- 100+ schools around the country, 42 states
- Builds on students’ love of media and challenges them to tell meaningful stories with IMPACT and SHARE with community
- Authentic national audience of 1.4 million+
- Curriculum combines STEM Literacy, journalism, social media efficacy
- Teacher Professional Development, Student Academy
- Google Hangouts w/ research scientists mentors
- Digital Badges – STEM reporter badge is micro-credential representing career-ready skills
2013 Evaluation: Pre-Post Surveys of 400+ SRL students
Professor Renee Hobbs, Media Lab at Temple University

- Significant increases in intellectual curiosity and problem solving
- Heightened civic awareness and an increased likelihood that students will participate in civic engagement activities, particularly ones that are digital and collaborative
- Development of media production skills that involved gathering and synthesizing information, using digital media and technology to communicate ideas
- More selectivity in their media use choices, and a shift towards high-quality news sources over entertainment-type news.
- Tuning in more to PBS and NPR and less to TMZ and similar sites/sources
SRL STEM Curriculum: Journalism + NGSS

NGSS Core Practices + NGSS Core Shifts

• What is STEM and why should we care?
• STEM is everywhere: sports, arts, social justice, environment
• What is NEWSWORTHY? Information vs STEM news
• Compelling storytelling: STEM Story Scorecard
• 4 ways to find a story: local news, local research institution, daily journal, “I’ve always wondered..”
• STEM Journalism Ethics
• Research review worksheet: role of uncertainty, poke holes in research methods
• Develop pre-interview and interview questions from web research
• Data visualization- brainstorm shots and images to match sound
“The whole town is abuzz. This is just thrilling for our kids. They really feel so isolated from the outside world. This makes them feel so connected and empowered.”
- teacher Susan Johnson, WV