

February 23 - Thursday ~ Pre-Conference Workshops



Aimee Buckner
Morning:
Stories of Information

This session will look at how narrative writing can be embedded into informational writing. Per the Common Core Standards, 6th - 12th graders will need to use narrative as a tool to write informational and persuasive text. Workshop includes different ways authors use narrative in non-fiction work and a look at narrative craft techniques.

Afternoon: *Think Tracks*

This session for intermediate grade professionals will look at reader's notebook strategies to help students track theme and character development through a novel. From there, the notebook entries are used to generate writing about the novel, using specific examples and quotes.



Julie Kozisek
Morning: *Differentiated Small Group Instruction on Steroids: Beefing Up Your Reading*

This workshop will provide you with effective and easy to use strategies to enhance your small group instruction. Emphasis will be placed on differentiating instruction and activities to meet a variety of reading levels. Learn how to put your small groups on steroids to beef up your reading instruction.



Charlie McCarthy
Morning: *Teaching Writing by Being a Writer*

Charlie, 2nd through 5th grade teacher, has written five novels for middle-grade readers through email with a friend. He has also written numerous short stories and created poetry that doesn't involve kittens with gossamer wings. Come prepared to share ideas, write, laugh, and learn how to hook your emerging writers. You will never think of "mentor texts" in the same light.



Mark Overmeyer
Morning: *Conferences in the Writing Workshop*

In this interactive session, learn how to organize and manage writing conferences during your workshop. You will receive practical classroom-tested ideas about saving time, record keeping, and classroom management.

Afternoon: *Trouble Shooting the Writing Workshop*

Learn techniques for structuring your writing classroom so that you can motivate resistant writers, support struggling writers, and challenge your strongest writers. Techniques for working with English Language Learners will be addressed too.



Stuart Murphy
Afternoon:
Seeing is Believing - Visual Learning Strategies that Lead to Success

This session will demonstrate how visual models can be used to motivate young students and encourage them to communicate about their learning. Visual learning will be defined, the research behind it will be presented, and the strategies associated with it will be discussed. Visual representations provide students with opportunities to understand new concepts and make connections to other areas of learning. Creating models can help students to express their ideas, demonstrate their understandings, and explore their creativity.



Gary Dulabaum & Nile Stanley
Afternoon:
Teaching Through the Magic of Poetry and Song

Get rockin' and have a rhyming good time experiencing strategies for creating readers and writers through poetry and song. Find out best practices and pick-up standards-based lessons and resources you can use everyday! Workshop includes performance poetry, storytelling, music, raps, and folktales.

Exhibitor Hall: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Welcome Reception 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Snacks ~ Social ~ Nebraska Wine Tasting

General Session 8:00 pm



Dr. Ray Reutzel
Globalization, Flattening the World and Common Core State Standards

This presentation focuses on revealing the backstory of the basis for the Common Core State Standards: Globalization and the Information Technology Revolution which have converged in a way to move the U.S. out of its traditionally favored economic place at the top of the hierarchy onto a flattened, global playing field that has greatly increased competition and productivity and decreased the number of workers needed for low skilled, low pay, routine job tasks. Most teachers and parents are unaware of the historical and current political and policy development behind the adoption of the Common Core State Standards and what this means for educational reform in the U.S.

February 24 - Friday Ticketed Workshops

Dr. Ray Reutzel

Morning (9:30 am - 11:30 am): *Using Information Trade Books to Increase Knowledge Acquisition Comprehension*

Workshop focuses on information books available in elementary classrooms that provide exceptionally clear text structure examples to be used in instruction to improve young learners' comprehension, composition, and acquisition of content knowledge. Dr. Reutzel will provide participants with examples and a bibliography of grade level appropriate primary grade information books that clearly exemplify expository text structures.

Stuart Murphy

Morning (10:00 am - 11:00 am): *Learning Through Stories - A Powerful Way to Engage All Students*

Join the award-winning author as he takes you on a journey through the world of literature and learning. Stuart will discuss his background, how he develops his stories, and his belief in the power of contextual learning as a teaching strategy for developing strong content-area skills in all learners.

Conference Overview

Thursday, February 23

Pre-Conference Workshops
Morning
Afternoon
(Payment & Registration Required)

Exhibit Hall Open ~ 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Welcome Reception ~ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
General Session ~ 8:00 pm
Dr. Ray Reutzel
"Globalization, Flattening the World and Common Core State Standards"

Friday, February 24

Morning Ticketed Workshops (Registration Required) & Breakout Sessions
Exhibit Hall Open ~ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Author Luncheon ~ *Valerie Ellery*
"How Do You Create a Strategic Reader?"
Author Luncheon ~ *Julia Cook*
"Educator's Survival Kit"
Lunch Forum
State Board of Education Members & Nebraska Department of Education Staff
Afternoon Ticketed Workshops (Registration Required) & Breakout Sessions
Poetry Slam & Social Hour ~ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Nile Stanley / Gary Dulabaum / Mike Mennard
Evening Banquet ~ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Henry Cole
"...and now a few words with the illustrator"

Saturday, February 25

Literacy Walk ~ 7:00 am - 8:00 am
Super Saturday Sessions
~ *Henry Cole*: Audubon's Art as Inspiration at the MONA
~ *Sarah Armstrong*: The Brain, Learning, and Lesson Design
~ *Nebraska Authors*
~ *Don Kosmicki*: Digital Storytelling
~ *Charlie McCarthy*: Graphic Novels are Like Beets
~ *Nile Stanley*: Performance Literacy through Storytelling & *Gary Dulabaum*: Birth, Death, and Freedom on the American Frontier
Awards & Author Luncheon ~ 11:30 - 1:00 pm
"Boys Being Boys"

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with fellow educators, with books,
with authors, with specialists,
with ideas galore!

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February 24 - Friday ~ Ticketed Workshops



Valerie Ellery

Morning (8:00 am - 10:00 am):
Creating Strategic Readers (Primary)

Explore with Valerie best practices in phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This session will lay the groundwork for a comprehensive literacy classroom. A plethora of strategies, techniques, and specific "teacher talk" will be given to apply in classrooms immediately.

Afternoon (2:00 pm - 4:00 pm):

Creating Strategic Readers (Intermediate)

Step-by-step procedures will be demonstrated on how to gradually release responsibility for learning to students and guide them in becoming independent readers. This session will include aligning instruction and exploring best practices.



Julia Cook

Morning (8:30 am - 9:30 am):
More Books That Make a Positive Difference!

Julia Cook leads an entertaining discussion on the use of her storybooks to offer children and adults a fun way to learn important people skills. Julia will demonstrate humorous and effective ways to use her books on such subjects as tattling, bullying, grief, personal space, interrupting, and personal safety. The writing and publishing process will also be explained – learn to become a published author!

Breakout Sessions Morning & Afternoon

Presenters include area practitioners.

Exhibitor Hall: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Luncheon Options:

Author Luncheon ~ **Valerie Ellery**
How Do You Create a Strategic Reader?

Author Luncheon ~ **Julia Cook**
Educator's Survival Kit

Lunch Forum ~ **State Board of Education Members & Nebraska Department of Education Staff**



Diane Lang & Michael Buchanan

Afternoon (2:30 pm - 5:00 pm): *Fat Boy Chronicles - Bullying and Obesity in the School Community*

The authors, both former teachers, will discuss their journey in writing the novel, *The Fat Boy Chronicles* (inspired by a true story), along with an in-depth look at the issues of bullying and obesity many students face each day. Presentation includes a 70 minute film.

Nile Stanley

Afternoon (1:00 pm - 2:00 pm): *Using Performance Literacy to Teach Science and Social Studies*

Make storytelling a part of your daily curriculum. Develop literacy skills for language, vocabulary, comprehension, writing process, speaking, and listening; along with performance skills and expression.

Charlie McCarthy

Afternoon (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm): *Humor Crossing the Pacific*

Will American boys enjoy the humor in Australian literature? Will Australian boys enjoy the humor dished out by American authors? Matt Zbaracki and Charlie have been researching common elements sought out by boys. Charlie will present reactions from readers and show examples of humorous literature.

Poetry Slam & Social Hour ~ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Nile Stanley, Gary Dulabaum & Mike Mennard



Friday Evening Banquet
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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Henry Cole ~ ~
"...and now a few words with the illustrator"

Henry Cole is the celebrated illustrator of many books for children. He is also the author and illustrator of the novel *A Nest for Celeste* and his newest release *The Littlest Evergreen*. Cole's delightful sense of humor and artistic talents inspire and entertain audiences. His performances are a treat!

February 25 - Saturday

Literacy Walk ~ 7:00 am - 8:00 am

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**Super Saturday Sessions**

**Henry Cole**

*Audubon's Art as Inspiration: Notes from a Fan*  
Enjoy time with Henry Cole at the Museum of Nebraska Art. He will spend time in the gallery and share his inspiration for *A Nest for Celeste*. Question and answer time in the gallery with Henry's work.  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Sarah Armstrong**

*The Brain, Learning, and Lesson Design*  
Focus on application of brain research and effective differentiation in the classroom.  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Nebraska Authors**

*Mike Mennard, N. L. Sharp, Jean Lukesh & others*  
Connect with Nebraska Authors; their process and content. Books available for purchase and autographing.  
9:30 am - 11:00 am

**Don Kosmicki**

*Digital Storytelling*  
Bring your laptop with iMovie and photos downloaded to computer.  
9:15 am - 10:45 am

**Charlie McCarthy**

*Graphic Novels are Like Beets*  
Charlie will share how he uses graphic novels to engage readers, and how he moves those readers beyond the comic book.  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Nile Stanley & Gary Dulabaum**

Stanley: *Performance Literacy through Storytelling*  
Specific strategies for science and social studies that increase achievement will be shared. 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
Dulabaum: *Birth, Death, and Freedom on the American Frontier: History Celebrated through Song and Dance*  
The songs and poems of Gary Dulabaum, Brod Bagert, Stephen Vincent and others. 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Awards & Author Luncheon**

11:30 - 1:00 pm  
*"Boys Being Boys"*  
~ Nile Stanley ~ Charlie McCarthy ~  
~ Gary Dulabaum ~ Mike Mennard ~



Thirty-ninth Annual Conference ~ Nebraska State Reading Association

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| February 23—25, 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <b>REGISTRATION FORM</b>                    |  | Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE                                     |  |
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| <b>Pre-Conference - Thursday</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | <b>Conference Choices</b>                   |  | <b>Optional Events</b>                                      |  |
| <b>Morning Workshops</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>Thursday Evening - Saturday:</b>         |  | <b>Thursday:</b>                                            |  |
| Aimee Buckner _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | <i>(excludes meals)</i>                     |  | Welcome Reception <i>(no fee)</i> _____                     |  |
| Julie Kozisek _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Member \$105 _____                          |  | <b>Friday Meals:</b>                                        |  |
| Charlie McCarthy _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Non-Member 155 _____                        |  | Cook Luncheon \$25 _____                                    |  |
| Mark Overmeyer _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | Student 25 _____                            |  | Ellery Luncheon 25 _____                                    |  |
| <b>Afternoon Workshops</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | <b>Friday Only (excludes meals):</b>        |  | Henry Cole Banquet 30 _____                                 |  |
| Aimee Buckner _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Member \$90 _____                           |  | <b>Literacy Walk</b> \$5 _____                              |  |
| Mark Overmeyer _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | Non-Member 135 _____                        |  | <b>Saturday Meal:</b>                                       |  |
| Stuart Murphy _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Student 20 _____                            |  | Award & Author Luncheon / <i>Boys Being Boys</i> \$25 _____ |  |
| Dulabaum & Stanley _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>Super Saturday Special Only:</b>         |  | <b>TOTAL:</b> _____                                         |  |
| <b>Circle Option</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <i>(includes lunch)</i>                     |  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1/2 Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Member \$65 _____                           |  |                                                             |  |
| <b>All Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Non-Member 90 _____                         |  |                                                             |  |
| Member \$55 \$95                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Student 30 _____                            |  |                                                             |  |
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| 1/2 day: 1 workshop (No meal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                             |  |                                                             |  |
| All day: 2 workshops (Includes Meal)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                             |  |                                                             |  |
| <b>AMOUNT SUBMITTED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                             |  |                                                             |  |
| Pre-Conference Fee _____ + Conference Fee _____ + Optional Events _____ + Membership Dues _____ = TOTAL _____                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                             |  |                                                             |  |
| <b>LATE REGISTRATION:</b> After January 30th, 2012 you must register on-site at the Ramada Inn in Kearney. Individuals can save by using this form to pre-register as on-site rates will be an additional \$25.00. Tickets for meal functions will not be sold on-site. |  | <b>HOTEL RESERVATIONS</b>                   |  |                                                             |  |
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