



LINK Program in Kentucky with Innovative Approaches to Literacy Program (IAL) through the U.S. Department of Education and KEDC

The work of KEDC's LINK is to provide and expand early literacy for young children, motivate older children to read, and to increase student achievement by using school libraries as partners to improve literacy, distributing free books to children and their families, and to offer high-quality literacy activities.

- LINK is a grant obtained by the Kentucky Educational Development Cooperative (KEDC)
- KEDC's LINK is an educational service provider serving the 12,321 students in a consortia of eight Rural (based on data from National Center for Education Statistics) districts in Eastern Kentucky of:

Barbourville Independent Schools
Knox County Schools
Lee County Schools
Lewis County Schools
Middlesboro Independent Schools
Owsley County Schools
Pineville Independent Schools
Wolfe County Schools

KEDC and LINK are completing literacy work in partnership with:

STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES:
Morehead State University (MSU)
Union College (UC)
Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)
Reading is Fundamental (RIF)
Collaborative Center for Literacy Development (CCLD) – State Agency

NATIONAL NON-PROFITS:
National Literacy Project (NLP)
Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

- KEDC's LINK's Primary Goals are:
 - 1) Leveraging Technology to Support Instructional Practice and Professional Development by providing online access to books and computer based RTI screeners and remediation. Staff will also be trained how to improve literacy skills through technology.
 - 2) Improving Early Learning and Development Outcomes by providing small group and summer literacy opportunities for early learners and using RTI to enhance their opportunities for remediation and Serving Rural Local Educational Agencies.