

THE WORD ON

Washington State Literacy Association Newsletter

February 2018

Our Members Connect Virtually

This fall WaSLA decided to try something new because aren't teachers supposed to be lifelong learners and embrace technology? That is just what we do. Around sixty members are reading *Passionate Readers* by Pernille Ripp and sharing their insights and questions related to how to engage all our students when it comes to all things reading in our virtual book club using Schoology.

I have loved seeing members suggestions, classroom libraries, and reading spaces that invite students of all ages to give a book a try. There are so many balls we juggle in our classrooms every minute of every day and one of those is finding just the right book for each student, which, for me, is one of the joys of being a reading teacher. This book has given us strategies to capture those "I don't like to read!" students and as one member, Christina, shared, "I am learning so much from this book. It's also so darn readable and engaging. I just keep going on and on about how wonderful it is!"

Below you will see just a few pictures of reading spaces from classrooms all over our state. You might just be inspired to make a change to your space as I have. There is nothing better than sharing and collaborating with those who are in the same boat and trying to reach the same destination.

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Mason Cooley



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Bridging the Digital Divide

March 22nd from 5pm – 7pm

Teaching and Learning Center

9600 Sharon Drive

Mukilteo WA 98275

Share in conversations with fellow educators and Microsoft consultants about how to effectively facilitate the integration of technology in the classroom. This includes digital citizenship, helping students understand the differences in the tech practices/behaviors in and outside the classroom, how to establish the expectations, routines, and procedures for successful classroom technology usage, and some strategies that level the playing field for all students in our diverse classrooms. Bring a device to work with.

Agenda:

- 5:00 – 5:15 Welcome and book talks about a few non-fiction releases
- 5:15 – 6:15 **BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**
- 6:15 – 6:45 Light dinner and continued Digital discussion and networking
- 6:50 – 7:00 Updates, next meeting, and closure

Cost: Free to current SCRC and WaSLA Members

To register: SCRCMarch.zapevent.com

(This helps determine food quantities)

Clock Hours available.

To join **SCRC** and **WaSLA** for \$25 for the 2017-2018 year, go to this link:

waslamembership2017-18.zapevent.com

(Be sure to select Snohomish County Reading Council from the drop down menu for council affiliation.)

For more information contact: Lois Craig (425-478-8701) lec2910@comcast.net OR

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Upcoming Events



Inland Northwest presents:

Dr. Gina Petrie, EWU ELL/ELD Professor

Cultural Assumptions About Learning to Read and Write

In this workshop, we will explore how views of developing reading and writing are cultural and can vary greatly around the world and will look at best practices for building bridges between home cultures and U.S. school culture to support our culturally-diverse students as they develop their literacies.

When & Where

Saturday, March 3, 2018

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM INWRC

Gonzaga University

ROSAUR 130 Classroom

Entrance Fees:

Members are free.

New members are \$25 for the year. [Click here to become a member!](#)

Non-members \$10 - can be paid in cash/check at the door

Clock Hours

We will offer 3 clock hours for this workshop. Clock hours are \$5 - this can be paid in cash or check form at the door. Reminder, clock hours are needed for your professional certificate as a teacher in Washington State!

To RSVP, please email Chelsea at northwestreading@gmail.com.

Lower Columbia Literacy Council: Celebrating Diversity in the Classroom

March 8 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Free pizza? Free books? Free clock hours? Easy Grants? Teachers who are as passionate about literacy as you are?
YES! All of these things and more are available with a membership to Lower Columbia Literacy Council!

Yearly Membership

\$25 Regular membership: current certificated teachers, counselors, administrators, teacher librarians, and literacy coaches.

\$15 Associate membership: First year teachers, paraeducators, students, substitutes, retirees, and homeschool educators.

\$10 drop-in fee per session.

Please forward this message to any educator interested in enhancing their knowledge of literacy at our fun events!

Please email:

antos.maria@battlegroundps.org

Upcoming Events



Seattle Reading Council: Enriching Literacy For All Students

February 27 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join your SRC colleagues for new learning with Tasha Tropp Laman:

"Through strong teaching, multilingual students can expand their range of literacy practices, and we, their teachers, can also grow and change as we get to know students as individuals with talents, strengths, interests, & concerns."

Tasha's classroom teaching experience includes time in the Navajo Nation in New Mexico & the Peace Corps in Belize.

"Collaboration with classroom teachers is at the heart of Dr. Tasha Tropp Laman's research and her practice." Her book,

"From Ideas to Words: Writing Strategies for English Language Learners" is a great resource for all who work with students of all ages.

Speaker: Dr. Tasha Tropp Laman @tashalaman @SeattleRdgCounc

Location: TBA

Cost: \$25 Member/\$65 Nonmember. Free From Ideas to Words book to first 10 registered!

To register go to SeattleReading.org

Seattle Reading Council: Inspiring Literacy: Authors Share ... Date TBD

March 1 @ 5:00 pm - March 31 @ 8:00 pm

MARCH – Inspiring Literacy: Authors Share Topic: Back by popular demand!

Join SRC colleagues & beloved authors of kid's books for an evening of writing & reading tips from some of our fave local authors.

Date: TBA

Speaker: Local Kidlit/middle grade/YA Authors @SeattleRdgCounc

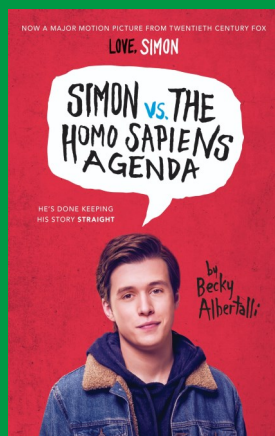
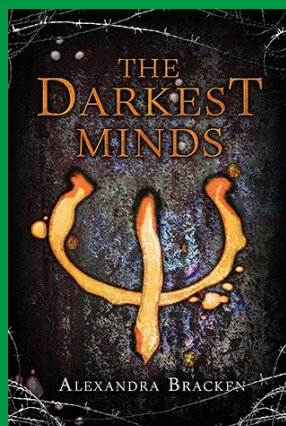
Location: TBA

Cost: Member Passport OR register à la carte \$12 WaSLA/SRC Members, \$15 Non-members

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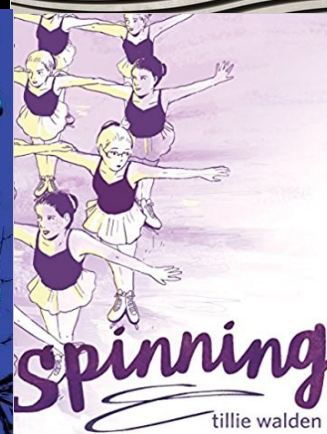
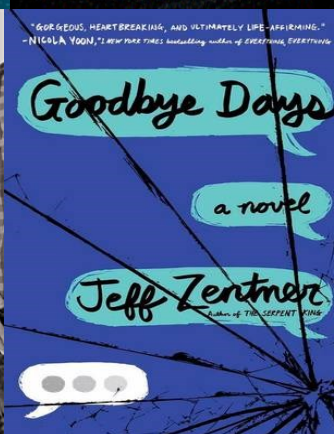
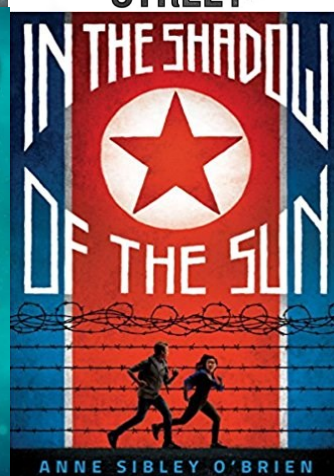
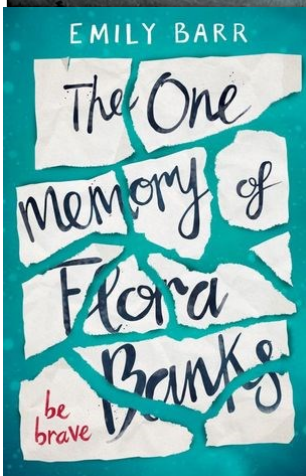
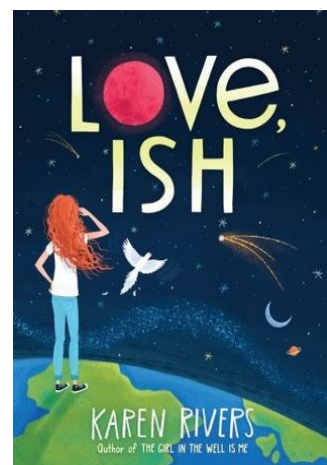
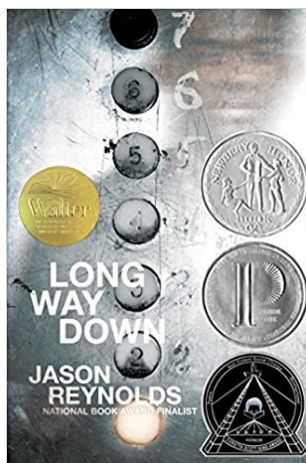
Forthcoming

Movies Inspired by Books



Check these out!!

Last month, the Mukilteo School District hosted Jerene Battisti and Angelina Benedetti, from the King County Library Systems. They presented “50 (Plus 1) Books for Teens (and the Grown-ups Who Love Them).” In two hours they book talked all 51 of these books– a literacy teachers dream! Here are just a few that were covered:



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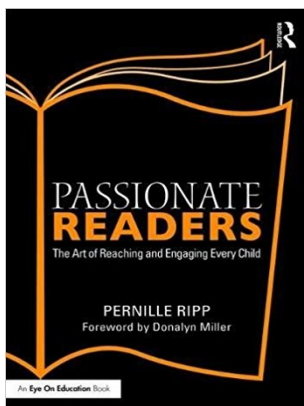
all that's missing is U!

We are looking for members to get involved with our passionate group of literacy educators. There are many ways to get involved in your local councils and state board:

- * Attend a local council event in your area
- * Join the board of your local council-they would be happy to have you!
- * Have you read a great professional development book or tried a new strategy in your classroom you want to share? Send a submission for our newsletter. We would love to spread the word. Email waslailiteracy@gmail.com with your ideas.
- * Attend our state membership meeting. The next one is on **June 2, 2018** at the Hawthorne Suites in Kent. We will have someone from the state talking about the new certification guidelines for educators in the state. **Free clock hours are also available!**

Save the Date!!

Pernille Ripp will be in Washington Saturday, November 3, 2018 to share her passion of literacy and how to engage every reader in our classrooms with practical strategies. Registration will open July 1, 2018 so mark your calendars now!



We are not here to lead a child's reading journey, but rather here to teach them the tools to create their map.

- Pernille Ripp

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For more upcoming events and membership information visit us at:

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