

West Suburban Reading Council Presents:



Literacy as a Tool for Healing and Trauma

Presenter: Julie Hoffman

February 23, 2021 at 7pm

Learn how to help children heal during the Pandemic through Literature.

Healing from trauma can be scary, messy, and complicated. Fortunately, the power of story can help. This session will cover some of the basic regarding trauma, including a review of the physiological responses (fight, flight, freeze). There will be discussion about how vicarious experiences (being in the shoes of a fictional character) helps a reader know they are not alone, introduces new coping mechanisms, and provides a safe place to approach traumatic experiences.

Expect lively read-alouds and group discussions about how books can be used to teach SEL goals in general or toward healing from trauma. You will receive a link to a comprehensive book list, but you might also want to start filling your Amazon cart during the presentation!

Audience: All, with a particular focus for grades 4 - 8

Clock Hours will be offered.

Books, Discussion & Fun!

**Join West Suburban Reading Council
for an exciting evening of literacy!**

Tuesday, February 23rd 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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A for educators, friends & family!



AGENDA:

- 7:00 P.M. - 7:10 P.M. - Welcome, attendance, etc.
- 7:10 P.M. - 8:10 P.M. - **Presentation: Julie Hoffman**
- 8:10 P.M. - 8:15 P.M. - Wrap up
- 8:15 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. - A link to a comprehensive book list, SEL discussion, and closing

The link to this virtual PD session via ZOOM will be shared with participants prior to the event using the e-mail addresses provided at time of registration.

ISBE CLOCK HOURS

Clock hours will be offered—provide your IEIN during registration.

**Registration deadline:
February 20th!**

RATE:

Registration fee:

Members: Free

Nonmembers: \$10.00

New Members joining at registration: \$Free

Join IRC and West Suburban Reading Council for \$45.00.

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