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Washington State Literacy Association Newsletter

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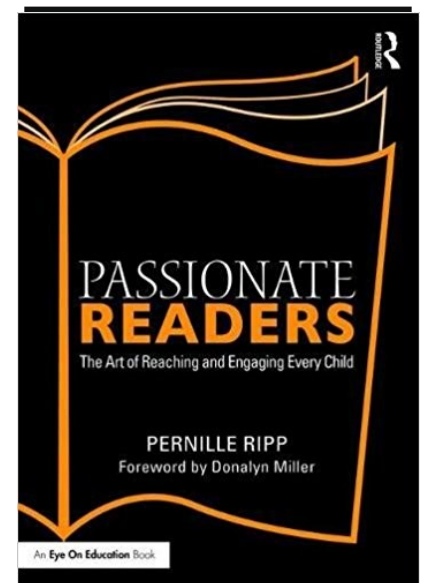
As you will see in this edition, we have events not only happening around the state but also virtually. We hope you will join us at one or more inspiring events and get involved with your local council!

It is not too late to join our Passionate Readers online book club. It just got underway and members are already sharing strategies that work for them and struggles they have too. This book club goes through February so you have plenty of time to contribute.

Are you in the Kent, Tahoma, Enumclaw, or Issaquah school district and would love to get some literacy love spread through your district? We have dedicated teachers like you who have reached out to us and want to get something started in your area. WaSLA would love to support events happening in this part of the state!

Interested and want more details on the book club or getting something started in your area? Please email Alysia White at awhite@everettsd.org.

Virtual book study is happening now!! Join us!!!



Membership cost:

\$25 Regular Membership
(certificated teachers, admin, literacy coaches)

\$15 Associate Membership
(students, substitutes, retirees, first year teachers, paraeducators and WRC)

**DEDICATION
DOESN'T HAVE
AN OFF-SEASON**

—COMPETE EVERY DAY.COM—

LOÔK!!

Kick Off the Year with SRC!
Literacy: Innovation and Inclusion
with Dr. Wendy Gardiner

October 24, 2017

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for our FREE SRC Kick-Off Workshop!

Classroom tours, new learnings, energizing discussions and hands on time with books, clock hours, dinner, TPEP Memos, collaboration, new friends, new book club info & more!

Session 1:

*Metafictional Picture Books: Breaking the “Rules”
to Engage and Entertain*

Session 2:

*Diversity in Youth Literature: Where We Are in 2017
and Where We’ve Been*

Thornton Creek Elementary, Library.
7712 40th Ave NE., Seattle 98115



Register at: [http://](http://SRCKickOff2017.zapevent.com)
SRCKickOff2017.zapevent.com



Join educators from around Snohomish County for a Mini-Conference:

Promoting Resilience with Literature

November 4th from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Evergreen Middle School



8:15-8:30 Welcome

8:30-9:30 Keynote Speaker

Caitlyn Suginaka has worked extensively with educators, health care providers, and author Kristin Souers (*Fostering Resilient Learners*) to develop classrooms that reflect trauma-informed practices. Hear how trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) affect brain development and student learning while exploring strategies that can promote resilience for all learners.

9:40 – 10:30	10:40 – 11:30	11:40 – 12:30
Classroom Strategies for Resilience - Elementary	Developing Personal Resilience and Wellness	Classroom Strategies for Resilience - Secondary
Great Reads for Middle Level	Great Reads for Elementary	Great Reads for High School
Responding to Cries for Help: Depression, Suicidality and	Rainbow Unity Voices: LGBTQ Reads!	Extending the Three Rs with Social-Emotional Learning

Free lattes available from the latte truck from 7:30 am to 8:10 am.

Cost: Free to current SCRC and WaSLA Members

\$30 for Non-Members (register at the conference site)

5 Clock Hours available through WaSLA for \$2 each.

To register for this event go to [SCRCNovember.zapevent.com](https://www.scrconovember.com)

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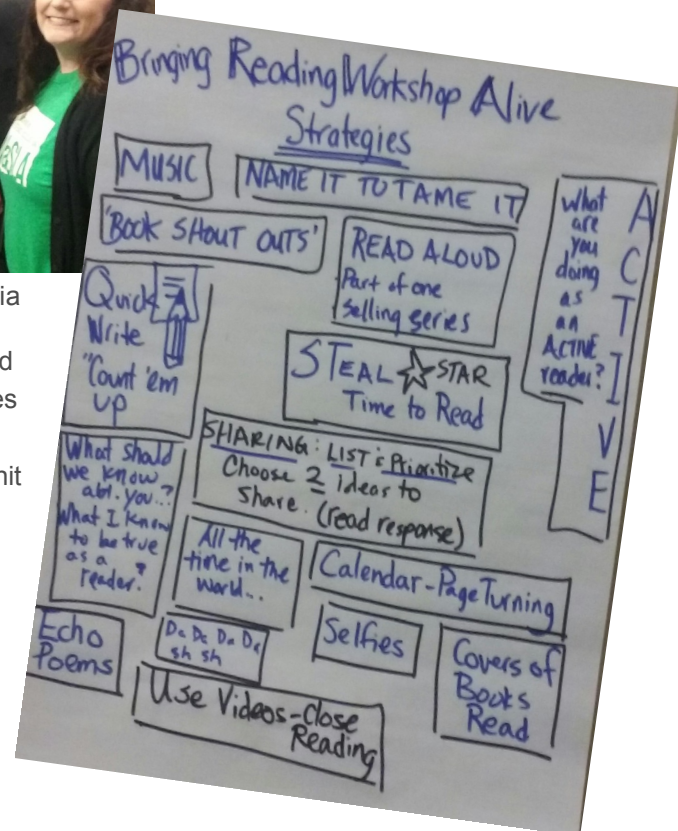
South Sound Literacy Council Kick-Off

WaSLA is excited to see the South Sound Literacy Council back in action. Their first event was a huge success with over 100 educators attending. Barry Hoonan and Megan Sloan shared strategies on bringing reading workshop alive in classrooms. Also, as a little surprise, we inducted Cheryl Vance into WaSLA's Hall of Fame for her years of dedication to the organization. It is obvious that she has inspired so many because it is, by far, the most liked Facebook post we have had on our page!! It is amazing what an impact one person can have in a community. Thank you Cheryl for all you do!



Kristi, Cheryl, Megan, Barry, Alysia

During the workshop, Barry added to this poster with all the strategies we were learning. What a great idea to create a visual during a unit of instruction!



Congratulations!

The following WaSLA members won a Florence Sperling Easy Grant last year!

Bea B.– Seattle

Tracy C.– Lake Washington

Tamara D.– Lake Washington

Elena P.– Mukilteo

Jennifer O.– Spokane

Melissa Scott– Lake Washington

Megan Sloan– Snohomish

Aimee Turner– Centralia



WE'RE
GIVING
AWAY **FREE
MONEY**

WaSLA is dedicated to supporting our members and one of the ways we accomplish this is by awarding Easy Grants throughout the year. Be sure to fill one out either at an event that you are attending or by visiting our website washingtonliteracy.org for a form. You never know if you could be the lucky one who gets a \$50 check in the mail!!

Easy Grants should be turned into your local council or mailed to Alysia White, 13532 131st Ave NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

ILA Conference Recap July 2017. Denise Gudwin

I was fortunate to spend quality professional learning time at the ILA 2017 Conference this summer, both as a participant and as a presenter. Yes, I am that nerdy one who doesn't skip a session, who packs a lunch and snacks so I don't have to miss anything, and who loves, loves, loves listening to my favorite children's/middle grade/YA authors as well as my favorite professional authors. It is so important for us to give ourselves time for inspiration and keep our own learning alive. The following strategies, tips, and thoughts are shared with you in hopes that they will spark an idea for you and your students:

Kate Messner, Author

- Keep a Wonder Notebook. I wonder why... I wonder about... I wonder what...
- Collect ideas... follow up with a question
- Go exploring – are there secret paths under the snow?

Jason Chin, Author and Illustrator

- For his book Grand Canyon, Jason:
 - Wanted to start the story at night so there would be some mystery built in.
 - Layered the hierarchy of text/illustrations, side bars, info about birds, clues hidden in illustrations
 - Read many, many books – about maps, ecology, geology, paleontology, archeology, biology, plus spoke to and interviewed numerous experts

Melissa Sweet, Illustrator

- *"The palace of knowledge is different from the palace of discovery"* Mary Oliver, Poet
- *"Pictures just come to my mind and I tell my heart to go ahead"* Horace Pippin, Artist
- For inspiration for her own books as an illustrator. Melissa:
 - Visits museums and libraries
 - Studies handwriting of different people for inspiration
 - Take an old book and make a book out of it. She painted on top of old book jackets
 - Likes to include maps
- The four above pieces of inspiration works for us as readers and writers too!

Jennifer Serravallo

- *"Read smoothly"* is not a strategy. Try this: *"Instead of reading word-by-word, try scooping up a couple of words at a time. Try reading in one scoop, in one breath."*
- A strategy is a series of steps. Be more explicit. Break it down into a series of clear steps. Think step-by-step.
- In writing, don't ask your students *"What are your details?"* or *"Did you use great vocabulary?"* Instead, ask *"How did you stay engaged?"* and *"How did you stay focused in order to write the whole 3 minutes?"*
- When teaching show not tell in writing, encourage your students (and yourself) to describe how the emotion looks instead of using an emotion word. Picture yourself when you feel a particular emotion. How does my face look when I feel that way? My body? Maybe, "I squeaked and slobbered." instead of "I cried." Is a great example of show not tell.

Words of Wisdom: Powerful Quotes for Reflection

- *"I need my students to see similarities, not just differences"* Pernille Ripp
- *"When we brought the world in, the world grew smaller."* Pernille Ripp
- *"We can teach learners about the outside world or they can experience it. The choice is ours."* Pernille Ripp
- *"Every connection we make is a potential fear broken down."* Pernille Ripp
- *"We do not just teach children, we teach the written history of our nation."* Pernille Ripp
- *"Keeping information from children can harm them. We are not protecting them."* Kate Messner

Teaching with Digital Tools. Monica Burns, Julie, Nikki, Angie, Michelle:

General Digital/Online Tools

- - ✓ Tellagami
 - ✓ Chatter Pix Kids
 - ✓ Adobe Spark Page
 - ✓ Adobe Spark Video
 - ✓ Adobe Spark Post
 - ✓ Book Creator
 - ✓ AppSmash
 - ✓ Piclits.com (*picture a word bank*)
 - ✓ Foldify (*customizable cubes*)
 - ✓ Scholastic Story Starter
 - ✓ Photosforclass.com
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A Variety of Prompts

- ✓ Pics
 - ✓ Video
 - ✓ Written
 - ✓ Series of Pics
 - ✓ Quotes
 - ✓ Record storytelling
 - ✓ Picture Collages
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Tools for Digital Writer's Notebooks

- ✓ Book Creator
 - ✓ Google Docs
 - ✓ Seesaw
 - ✓ Evernote
 - ✓ Microsoft OneNote
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Tools for Brainstorming

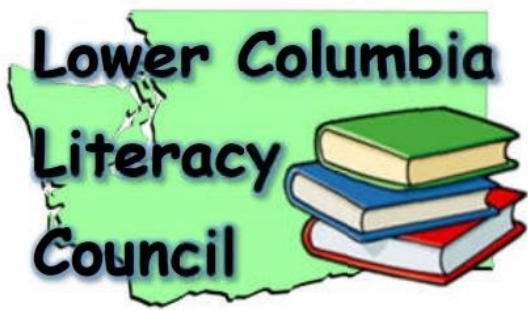
- ✓ Poplet
 - ✓ Padlet (*In one sentence, share a moment from this summer that made you feel happy, excited, or surprised*) with link and QR code
 - ✓ Wordie
 - ✓ Tagul.com
 - ✓ Google doc
 - ✓ Pic collage
 - ✓ Piclits.com
 - ✓ Spark Post
 - ✓ Brain Pop
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Ideas for Revising

- ✓ Digital annotation
 - ✓ Recording/listening to writing
 - ✓ Link pre-writing and digital storytelling to revising
 - ✓ Google Docs for *feedback/monitoring*
 - ✓ Screencasting – *annotate checklists and rubrics*
 - ✓ Educreating
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Ideas for Conferencing

- ✓ Google forms (*great for co-teaching; all data in a shared spreadsheet*)
- ✓ Evernote
- ✓ Kaizing



Here are a few events LCLC has planned this year! These are free to all WaSLA members or the drop in fee is \$10 per session. Clock hours are available too!

November 2– **Teaching Science with Picture Books** (K-8+). Dan Taylor from NSTA Press will share the best picture books to use with students to increase comprehension and enhance any science lesson. Both fiction and nonfiction resources.

February 8– **Mindset and Motivation**

March 8– **Celebrating Diversity in the Classroom**

Collaboration, sharing, and discussion begin at 4:30pm-6:00pm. All sessions are at Laurin Middle School (BGPS) in the Media Center 13601 NE 97th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98662

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