

Niagara Frontier Reading Council
Fall Mini-Conference

Believe!

Saturday, October 4, 2014

9:00-11:15am

(Registration/Breakfast begins at 8:00am)

Center for Tomorrow
UB North Campus - Amherst
(Corner of Maple and Flint Roads
diagonally across from Zetti's
Pizza)

Join the NFRC in kicking off our Professional Development series for the 2014-2015 school year with our annual fall "Mini-Conference." Not only will you receive membership in the **Niagara Frontier Reading Council** and the **New York State Reading Association**, you also will be treated to insights from Greg Ahlquist, 2013 NYS Teacher of the Year. He will discuss the transformative power of belief and motivate us to face the new school year's challenges with renewed vigor and enthusiasm!

The NFRC Fall Mini-Conference will also include the launching of the second year of the NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group! Your registration fee includes a copy of the book, which retails for \$23.75! You won't want to miss this event! Register today!

NFRC Fall Mini-Conference includes...

- 2 Professional Memberships: NFRC and NYSRA! (\$35.00 value)
- Presentation by 2013 NYS Teacher of the Year!
- Copy of NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group selection:
Falling in Love with Close Reading: Lessons for Analyzing Texts – and Life (\$23.75 value)
- Continental Breakfast

Total Cost: \$60.00

Questions?

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Agenda

8:00-8:45am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

- Freshly baked mini muffins, croissants, pastries, and bagels
- Fruit display
- Assorted juices
- Coffee/Tea

9:00-10:00am

Greg Ahlquist: 2013 NYS Teacher of the Year

- "The Transformative Power of Belief"
- Q & A

10:15 -11:15am

NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group

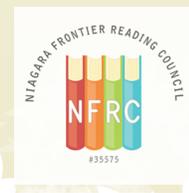
- A professional resource for everyone who registers by the deadline
- Book introduction and exploration
- Details on PBDG and sign-up

Registration

Register online:
www.thenfrc.org

OR

Mail registration form to:
Carol Bush
57 Minard St.
Lockport, NY 14094



2013 NYS Teacher of the Year:

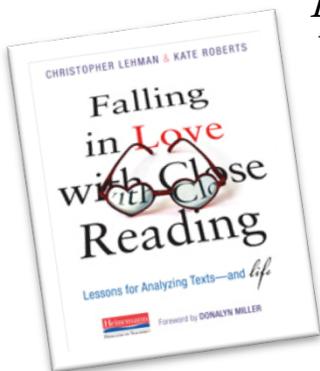
Greg Ahlquist



Greg Ahlquist, a Social Studies teacher from Webster, NY, was named the 2013 New York State Teacher of the Year. He has taught a variety of courses including AP World History, AP European History, and a Holocaust elective at Webster Thomas High School. He has also served as a lecturer at SUNY Geneseo teaching Humanities, History courses, and Latin. In addition to teaching, Ahlquist works for the New York State Department of Education as a consultant in Social Studies.

As NYS Teacher of the Year, Greg Ahlquist challenges all stakeholders in education to clearly define what we believe about learning and students, because beliefs always impact our actions. Based on Carol Dweck's seminal research on mindsets, Ahlquist presents important applications of clearly defined beliefs and their impact on education in general and teachers in particular.

Be a Part of the NFRC Professional Book Discussion Group!



Falling in Love with Close Reading: Lessons for Analyzing Texts – and Life by Christopher Lehman and Kate Roberts is our 2014-2015 book selection. Through the exploration of books, song lyrics, video games and more, the two authors demonstrate how close reading can be rigorous, meaningful and joyous.

The authors share a powerful three-step approach to close reading that can be applied to any text and offers students a concrete strategy for tackling complex text. By participating in the NFRC Fall Mini-Conference, you will receive a copy of this book! We hope this encourages you to participate in NFRC's Professional Book Discussion Group.

NFRC Mission Work in Nicaragua!

At the Mini-Conference, the NFRC will continue collecting new and used school supplies for mission work in Nicaragua! Please support this worthy cause!