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Note from the President

Dear SCIRA Friends,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year! I am sure that this newsletter will find each of you busy preparing your classroom for eager students. On behalf of the entire SCIRA Board, I wish each of you a productive, and literacy rich school year. I also want to remind you that it is never too late to begin your plans for your own literacy professional development.

Our successful summer conference with Debbie Diller helped us better understand working with small groups and the use of "literacy workstations" to support how children approach independent strategy practice. Over 420 participants walked away from the two day conference with renewed vision for classroom organization.

SCIRA has been busy planning our 2009-2010 conference series. Our mission is to provide the highest quality professional development at a reasonable and affordable fee. We will continue to take your suggestions and bring the most noteworthy professionals in the field of reading and writing. This year is no exception.

Our fall conference will feature Dr. P. David Pearson. With the onset of Response to Intervention (RtI), it is most important that our students know, understand, and apply literacy strategies for cognitive development in all genres. One of the major premises of RtI is to insure that all children receive the highest quality classroom instruction possible. Not just through materials, but through quality teacher instruction. Dr. Pearson will provide strategies for unlocking the importance of content area reading. He will help us turn the key to open supportive strategies for our students as they create better understanding of science and social studies. As always, CPDU credits will be offered and for those of you wishing university credit, our partnership with National-Louis University will support an extended view of this topic and provide you with 1 university credit hour. The collegiality at these extended workshops brings SCIRA members together for an additional day of literacy professional enrichment.

To that end, we would like to remind you that SCIRA conference fees can be supported through many school based revenue sources. If your school is a Title I school, money is available for professional develop. Also Title II funding for Highly Qualified Teachers can provide funding.

Our Fall conference is at the low stimulus price of \$25 for SCIRA members.

Love, Luck and Laughter for the 2009-2010 school year!!

Laura Beltchenko, Co-President with Jan Rashid

P.S. - My new favorite website for the fall comes to us by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). They created a list entitled the Best Websites for Teaching and Learning. Included in their "best of the best" or Landmark Websites is the International Reading Association's ReadWriteThink.org. Check out the AASL's list today for an array of outstanding web resources' to enhance your teaching. The site is: www.ala.org/aasl/bestlist.

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Memories of Debbie Diller

On Thursday, June 18, 2009 and Friday, June 19, 2009, the Summer Teachers Renewal Seminar and the Suburban Council of the International Reading Association, SCIRA, held its Summer Conference at the Meridian Banquet Hall in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. The keynote speaker at the conference was Debbie Diller. Four hundred and twenty participants attended the two day conference. Seventy seven participants took an additional one credit hour from National-Louis University.



On the left: Three Debbies enjoy the TRS/SCIRA conference: **Debbie Shefren**, SCIRA Board Member, **Debbie Diller**, Keynote Speaker, and **Debbie Gurvitz**, Conference Co-chair and SCIRA Hospitality Chair. On the right: Photogenic SCIRA board members, **Debbie Gurvitz**, **Debbie Shefren**, and **Laura Beltchenko**, SCIRA Co-President, enjoy discussing Guided Reading approaches with **Debbie Diller**, keynote speaker for the TRS/SCIRA day.



On the left: **Claudia Katz**, Conference Co-Chair, and **Debbie Diller**, conference keynote speaker, show off their recent purchases from the Eileen Fisher Outlet just around the corner from the Meridian Banquets. On the right: **Debbie Diller**, keynote speaker, explains the fine points of small group instruction to three former National-Louis University students, **Kris Rychlik**, **Susan Lersch**, and **Christine Wisinski**.

Thoughts and Reflections from participants:

Stacy Mautner, SCIRA member and NLU graduate:

One of the literary workstations that I am excited to implement into my classroom is the Observation Station. This station would be perfect to use while my classroom is learning about aquatic habitats. The kids are always excited to run over to the aquarium and watch what is happening. By setting up learning observation logs, kids can take advantage of the time watching but also work on improving their writing skills. Kids can sit and read books about fish, snails, plant life, and more during this station as well as discussing the exciting things they have learned about or watched.

Laura Jackson, conference participant:

I learned a lot about whole group and small group instruction, and the components of a good lesson. The most beneficial piece of information I learned was to simplify and focus on one idea for each small group lesson. I want to work on using data from classroom assessment to guide my instruction in order to meet the needs of all of my students. This data can then help me to choose a focus for each one of my small groups. I also enjoyed learning more about the different components of literacy instruction: vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, phonics, and phonemic awareness.

Have an innovative literacy idea? Want funding? See IRC Website to download grant information. <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/>

The Suburban Council of the International Reading Association
presents

P. David Pearson

**Synergy in Action: Using Reading, Writing, and
Language to Support Children's Study of Content
Material**



October 21, 2009 4:30-8:00 PM

~~Caruso Middle School~~ 1801 Montgomery Road - Deerfield, IL 60015

Join Dr. P. David Pearson as he reports on the work that he is doing in conjunction with science educators on an NSF project that aims to improve both science and literacy performance in an integrated curricular framework for students in K-8. The logic of this curriculum effort is that both science and literacy improve when reading, writing, and language are used as learning tools.

David Pearson's research interests include practice and policy in literacy instruction and assessment. A member of the National Academy of Education, he is a former dean of the College of Education of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also co-directed the Center for the Study of Reading. Before coming to Berkeley he was the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of Education at Michigan State University. He has served as president of the National Reading Conference and on the boards of directors for the International Reading Association, the National Reading Conference, and the Association of American Colleges of Teacher Education. His honors include the William S. Gray Citation of Merit from the International Reading Association, the Oscar Causey Award for Contributions to Reading Research from the National Reading Conference, and the Alan Purves Award from the National Council of Teachers of English. Among his books and articles are the *Handbook of Reading Research*, now in its third volume; and *Learning to Read: Lessons for Effective Schools and Accomplished Teachers* (with B. Taylor, 2000).

Teachers working toward CPDUs and CEUs should be assured that the materials presented in this conference will address the needs of serving students with disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving such students in the least restrictive environment. Conference day will count for 4 CPDUs.

Directions to the Conference:

Caruso Middle School – 1801 Montgomery Deerfield, Illinois

From I294 Tollway Northbound: Exit Deerfield Road. 1. Turn Right (east) to the 1st stoplight – Castlewood. 2. Turn Left (north) on Castlewood for one block to Montgomery. Left (west) on Montgomery to Caruso Middle School.

From I294 Tollway Southbound: 1. Exit Lake-Cook Road. Turn Left (east) .3 miles to Wilmot Road (stoplight). 2. Turn Left (north) on Wilmot past 2 stoplights to Montgomery. Left (west) on Montgomery to Caruso Middle School

From the Edens Expressway: Exit Deerfield Road – Westbound. Go west on Deerfield Road for approximately 3.5 miles (through Downtown Deerfield) to Wilmot Road (stoplight). Right (north) one block to Montgomery. Left (west) on Montgomery to Caruso Middle School.

Lake-Cook and Waukegan – North on Waukegan to Deerfield Road. West on Deerfield Road to Wilmot Road (stoplight). Right (north) one block to Montgomery. Left (west) on Montgomery to Caruso Middle School. **Turn right or left when you arrive at the school. You may park in either the front or the back of the school.**

One person per registration form, please.

Name _____

Home E-mail (for confirmation) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ School Phone (_____) _____

School Name _____ District # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work E-mail (for confirmation) _____

Check the appropriate pre-registration fee below:

_____ SCIRA Members-\$25.00 (Stimulus price)

_____ Students, paraprofessionals-\$15.00

_____ Non members-\$65.00 (Includes SCIRA MEMBERSHIP)

_____ One hour of University credit for an additional \$327 (available from National-Louis University) you must pay for University credit with a separate credit card or check. Follow the directions on the form below and send to Claudia Katz. You will receive information when you register for the two-day event.

SCIRA CONFERENCE ONLY—COMPLETE THE ABOVE SCIRA REGISTRATION, attach check payable to SCIRA and mail to SCIRA c/o Christine Seidman 349 Sheridan Road, Winnetka, IL 60093

SCIRA CONFERENCE with One hour University Credit—COMPLETE THE ABOVE SCIRA REGISTRATION, attach check payable to SCIRA, complete NLU registration (on following page) with payment of 327.00 and mail SCIRA REGISTRATION with conference fee, NLU Registration & 327.00 (Check of Credit Card) to...

**Claudia Katz
1329 Oxford Rd
Deerfield, IL 60016**

Questions? Call Claudia at 847-236-1164 ckatz17755@aol.com Claudia.katz@nl.edu

DO NOT MAIL GRADUATE REGISTRATION directly to NLU
MAIL COMPLETED GRADUATE REGISTRATION FORM with \$327.00 CHECK OR CREDIT CARD
FORM payable to NLU AND SCIRA REGISTRATION check for \$25.00 TO:
CLAUDIA KATZ, 1329 OXFORD RD, DEERFIELD, IL 60015

**STUDENT
 ACCOUNTS
 APPROVAL**

NATIONAL-LOUIS UNIVERSITY
 GRADUATE REGISTRATION FORM

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

NAME: LAST _____ FIRST/MIDDLE _____

MAIDEN (IF APPLIES) _____ Check if new name or address since last graduation

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ BUSINESS PHONE: (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK ONE: FALL _____ WINTER _____ SPRING _____ SUMMER _____ 2009

BIRTHDATE: _____ SEX: M _____ F _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND (CHECK ONE)

1 American Indian or Alaskan _____ 2 Black Non-Hispanic _____ 3 Asian or Pacific Islander _____
 4 Hispanic _____ 5 White Non-Hispanic _____

IF YOU HAVE A FELLOWSHIP OR A DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP, PLEASE CHECK:

Fellowship _____ Doctoral Scholarship _____

ADMITTED TO GRADUATE PROGRAM: Program _____ Advisor _____

In the College of Education, a maximum limit of nine semester hours of NCE/NLU credit taken as a special student prior to formal admission may apply toward a Master's Degree, Educational Specialist Degree or Certificate of Advanced Study.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED OR FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU

CRN	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE REGISTRATION Course Title	SEM HOURS
	RLR595TB A	Using Reading, Writing, and Language to Support Content Study	1

NOTE: Payment must be submitted at time of registration.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

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CREDIT CARD CHARGE FORM

STUDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

STUDENT'S NAME (*print*) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP \ _____

I hereby authorize National-Louis University to charge my Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express account in the amount of \$ 327.00, which represents tuition.

CHECK ONE: VISAMASTERCARD DISCOVERAMEX Exp. Date _____

Card No. _____

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (*print*) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Early Bird Registration (\$150) until January 1, 2010

Words Their Way: Word Study in Action

Featuring

Donald R. Bear

Thursday, June 17 and Friday, June 18, 2010 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Meridian Banquets 1701 Algonquin Road

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Dr. Bear's talk with focus on the following topics:

- *Word Study: The integration of phonics, spelling and vocabulary instruction*
- *The synchrony of literacy development*
- *Word study for reading and writing and word study for vocabulary learning*
- *Organizing word study*
- *Guiding, extending, thinking about, and observing sorts*
- *Break-out sessions with teachers currently using Words Their Way in their classrooms*

Teachers working toward CPDUs and CEUs should be assured that the materials presented in this conference will address the needs of serving students with disabilities, including adapting and modifying the general curriculum related to the Illinois Learning Standards to meet the needs of students with disabilities and serving such students in the least restrictive environment. Each conference day will count for 8 CPDUs.

One person per form, please.

Name _____

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School Name _____ District # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

____ Two-day event-\$150.00 (includes registration for Thursday and Friday, light breakfast and lunch both days, two-day address by Donald Bear, exhibits. **DOES NOT INCLUDE SCIRA MEMBERSHIP**) This price will be \$175 after January 1, 2010.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL -LOUIS UNIVERSITY-MAIL THIS FORM AND A CHECK TO:

CLAUDIA KATZ 1329 Oxford Rd Deerfield, IL 60015

Questions? Call Claudia at 847-236-1164 ckatz17755@aol.com Claudia.katz@nl.edu

TO USE A P.O., A CREDIT CARD, OR TO SIGN UP FOR ONE HOUR OF UNIVERSITY CREDIT,
CONTACT CLAUDIA KATZ.

Registrants will receive a conference confirmation by e-mail.

Please include your e-mail addresses at the top of this page, or you will NOT receive confirmation.

Enhancing Literacy: Meeting the Needs of K-12 English Language Learners
Second Annual Conference sponsored by
National-Louis University's Reading & Language Department and Fox Valley Reading Council

October 8 & 9, 2009 National-Louis University Lisle Campus

Conference Website and Registration:
http://www.nl.edu/ELL_literacy/index.html

October 8: Morning Keynote: Dr. Luis Moll, author and researcher
Afternoon Breakout Sessions

October 9: Morning Institutes and Afternoon Keynote followed by book signings:
Mr. Francisco X. Alarcón award-winning children's book author/poet

Register at the webpage above or at: <http://www.nl.edu/continuingeducation>
<<http://owa.nl.edu/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.nl.edu/continuingeducation>> (go to the bottom of the page where the NLU Reading & Language Department/Fox Valley Conference is listed. When you register, an email address is required.)

Optional one semester hour of University course credit is also available. For credit, please fill out the Graduate Registration Form linked to the conference website along with an additional check (payable to National Louis University). Contact person: Ruth E. Quiroa (RQuiroa@nl.edu).

Center for Teaching through Children's Books

in partnership with

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators – Illinois Chapter (SCBWI-Illinois)

Local Author & Illustrator Showcase

Saturday, September 12th, 2009

10:00am – 12:00pm

National-Louis University - North Shore Campus

5202 Old Orchard Road, Suite 300

Skokie, IL 60077-4409

Exit 35 at Old Orchard Road, Just west of I-94, Free Parking

Third Floor – Room #353 Public Forum Room

Bring your friends; RSVP with number of expected attendees to CTCB@nl.edu

Junko Yokota (JYokota@nl.edu) & Gail Bush (Gail.Bush@nl.edu)

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Winter Conference to be announced soon

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