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**Summer Professional Development Opportunities**

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Dear Principals,

We have heard from a number of teachers who are looking for professional development opportunities to earn credit this summer. Please forward the following one-day workshop/institute opportunities with your staff.

Thanks so much,  
Karen Antikajian  
ORA/EERC

**WRITING ROCKS! IMPROVE WRITING INSTRUCTION AND EARN CREDIT**

WRITING ROCKS and teaching writing double rocks! There is no better way to engage students in their own lives and the world around them than through writing. Doing so is an energizing and fulfilling experience for students and teachers alike. The class will begin with a solid foundation of structures (especially writers' workshop), process (with an emphasis on revision), and a common language (Six Traits). Then, we'll add evidence-based strategies and practical activities to transform your K-8 classroom into a dynamic and supportive community where every student finds success, whatever the standards may be.

The instructor is Robert Young, experienced classroom teacher (25years), curriculum specialist (10 years), writing consultant (13 years), and children's book author (26 books). Robert has worked in schools as near as his neighborhood school and as far as Argentina. He has taught many classes focusing on writing instruction at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, and on-site at schools.

**Hybrid class** – One day workshop + online work**One graduate credit** from Portland State University

**Cost - \$180** (= \$125 class fee + \$55 credit fee)

**When:** Monday June 17, 2013 from 8:30 to 3:30

**Where:** Lane Education Service District, 1200 Highway 99 North, Eugene OR, 97402

**To register,** e-mail [areswhy@gmail.com](mailto:areswhy@gmail.com) for directions.

**Class size limited – Register Today.**

Download flyer and registration form: [http://www.literacylane.org/calendar\\_programs.html](http://www.literacylane.org/calendar_programs.html)

## **ORA SUMMER INSTITUTE ON AUGUST 16, 2013**

### **“Clarity in the Chaos: Teaching to Engage Readers and Writers”**

In this workshop we will examine what **really** matters in literacy teaching and learning, explore common sense ways to engage third through eighth graders as active, participatory, creative readers and writers, and (re)ignite our own knowledge and passion by partnering our teaching with literature.

Some questions we’ll consider:

- How can we offer real, frequent, and varied reasons (and audiences) for writing and reading that ratchet up rigor and pleasure?
- How do we incorporate the read-aloud as an anchor and inspiration for reading and response and for craft lessons?
- How do we partner with literature to create joyful, confident, and competent readers and writers?
- How do we invite curiosity and wonder into our literacy classrooms?
- How do we make sense of mandates, seek clarity in the chaos, and create classrooms where we continue to learn alongside our students?

Nancy Johnson recently concluded three years teaching reading/language arts to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Singapore American School, and will return to her position as professor of English/Language Arts education at Western Washington University this fall. There she teaches courses in children’s and young adult literature, English/Language Arts methods, and Writing. Johnson is the co-author of *The Wonder of It All: When Literature and Literacy Intersect*, as well as three books about literature circles. She served on the Caldecott and Newbery selection committees, and was honored by the International Reading Association as the recipient of the Arbuthnot Award for the teaching and advocacy of children’s literature.

At WWU she directs the annual Children's Literature Conference. She has been known to choose reading over all kinds of other "temptations" (i.e., cooking, cleaning, grading papers).

One PSU graduate credit is available. Download flyer and registration form: [http://www.literacylane.org/calendar\\_programs.html](http://www.literacylane.org/calendar_programs.html)

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