

Growing Strong Writers

FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

THE NIAGARA FRONTIER READING COUNCIL FALL MINI-CONFERENCE

Join the NFRC in celebrating the start of the 2016-2017 school year with the first event in our Professional Development series. Our morning includes a presentation by Jeanne Tribuzzi. Jeanne is a member of Teachers College Units of Study Team at the Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University, and a member of Curriculum21 faculty with Heidi Hayes-Jacobs as well as a national presenter. We will launch our Professional Development Book Study, and registrants will attend two workshop sessions.



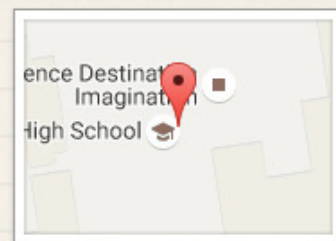
NFRC FALL MINI-CONFERENCE

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SATURDAY, OCT. 1ST, 8AM-12:15PM

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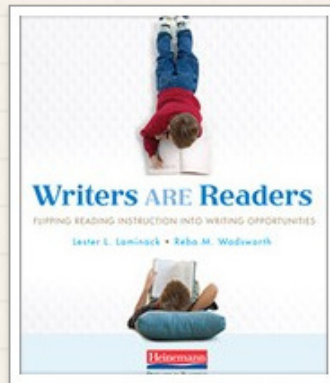
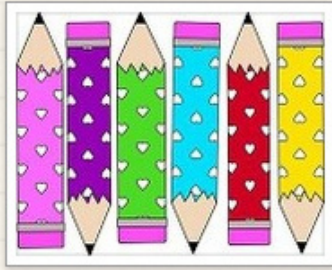
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AGENDA

- 8:00-8:45 Registration/Breakout Session Selection/ Continental Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 Welcome and NFRC News
- 9:00-10:30 Jeanne Tribuzzi
- 10:40-11:00 NFRC Book Club Introduction
- 11:05-11:35 Workshop Session 1
- 11:40-12:10 Workshop Session 2
- Pick up your CTLE (Professional Development) certificate



GROWING STRONG WRITERS

We know reading and writing go hand in hand. Strong writers are readers. And just as reading skills must be nurtured for student success, so, too, writing skills. Creating competent writers, who can generate ideas, capture the details of the human experience, argue with evidence, and write with a sense of agency is a key component in building and fortifying ELA skills. The task of growing writers is cumulative; as in honing any skill, the most dramatic and far-reaching effects result from vertically aligned practices and methods developed through the grades. We know writers develop through explicit instruction, consistent practice, and timely feedback from teachers. Come join us as we explore the benefits, satisfaction—and joy—of a writing workshop approach that builds and supports proficient writers throughout the grades!

NFRC PROFESSIONAL BOOK CLUB SELECTION THIS BOOK IS INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST 100 REGISTRANTS. A \$22 VALUE

This year our focus book is ***Writers are Readers***, by Lester Laminak. In *Writers are Readers*, the mutually supportive roles of reading and writing are made visible through the idea of “flipsides;” how a reader’s insights can be turned around to provide insights into his own writing, and vice versa. Lester’s trademark engaging style is woven throughout chapters full of sample lessons, student writing samples, and recommended texts for maximizing the flipped concept across the year. “Leading the student to understand what he did as a reader can become a lens that brings into focus what the writer had to do before a reader ever saw the page,” they write. Discover fresh new ways to turn reading strategies into writing opportunities that your students will be excited about and deeply understand.

YOUR \$60.00 MINI-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 3 hours of NYSED approved professional development
- 2 Professional Memberships: NFRC and NYSRA (\$35 value)
- Presentation by Jeanne Tribuzzi
- Copy of the NFRC Professional Book Club Selection: *Writers are Readers*, by Lester Laminak (\$22 value) and Book Club introduction
- Attendance at two Professional development workshops
- Continental breakfast

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Visit the NFRC Website for event registration and membership information. Click on Membership Registration in the drop down menu. Choose the \$60.00 Mini Conference package. Your membership is included with your payment. Link is below.

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BREAK-OUT SESSIONS: ATTENDEES WILL CHOOSE TWO HALF HOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FROM FOUR AVAILABLE SESSIONS.

Registration at each session will be limited to 25.

- **Maker Moves in the Writing Workshop:** Presented by Angela Stockman

While the products that students create within and beyond our maker spaces often serve as gateways to great writing, a specific set of maker moves can transform the writing process into one that even the most resistant writers find manageable and rewarding. Explore the best of these approaches in this quick session and return to your classroom ready to transform your traditional workshop approaches. Angela's book, **Make Writing** will be available for purchase for \$10 cash or check.

- **Strategies to help all Students Succeed in Reading:** Presented by Kathleen Montesanti

This workshop will provide teachers with practical ideas to help students achieve their reading goals. DIY Literacy: The book Teaching Tools for Differentiation, Rigor, and Independence by Kate Roberts and Maggie Beattie Roberts will be referenced.

- **Digital Literacy:** Presented by Mary Beth Scumaci and Kirsten Smith

Learn how to use your educational technology to take your literature circles to the next level. We will also discuss digital breakout discussion groups, and allow attendees to explore how to translate these ideas for all grade levels

- **What's new in Literacy in Social Studies?** Presented by Ashley Dreibelbis

We will examine the changes in expectations for Social Studies students in grades 7-12 related to reading and writing. These changes include the use of primary sources, inquiry-based activities, and argument writing. Strategies that can be applied in grades 3-12 will be presented so all students are ready .

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!