DreamYard, Bronx, NY

Maker Jawn,  
Free Library of Philadelphia, PA

YOUmedia Hartford  
Hartford Public Library, CT

Howard County Public Library  
Columbia, MD

Kansas City Digital Media Lab (KCDML)  
Kansas City Public Library MO

TechArt  
Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, NV

TechHive  
Lawrence Hall of Science  
Berkeley, CA

QuaranTEEN  
Lynn Public Library, MA

Madison Children's Museum  
Madison, WI

YOUmedia Miami  
Miami-Dade Public Library, FL

imagineYOU@Teen Central  
Monroe County Library System  
Rochester, NY

Rockwood Makerspace  
Multnomah County Library  
Portland, OR

hang@MFAH

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Studio NPL  
Nashville Public Library, TN

Makerspace  
New York Hall of Science, NY

Norfolk Public Library, VA

101Space  
Pima County Public Library  
Tucson, AZ

Teen Media Lab  
Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Poughkeepsie, NY

The Studio  
Anythink Libraries, CO

Createch  
Saint Paul Public Library, MN

The Mix at SFPL  
San Francisco Public Library, CA

The MiX  
Science Museum of Virginia  
Richmond, VA

YOUmedia Springfield  
Greater Springfield  
CareerConnectED, OH