



Youth Writers

# 2019-2020 Annual Report

July 2019 – June 2020

**826**  
Total participants



**14,868**  
hours of creative instruction received by 826 students

*I leave here with a sense of knowledge about writing. I leave here with my friends, memories, and fun activities. I leave here with experiences I adored. I leave here with the stories I have made. . . I leave here as a different writer.*

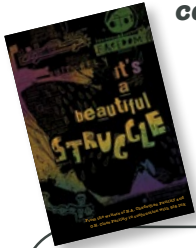
—Triune C., 5th Grade

**26**  
Publications



*I leave here with knowing that writing isn't just for dorks and your true feelings might come out when you're writing and someone else can feel what you have to say.*

— Anonymous high school student from the Department of Juvenile Justice



**8**  
school districts  
**43**  
programs  
**31**  
school sites

### Stockton Department of Justice

We expanded our work with system-involved youth by launching programming with the young people in the Stockton Department of Justice schools.



**84%**

Improved attitudes towards writing

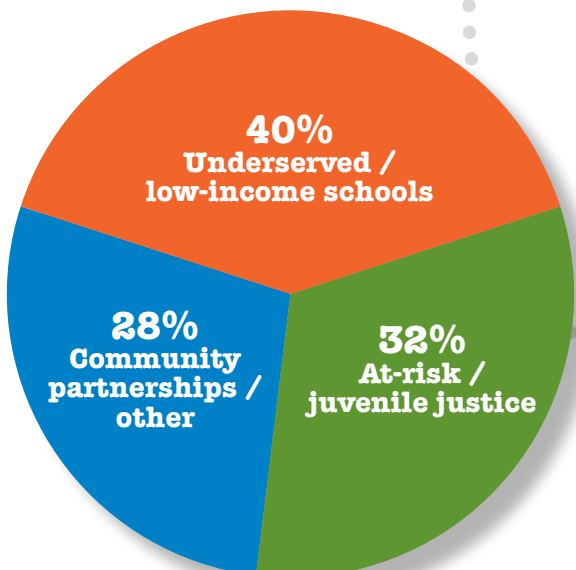
**66%**

Improved academic behaviors, like journaling, asking for help, completing homework

**84%**

Improved in terms of social/emotional development

### Workshops occur in:



### Author's Lab

Responding to demand from our Word Squad youth for a more advanced program, we added "Author's Lab," a second drop-in after-school program for middle school youth who have already gone through a 916 Ink program.



## Key Funders

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Visions in Education



**Ink at Home**



### **Ink at Home / Ink TV:**

When the pandemic shut down in-person programming in March 2020, we were inspired to identify avenues to continue reaching youth. We created a library of prompts, videos for parents, and a YouTube TV series to allow children to write along with Ink at Home.



## **The World of Books**

Published in *Releasing Souls of XOXO*, Spring 2020

Maggy Z., 3rd grade



There's a world I know of that's full of creativity and wonder, joy and sadness, love and hatred, and all you have to do to get to that world is open a book and read. In a book, anything can happen; anyone can do anything they want, and no one can't do anything. In this world, nothing is impossible, and everything is possible. There are specific people who make these worlds, and these people are called authors. If you want to, you can give other people the same thing other people give you.



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## **Funding Sources**

