

The Magic of Literacy

Practice and Performance



State of Maryland
International Reading Association Council

Forty-fourth Annual Conference

April 6-8, 2016

Hunt Valley Inn, Wyndam Grand, Baltimore

Our conference will once again be *three full days*. Our “Bring Your Boss to Breakfast” function will be held on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**. As this is a sponsored event with limited seating, be sure to register early. Please be aware that this event may fill quickly.

BOX LUNCH SELECTIONS for 2016

All lunches served with a bag of chips, piece of fruit, cookie, soda or water

Turkey Sandwich on multi grain bread

Tuna Salad Sandwich on croissant

Vegetarian Wrap

Fresh Garden Salad topped with grilled chicken

The 44th ANNUAL SoMIRAC CONFERENCE

presents
A Preliminary Program
(subject to change)

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

7:30-2:00	Registration		
8:00-4:30	Exhibits Open		
7:45-9:15	Bring Your Boss to Breakfast TBA <i>(ticketed event)</i>		
8:15-9:15	Featured Speakers MARY AMATO & LAURA SHO VAN BARB LANGRIDGE JACQUELINE JULES		
	Concurrent Sessions		
	A. Primary Power: Using Primary Sources to Support Both the Reader and the Writer in Secondary English/Language Arts' Classrooms, Susan Gum, Margaret Brothman, Shannon O'Conner		
	B. Globally Connected—Making 2-Voice Poems, an Authentic Learning Task, Kristi Schmidt, Brian Cook		
	C. Using Data to Inform Instruction in the Middle School, Jennifer Wilson		
9:30-10:30	Featured Speakers STEVEN D. COHEN ADVOCACY PANEL LAURA ROBB		
	Concurrent Sessions		
	A. Close Teaching for Reading Informational Text, Leigh Brownell-Currens		
	B. Social Studies Through the LENS of Literacy, Senetria Blocker, Rainya Miller		
	C. Not This, but That: No More Phonics and Spelling Worksheets, Jennifer L. Palmer		
	D. Engaging Strategies for Navigating and Comprehending Informational Text...Infused With Technology, Kelly Davis, Jenna Baughan, Jennifer Hipp, Kylie Walles		
10:45-11:45	Keynote THE 2 SISTERS		
11:45-12:30	Lunch Break/Exhibits		
12:30-1:30	Featured Speakers THE 2 SISTERS LAURA ROBB		
		BARB LANGRIDGE	
12:30-2:45	Featured Speaker KATIE GARNER		
12:30-1:30	Concurrent Sessions		
	A. Case Studies Inform Practice with ELLs, Laurie Andes, Kristen Richardson, Emily Taylor		
	B. Flipped Learning in Any Classroom, Michelle Webster, Kate Anderson, Jessica Owens		
	C. Common Core Reading Standards and Text Complexity, Dessolene Davis, Kristin Addleman		
1:45-2:45	Featured Speakers MIKE SHOULDERS KELLY DAVIS SUSAN DETWILER JACQUELINE JULES		
	Concurrent Sessions		
	A. Keep Calm and Ask Your Literacy Coach, Patricia McMahon, Saira Haas, Jenna Lerro, Lona Trulove		
	B. Raising the Level of Reading Response in Elementary Classrooms, Kim Sherk		
	C. Mackinia—A New Look at ebooks, Joy Jackson		
3:00-4:00	Keynote JONATHAN FRIESEN		
4:30-6:00	Young Authors' Receptions JACQUELINE JULES (Grades 2-8) JONATHAN FRIESEN (Grades 9-12)		
7:00-9:00	Dinner: An Evening of Magic <i>(ticketed event)</i>		

Thursday, April 7, 2016

7:30-2:00	Registration	1:45-2:45	Featured Speakers MIKE SHOULDERS DONALD BEAR AMELIA VAN NAME LARSON TREVOR BRYAN
7:45-9:15	Books and Breakfast MARC TYLER NOBLEMAN <i>(ticketed event)</i>		
8:00-4:30	Exhibits Open <i>Scholarship fund-drive tickets for Literacy Lottery available throughout the day</i>		Concurrent Sessions A. Curiosity Unplugged: The Power of Questioning, Debra T. Myers, Robin Hawley-Brillante B. Three, Two, One...Engaging Ways to READ and WRITE with Students Online, Melissa Daniels, Travis Russell, Michelle Webster C. Foundational Reading Skills: Standards Tell Us What—Research Tells Us How, Debby Mossburg D. Reading an Artichoke: Close Reading Strategies for Middle School, Buffy Jordan, Rebecca Lamb
8:15-9:15	Featured Speakers DONALD BEAR MARGO SOUTHALL KATHY BARCLAY		
	Concurrent Sessions A. Performing in 21st Century Classrooms: Digital Tools to Enhance Literacy Practices in Elementary Classrooms, Chrystine Mitchell, Denise Castro B. The Magic of Literacy Learning for ESL/ELL Students, Charlene Barnes Rowland, Chang Lijung, Anne Pegram C. Let Them Be Readers: Cultivating Adolescent Readers, Kristi McNiece, Megan Leary, Erica Martin	3:00-4:00	Keynote KWAME ALEXANDER
9:30-10:30	Keynote MARK EDWARDS	4:00-5:00	Literacy Lottery/Scholarship Fund Drive Drawing
10:45-11:45	Featured Speakers JONATHAN FRIESEN KELLIE WESTMORELAND SUSAN DETWILER KATIE GARNER	7:00-9:00	An Evening with Authors & Illustrators: <i>(ticketed event)</i> <u>not</u> a meal event featuring MIKE ARTELL, JACQUELINE JULES, MARC TYLER NOBLEMAN, RICHIE FRIEMAN, FLOYD COOPER, JERRY PALOTTA, MARVIN TERBAN, PRISCILLA CUMMINGS, JENNIFER KEATS CURTIS, MIKE SHOULDERS, SUSAN DETWILER
	Concurrent Sessions A. Language Arts and Social Studies: Exemplary Practices for Seamless Integration, Kelly Davis, Jennifer Hipp, Joanna Pauley B. 21st Century Book Reports, Jessica Lemmo C. Encouraging Parental Involvement Through Interactive Early Literacy Activities, Suzanne S. Connole	9:00	Ice Cream Social (Open to all attendees) <><><><><><><><>
11:45-12:30	LUNCH BREAK/EXHIBITS		
12:30-1:30	Featured Speakers MARC TYLER NOBLEMAN MARGO SOUTHALL KELLY DAVIS KATHY BARCLAY		
	Concurrent Sessions A. Text Talk: Evaluating and Analyzing Paired Text for Deeper Comprehension, Dawn Little B. <i>Kinder Whell</i> : Structuring Literacy Choices for Early Childhood Classrooms, Kate Graham, Jennifer Davis, Kate Gehle C. Conquering Dysgraphia, Shelly Solomon Huggins D. The Literacy Coach and Inquiry Circles, Joan Sattler, Sara Jacobs, Monica Gillam		

Friday, April 8, 2016

7:30-2:00 Registration

7:45-9:15 Storyteller's Breakfast with **JERRY PALOTTA**
(ticketed event)

8:00 Exhibits Open

8:15-9:15 Featured Speakers
PRISCILLA CUMMINGS
LAURA SHO VAN
FLOYD COOPER
CINDY MIDDENDORF

Concurrent Sessions

A. Using Sign Language and Readers' Theater to Improve Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension Skills, Ellen Koitz and Jason Blocher

B. Reading for Meaning: Fluently, Debby Mossburg

C. Writing Magic Across the Disciplines, Carolyn Cook, Megan Baker, Haley Fournier

D. Text Level Characteristics, Jane Friend, Karen Rains

9:30-10:30 Keynote
RUTH CULHAM

10:45-11:45 Featured Speakers
MARVIN TERBAN
MIKE ARTELL
TREVOR BRYAN
JENNIFER KEATS CURTIS

Concurrent Sessions

A. Creative Approaches to Literacy for Children In Title I Schools, Jenny Jones, Amy Hartman, Shannon Vaughan, Elise Adamopoulos

B. You Oughta-Be-In-Pictures, Melissa Mack

C. Putting the Magic Back into Writing, Tamara Quidas

D. Using Apps to Enhance Traditional Reading Instruction, Lucinda M. Lanson, Barbara Martin Palmer

E. Abracadabra: A Transdisciplinary Transformation of Priscilla Cummings, Renee Hall, Priscilla Cummings, Ellen Burton

11:45-12:30 LUNCH BREAK/EXHIBITS

12:30-1:30 Featured Speakers
RICHIE FRIEMAN
MIKE ARTELL
JERRY PALOTTA
CAROLYN COOK

Concurrent Sessions

A. 21st Century Literacies: Navigating the Changing Technological Landscape With Internet Reciprocal Teaching, Sharon A. Craig, Adrienne Reeder

B. Teaching Vocabulary to 5th and 6th Graders in Two South African Schools, Ann Marie Longo, LaJerne Terry Cornish, Mackenzie Brown, Emily Gill

C. Want to Duplicate Yourself? Flip Your Classroom! Michelle, Webster, Kate Anderson, Jessica Owens

D. Learning Outside the Classroom—The Magic of Experience Inspires Learner Engagement and Success, Jack Cole

E. Energize Young Writers With Unique Mentor Texts and Writers' Notebooks, Patty Dean

1:45-2:45 Keynote
JAY MCTIGHE

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Directions to Conference Hotel

The Hunt Valley Inn is located just east of I-83 on Shawan Road, adjacent to the Hunt Valley Business Community.

Take I-95 (the Baltimore Beltway) to Exit #24 (I-83). Follow I-83 to Exit #20A, Shawan Road at Hunt Valley. Hotel is on your right.

