

Illini Reading Council

Winter 2010

Differentiated Instruction

Hi, Illini Reading Council
Members,

In accordance with this year's theme of *Differentiation*, our Winter program features Suzanne Lee who will talk about how to assess students and plan appropriate instruction for children at both ends of the achievement curve.

Two of our board members, Mary Kay Thompson and Cheryl Van Hoy, saw and loved Suzanne's presentation at last summer's Chancellor's Academy. Both of them thought her session not only made them reflect deeply about their own classroom practice but was bursting with practical ideas they could immediately implement.

BE SURE TO ATTEND!

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Winter Program:

(with support from Unit 4 & District 116)

Suzanne Lee

Saturday, January 30, 2010

Differentiated Instruction: Making Learning Accessible for Low Achieving and High Achieving Learners

Saturday, January 30, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mellon Administrative Center
Board Room
703 S. New Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Fall Program: Creating Meaningful Opportunities for All Children: What are the other students doing during guided reading?

Haeny' Yoon's October 24th presentation was a great way to start this year's programs! Participants wrote that they found her not merely motivating, but inspirational. She did this by "marinating" us in books, books, and more books.

She wove short read-alouds throughout her program; on every table she laid out small collections of beautifully written and illustrated issue oriented books at different reading levels; she gave us a resource-rich bibliography. Her easily implemented and differentiated center activities all grew from students' authentic written and drawn responses to this feast of books.

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Be sure to attend our March meeting with Peggy Sherman!!

Peggy's presentations are so popular and valuable, that this is her third appearance for us in 6 years! Peggy knows exactly what professional books teachers are using all over the state; and which ones are best for helping to implement or reflect on particular strategies and approaches.

As founder of PS Associates, a distribution company which has been a statewide source for professional books for over twenty years, Peggy knows what's being used statewide. As a former teacher and principal, she knows what works.

In addition to being able to purchase powerful books at this workshop, you will also walk away with concrete ideas and activities you will immediately be able to implement.

Although Peggy will focus on bringing books and tips for implementing a differentiated curriculum, she will bring books and devote time to other issues.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR OWN SUGGESTIONS ARE FOR BOOKS, STRATEGIES, AND CONCEPTS YOU WOULD LIKE HER TO INCLUDE.

Email: ElizGC@aol.com

Spring Program: Peggy Sherman

Professional Books that Make a Difference with a Focus on the Differentiated Classroom

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Time: 9:00-12:00

Location: TBA

**REMEMBER THE IRC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
LIGHTING THE WAY TO LITERACY IS IN SPRINGFIELD MARCH 18-20, 2010**

Register online
www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Elizabeth's Book Recommendation *Chains* by Laurie Hall Anderson

Lexile 780 Grades 5-9 RL4.7

Historical Fiction

This is one of the best books I've read this school year. It's exciting and meaty. Not only do you sit on the edge of your chair wondering if Isabel, a young slave in Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War, is going to win her freedom, but you also learn something about an important historical period.

SEND US A BOOK RECOMMENDATION FROM ONE OF YOUR STUDENTS AND WE WILL PUBLISH IT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

The Illini Reading Council

presents

Making Learning Accessible for Low Achieving and High Achieving Learners

Suzanne Lee

Suzanne Lee is the Clinical Experiences Coordinator in the Department of Special Education at the University of Illinois. This program will be an extension of her enthusiastically reviewed presentation at the 2009 Chancellor's Academy which included a concrete and practical focus on how teachers can use assessment to differentiate instruction and design activities for all students.

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Please fill out the registration form below if you are planning to attend. Indicate if you would like to earn CPDU credits. CPDU fee is \$5.00 for IRC members, \$10.00 for nonmembers. E-mail to Mongsee@aol.com or mail to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by Jan. 26, 2010. Registration at the door is possible if seats are still available. Questions? Call Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley (217) 351-7871

Name: _____ Position/Grade: _____ Illini RC member: _____ yes _____ no

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- ◆ To promote the habit of lifetime reading and an awareness among all people of the impact of reading
- ◆ To promote the development of every reader's proficiency to the highest possible level

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