

Episode 50 Interview with Leslie Summers

In this episode, Early and Elementary Learning Specialists Becky Lewis and Danielle Irby interview Leslie Summers. Leslie works in the WVU Extension Office and discusses some of the work that she does as the 4H agent that serves Cabell County. Her role as the 4-H agent is to focus on positive youth development by offering programs to Cabell County students. She also shares with us that her office just completed a statewide needs assessment survey and the data gathered has been very helpful for them to plan programming and assistance for students. Leslie also enlightens listeners with one of her most memorable moments in her work at Explorer Academy with Danielle Irby. This experience deals with introducing students to a high tunnel and allowing them to grow different types of plants, including watermelon. Students got to hold, taste, and even take home some of the fruits and vegetables they grew. Leslie goes into further detail about other resources and the extended day/extended programming the WVU extension office offers.

What to Listen for:

- What types of extended learning do you provide to schools? Is it dependent on each county?
- Does the extension office provide support to each county? If so, what do schools need to do to reach out to get support?
- What are the ages of students you can service?
- Are there any additional resources that the WVU extension office provides to families in the community?

Resources:

Most recently updated Article (2021):

<http://afterschoolalliance.org/documents/AA3PM/AA3PM-STEM-Report-2021.pdf>

Research for WV: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/policyStateFacts.cfm?state=WV>

Leaders of Literacy Podcast Episode 19:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7bOzutSza9lYLM2To0d1pt?si=281030691fa84542>

Leaders of Literacy Episode 20:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/03taTntqkN6yUq00UahZBD?si=61074e2bbd2642b9>

Leaders of Literacy Episode 21:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5MVy0JMKhScPrGlrEVzZ3R?si=7a9f285c240842aa>

Leaders of Literacy Episode 22:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/0u2Ym3HnVzmYfx1BUqQR3h?si=3cc89782f89c4b99>

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