

IRC Webinar Series

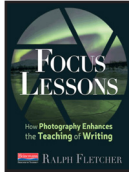
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IRC will be offering the Webinar Series for members only in 2022-2023. All webinars will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members who watch the live or recorded webinars can earn professional development clock hours. Mark your calendars and register to take part in this convenient, free IRC membership benefit. Members will receive monthly emails with links to register. Nonmembers can join online and email for the registration link.

September 7, 2022 ~ Ralph Fletcher How Photography Enhances the Teaching of Writing



Language arts teachers tend to be text-oriented—comfortable in the world of reading and writing. However, the world in which our students live is increasingly visual. They are bombarded by images. We ignore that world at our peril. We'll look at the interplay between photography and writing, and the uncanny parallels between them. We may find out that our students already know a great deal about images. We will look at how we can tap into their understanding of the visual world to help them become stronger writers.



February 1, 2023 ~ Becky Anderson Discovering the 2023 Illinois Reads Books



Join Becky Anderson as she presents the Illinois Reads books for 2023. Learn more about the Illinois Reads statewide literacy initiative that promotes reading for all Illinois citizens. Six books in six age bands from Birth to Adult will be shared. A variety of book topics and themes are chosen for each age band, highlighting the work of Illinois Authors.



October 5, 2022 ~ Melissa Stewart Creating Passionate Nonfiction Readers



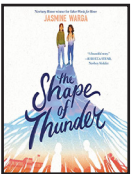
After learning simple ways to increase your classroom or library nonfiction circulation by two or three times, discover how tools like book match surveys, preview stacks, and reading ladders can help students identify the kinds of nonfiction books they enjoy reading most. Melissa will also share a wide range of engaging, innovative ideas and activities for nurturing a love of nonfiction in ALL students.



March 1, 2023 ~ Jasmine Warga Stories As Connectors, Stories as Community Builders, and Stories as Conversation-Starters



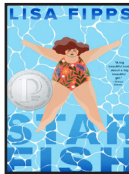
A discussion about how stories are perfect vehicles for connecting us to one another, building community, and asking big questions about our world and the human experience. There will be a specific focus on the power stories have to shape our understanding of people and cultures that are often misrepresented or not represented at all. Jasmine will talk about the way she approaches her own writing—from a place of asking questions. She will explore the idea that books for young people should be viewed as conversation-starters—that we should always be most invested in helping young people to find and exercise their own voices.



November 2, 2022 ~ Lisa Fipps Starfishing



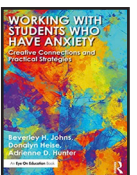
Lisa tells the story of how she went from a little girl reading books under the shade of a Rose of Sharon tree in her backyard and dreaming of writing books of her own to a journalist to an award-winning author. She talks about the inspiration for STARFISH, a book she needed as a child - that all children need. A book that's a mirror for fat children and a window for nonfat children. She discusses why she chose to write *Starfish* in verse, why bullying is never okay, and how we can all be upstanders in our own lives.



April 5, 2023 ~ Beverley Holden Johns The Impact of Anxiety on Children's Literacy: Practical Strategies That Support Children



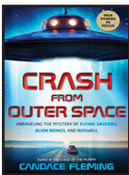
Anxiety disorders are recognized as the most prevalent mental health disorder among children and adolescents. Prior to the pandemic, twenty five percent of children between the ages of 13-18 had an anxiety disorder. Now there are estimates that this percentage may have doubled. Anxiety can negatively affect a child's academic success in the area of literacy. Teachers are often the first to notice signs. This session provides educators a basic understanding of the characteristics of anxiety in its various forms, guiding principles regarding positive interventions, and a whole array of strategies to support students with anxiety.



December 7, 2022 ~ Candace Fleming Writing Great Nonfiction With Kids



Can kids write engaging nonfiction? Absolutely! In this fast-paced presentation, award-winning author Candace Fleming will share her secrets for creating fascinating nonfiction. Participants will not only discover strategies for effective research and directed inquiry, but they will also leave with tips to help students create exciting "true stories" rather than dull, encyclopedic accounts. 3rd -8th grade.



May 3, 2023 ~ Josh Carlson Trauma 101



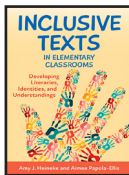
Trauma 101 will provide a brief overview of trauma, developmental trauma and adverse childhood experiences and their impact on children and youth. Participants will develop an understanding of the impact of trauma on brain development and how this manifests in behaviors. Participants will also gain some basic strategies to support and build resiliency within their students.



January 4, 2023 ~ Aimee Ellis Using Inclusive Texts in the K-6 Classroom



In this one hour session, we will explore a four-part framework from *Inclusive Texts in Elementary Classrooms* (Heineke & Papola-Ellis, 2022) on selecting, using, and engaging students with texts that promote students' identity, literacy engagement, and learning across disciplines. Various examples from teachers' classrooms will be shared, as well as suggested book titles to use across literacy and content area instruction.



June 7, 2023 ~ TBD To Be Announced Soon

