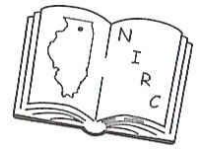


THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2014  
*NIRC FALL CONFERENCE*  
AT KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE



FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
**DR. MARIA WALTHER**



PRESENTING

*Assess, Decide, and Guide: The keys to  
helping ALL readers succeed (K-5)*

*To help students become thoughtful, independent readers, it's essential to know students' specific learning needs and surround them with targeted reading support. Join Maria as she shares a powerful instructional framework and practical tips for using data to make informed decisions and guide readers. Learn how to differentiate reading lessons to match students' stages of reading development and meet the needs of individual readers by pinpointing a teaching focus, carefully matching readers with texts, strategically prompting, and providing ample time for comprehension conversations. You'll leave with a wealth of classroom strategies to transform your reading instruction!*

REGISTRATION FORM  
*The 28th Annual Northern Illinois Reading Council Fall Conference*  
FEATURING: Dr. Maria Walther  
Thursday, September 24, 2015  
4:30 PM -8:00 PM  
Kishwaukee College Conference Center, Malta, IL

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- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Registration for current NIRC Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Registration for Non-NIRC Members (\*Join now and pay member price! See below.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 Registration for Undergraduate Students/NonNIRC Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ FREE for Undergraduate Students who are paid NIRC/IRC Members
- \_\_\_\_\_ FREE for a school administrator who registers with a teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ FREE for Literacy Grant Recipients

Box lunches are available for an additional cost of **\$7.00** and include a sandwich, chips, an apple, cookie and soft drink or water. All lunches must be preordered by September 15th.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7 YES, I want to order a box lunch! (mark your preference) \_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_ Veggie  
\_\_\_\_\_ No thanks!

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Mail your registration and check to: Tracy Jaconette, 1922 Clinton Street, Rockford, IL 61103  
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**Registrations must be postmarked by September 15, 2015, after which time you may pay at the door.**

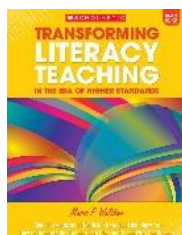
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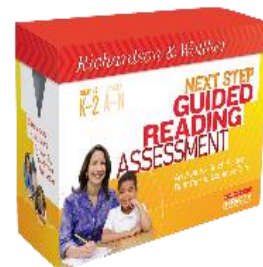
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# NIRC FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**4:30-5:00 Registration and shopping**

**5:00-5:25 Opening, introductions, awarding of NIRC grant and remarks by State Representative, Robert Pritchard**

**5:30-6:15 Keynote speaker, Dr. Maria Walther: "Assess, Decide, and Guide: The Keys to Helping All Readers Succeed K-5".** Dr. Walther has a doctorate in elementary education from Northern Illinois University and has taught first grade since 1986. She currently teaches at Gwendolyn Books Elementary School in Aurora, Il. She shares her ideas with teachers around the country, at seminars through Staff Development Resources and as an independent consultant. She was awarded the 2008 ICARE for Reading Award by the Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education in recognition of outstanding contributions to fostering the love of reading in children!

**6:20-7:00 1<sup>st</sup> BREAK-OUT SESSION**

**\*Dr. Lou Ferroli, "Dyslexia: From Doubt to Definition to Diagnosis to Doing Something About It" (General audience)** Dr. Ferroli, Professor Emeritus, is current President of the Illinois Reading Council and Chair of the Budget, Finance and Strategic IRC Committee. He was a professor at Rockford College for 23 years. He was inducted in the IRC Hall of Fame in 2011. He has chaired the Obama Literacy Fund Committee of IRC and has been the author of the "Cool Studies" column in the IRC Communicator.

**\*Becky Anderson Wilkins, Book Talk K-4,** Becky Anderson serves on the IRC Illinois Reads Committee. She is co-owner of Anderson's Bookshops in Naperville and Downers Grove and has been president of the American Booksellers Association, the Association of Booksellers for Children and the Great Lakes Booksellers Association.

**\*Renee Corcoran & Tracy Jaconette, "It's all about the past, about the past, about the past...Pack your bags and fasten your seatbelts, as we travel across the globe and through the years to teach you our secrets for reading, writing and loving historical fiction! This is an interdisciplinary unit ... which will spark the imaginations of your classroom of authors. This presentation includes hands-on activities and shenanagians of historical proportion"**

Renee and Tracy are both upper elementary teachers at the Spectrum Progressive School of Rockford. Tracy also serves as treasurer of Northern Illinois Reading Council.

## 7:05-7:45 2<sup>nd</sup> BREAK-OUT SESSION

**\*Dr. Jerry Johns and Joan Bereman, “Engaging Fluency Strategies Consistent with the Common Core,”** *Dr. Johns is the former President of the International Reading Association (2002-2003), IRC President(1981-1982), President, College Reading Association (1988-1989), Professor Emeritus at Northern Illinois University, and a distinguished author and researcher. Joan Bereman, is the Immediate Past President of Northern Illinois Reading Council and serves also as secretary of NIRC. She presently works as a Reading Specialist at Gwendolyn Brooks Elementary School in DeKalb, Illinois. Formerly Joan taught in both the Aurora and Sycamore areas.*

**\*Kristy Rauch and Kari Bartholomew, “Facilitating Student Talk, Thinking and Interaction”,** K-8 Center for the Collaborative Classroom. This session will provide practical facilitation strategies to support teachers so classrooms are connected learning communities where students lead the talking, thinking, interaction and learning. The session also considers the common core standards and their impact on teaching and student learning.

**\*Becky Anderson Wilkins, Book Talk, Grades 5-8 (Anderson’s Book Store)**

**\*Bert Crossland and Beth Olsen Book Talk: Professional Books -General Audience,** Bert Crossland of Crossland Literacy is a former elementary school teacher and university professor. Since 1987 he has been part of the educational publishing industry and has worked for Scott Foreman, Scholastic, Rigby and Mondo. From 2001-2005 he returned to the classroom and taught K-2 literacy at Dundee Highlands Elementary in West Dundee. After teaching in Illinois he was the marketing product manager for Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System. Since then he has been supporting teachers with high quality products and professional development. Elizabeth Olsen has a passion for all things literacy. As a K – 4th grade classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher, Literacy Coach and Language Arts Curriculum Specialist, she has been immersed in best practice literacy instruction her entire career.

## 7:45-8:00 Shopping

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