

Niagara Frontier Reading Council Fall Conference 2009

Saturday, October 17th
Hearthstone Manor
333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043

“Read to Write: Teaching Precision & Poetry through Powerful Print”

Keynote speaker Jeff Anderson: “The Write Guy” will offer teaching tactics for building effective writing and editing skills in students. Get ready for a passel of practical strategies for developing critical thinkers, writers, and readers from the author of: [*Everyday Editing: Inviting Students to Develop Skill and Craft in Writer's Workshop*](#); and [*Mechanically Inclined: Building Grammar, Usage and Style into Writer's Workshop*](#). Mr. Anderson’s books will be available for sale and signed by the author at the Stenhouse table in the Exhibitors’ Hall during registration and the break. For more information, visit www.writeguy.net.

Breakout sessions:

Following the keynote address, choose two sessions offered by teaching professionals.

- **“Light the Fire of Family Literacy”** Sue Busch (Ken-Ton SD) shares ideas for motivational parent information nights. Participants receive a packet with promotional items, sample schedules, and other event-specific handouts.
- **“Tools for Literacy Leaders: Providing Professional Support”** Dr. Keli Garas-York (Buffalo State) and Dr. Lynn Shanahan (Univ. of Buffalo) team up to discuss in-class coaching, collaborative planning, book clubs, study groups, and more.
- **“Creating Readers for Life: A Reading Center Approach to the Daily 5”** Kathleen Montesanti and Peg Aldrich (Clarence CSD) offer specifics on how to develop a Readers’ Workshop Model in a reading center.
- **“Phonemic Awareness Songs and Poems for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students** Donna Potter and Lisa Oun (Colden Elem.) highlight ways to provide experiences that lead to a better understanding of early phonemic skills.

- **“Walking the Red Carpet with Poetry”** Kristen Krypel and Maria Bork (Northwood Elem.; West Seneca CSD) share ideas and techniques for incorporating poetry into theme units in Grades 1-3; handout provided.
- **"Improving Student Fluency: Using iPods in a Book Buddy Model"** Bob Polino, Jenn Golias, Marissa DeBacco, and Aliscia Krecisz (Niagara Wheatfield CSD) describe a program they used successfully with primary and intermediate students.
- **“Dream, Discover, Dig: Keeping A Writer’s Notebook”** Children’s poet Amy Ludwig VanDerwater explores strategies for using the writer’s notebook in the classroom.
- **“Using Picture Books in Middle School and High School Classrooms”** Sarah Kozarowicz (Emmet Belknap Middle; Lockport) and Dr. Donna Kester Phillips (Niagara Univ.) highlight the benefits of using picture books to reach the needs of teens.
- **“Going Graphic: Using Comic and Graphic Novels to Teach Comprehension** Author and teacher Terry Thompson of Humble ISD, TX offers suggestions for teaching with comics in a way that correlates with best practices in comprehension instruction. ***Terry will sign his book on the subject in the Exhibitors’ Hall during registration and the break.***

Lunch speaker Paul B. Janeczko: This award-winning poet of over forty books will regale participants with memorable anecdotes and offer useful tips for celebrating poetry in the classroom. His most recent picture books include *A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing, and Shout*, his third collaboration with Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka; and *Birds on a Wire: A Renga ‘Round Town* co-authored with J. Patrick Lewis (renga is a form of traditional Japanese linked poems). Mr. Janeczko has also developed “how-to” poetry manuals for teachers and students, including *Seeing the Blue Between: Advice and Inspiration for Young Poets*. Mr. Janeczko will sign copies of his books, available for purchase at the conference, during registration and the break. For more information, visit www.paulbjanezko.com.

Also:

* Exhibitors’ Hall

* Continental breakfast

* Buffet lunch

* Coffee, Coffee, Coffee all morning! *

* Popular and Eagerly Anticipated Annual Raffle! *

* **NFRC Store—Check out the new merchandise, including snazzy t-shirts and eye-catching READ lapel pins! No tax! Cash and check only.***

Plan now to enjoy a lively morning of learning on **Saturday, October 17, 2009** at the **Hearthstone Manor**, 333 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043.

**** Registration and book sales/signing begins at 7:45. ****

Conference begins promptly and runs 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM.

Visit the NFRC website (www.thenfrc.org) for registration forms.

Contact conference chair Judy Bradbury at judyreads@bluefrog.com for more information.

Don't miss this event!

