



# Happy Holidays from the Niagara Frontier Reading Council President

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Dear Members of the Western New York Literacy Community,

I am proud to be the president of such a fine organization where members have opportunities to network, serve the community, get motivated, and learn how to support literacy instruction to those they encounter.

Many of you had the opportunity to attend the NFRC Fall Event at the WNY Book Expo. Listening to the authors and illustrators share stories about their craft was a moving experience. I bought many books to use with my students and to share with my grandchildren.

Looking forward to the New Year, the NFRC has two exciting events planned that you will not want to miss. The NFRC Winter Event, *Connecting to the Heart of Learners*, will be on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Harris Hill Elementary School from 4:30-7:30. There will be a book discussion, speakers, and two breakout sessions. Learn how emotions and learning are intertwined and strategies to help children who need a boost.

The second event, the NFRC Spring Event, *Literacy & Technology/ Pre-K-20*, will be on Saturday morning April 6, 2019 at the Downtown Buffalo & Erie County Library from 8:45a.m.-11:4a.m. (Parking is free on Saturdays.) The featured presenter, Monica Burns, is a highly sought-after speaker, not only because of her expertise in technology but because of her collaborative work with literacy expert and leader, Pam Allyn. They co-wrote *Taming the Wild Text, Literacy Strategies for Today's Readers*. Bring your computer because participants will have guided work-time.

There are two more Professional Book Discussion Group Meetings remaining: January 12, 2019 and March 9, 2019. We are discussing *Taming the Wild Text, Literacy Strategies for Today's Readers*. All NFRC members are welcome including those who have not been to any meetings yet. Join the discussion. See website for specific details.

The NFRC is a certified CTLE Provider so attendance at our events will be credit bearing. It is not too late to become a member and event costs are discounted for members. On our website, [thenfrc.org](http://thenfrc.org), you will find links to register and flyers outlining all the details for the two upcoming events.

Hope to see you in the new year!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Montesanti

President 2018-2019

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