



THE ILLINI & VERMILION VALLEY READING COUNCIL PRESENT

Engaging with Care: Reading and Responding in Ways that Encourage Mindfulness, Respect, and Empathy

**Date: Saturday,
August 9, 2025
Time: 10:30 AM -
12:00 PM**



Location: Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Marketview Shopping Center,
65 E Marketview Dr, Champaign, IL 61820

PRESENTERS:

Karla J. Möller, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, College of Education, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

As a professor at U of I and former elementary school teacher Karla has been researching and teaching with children's literature for over 25 years.

Currently, her literature teaching emphasizes the concept of care, a focus that responds to the increased stressors that surround children and their families and that emphasizes a culture of care for self and others.

Martin Lehrer, Doctoral Student, College of Education, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign: A former K teacher, Martin is a Ph.D. student in Curriculum and Instruction who has worked with children across K-12. He teaches undergraduate courses on children's literature and on child development and technology. He is a research assistant and curriculum developer at the International Programs Office. His research emphasizes supporting educators in diverse and global contexts.

Attendees will also be invited to share their own recommendations

Cookies will be available

Free Beverage Voucher for those who register by August 1