

Top Takeaways From ILA's 2017 What's Hot in Literacy Report

1. Assessment/Standards is hot but not as important as other topics.

It ranked **No.1** among all hot topics but fell to **No.12** in terms of importance at the community level and **No.10** at the country level.

2. Early Literacy is both hot and important.

Of all respondents, **58%** and **54%** felt it was either *very* or *extremely hot* at the community and country levels, respectively, while **80%** and **78%** felt it was *very* or *extremely important*.

3. We should be talking more about Literacy in Resource-Limited Settings.

It's not in the top five hot topics, yet it's in the top five important topics, ranking **No. 3** at both community and country levels.

4. Access to Books and Content is more important than it is hot.

It's in the top five important topics—but only **39%** in the community and **36%** in the country viewed it as *very* or *extremely hot*. Translation: This topic needs far more attention.

5. Teacher Professional Learning and Development is extremely important.

At the country level, 47% rated it very or extremely hot, and 71% rated it very or extremely important.

6. Digital Literacy may be hot, but it's not considered as important as other topics.

Respondents found it to be either very or extremely important (59% at the community level and 63% at the country level), but overall it lagged behind topics rated more important such as Disciplinary Literacy and English Learners.

7. Parent Engagement is more important than it is hot.

Only **38%** of respondents rated it *very* or *extremely hot* at the community level and **32%** at the country level. In terms of importance, it rose to **68%** at the community level and **62%** at the country level.

8. School Administrators as Literacy Leaders ranks low among respondents.

The topic ranked low among both hot and important topics, with **29%** and **22%** stating it was *not* at all hot in their community and country, respectively. It ranked **13th** in terms of importance at both community and country levels.

9. Dual Language Literacy Skills and Programs are not important to our respondents.

In the community, **61%** felt the topic was *not* at all or slightly hot and **41%** felt it was *not* at all or slightly important. In the country, **48%** stated it was *not* at all or slightly hot and **30%** stated it was *not* at all or slightly important.

10. But English Learners are.

At the country level, the topic was ranked the **6th** hottest (**49%** rated it very or extremely hot) and **5th** most important (**68%** rated it very or extremely important).