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NEWS FROM THE EMERALD EMPIRE READING COUNCIL

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Welcome back to the new school year and the new EERC calendar of workshops, programs, and activities. Our September/October newsletter will be arriving soon. We are here to support you in your literacy efforts and hope, in turn, you will support our goal to promote literacy in Lane County.

If your membership needs to be renewed or you know of someone who would benefit from joining, please note that we have an EERC/ORA [Fall Membership Special of \\$15](#) until **December 31, 2014**. I am attaching the membership form with some reminders of the benefits of membership. It will also be included in the September/October newsletter. **If you have changed schools or have a different email address, please reply to this message with the updated information so we can send your newsletter and these messages to the correct address.**

COMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

EERC's 2015-2016 Professional Development Workshops

Thanks to the support from many people across our community, we are able to offer 8 Professional Development Workshops this year. The 2015-2016 PD Workshops Series will be held at Pacific University's Eugene Campus, 40 E. Broadway on Monday evenings from 4:30-6:30pm. Please see the calendar for dates and details of each workshop. The workshops are free for EERC members and \$10 each for non-members. You can become an ORA and EERC for only \$25 at any workshop or online (<http://www.literacylane.org/membershipinfo.html>).

To register in advance for workshops, contact Alexa Parker by email (alexaparker@gmail.com).

You can register for a 1-semester graduate credit with Pacific University for \$100 at the workshops only through January 11, 2016. For the graduate credit, you must attend at least 7 of the 8 workshops, attend the final sharing meeting in June 2016, and submit a reflective essay. *Contact Karren Timmermans for questions about Pacific University credit (kmtimm@pacificu.edu)*

Upcoming EERC Workshops

On September 21, Lilla Butler will lead our first workshop in. Lilla is a MAT/SpEd candidate at Pacific University and a local artist. Lilla will show you creative ways to use watercolor, tempera paints, and pencil to inspire children to connect with text and their inner artist!

On October 19, Karen Antikajian will share the five **Patricia Gallagher Book Award** nominees and other books of similar genre and content as the nominees. Karen's fabulous packet of activities will be available for purchase for \$7.00. A CD packet of materials will be available for an additional \$5.00. The five Patricia Gallagher Book Award nominees will be available for purchase for \$26.00. **Please pre-order PG Book nominees from Barbara McKillip pandabooks@comcast.net**

Please see the Professional Development Workshop flyer and EERC calendar for dates and descriptions of all 8 workshops: www.literacylane.org/calendar_programs.html or www.literacylane.org/PD_flyer_15.pdf

ORA's Professional Development Opportunities

November 6, 2015 - Fall Institute with **Carl Anderson** "Assessing Writers: Planning for Writing" (3–8) and **Carol Jago** "With Rigor for All: Meeting Common Core Standards for Reading Literature" (6–12) Embassy Suites Portland Airport

February 12–13, 2016 - Winter Institute with **Kristin Ziemke** "Amplify: Digital Teaching and Learning in the K-5 Classroom" (K-5) and **Kylene Beers and Robert Probst** "Notice & Note: Strategies for Close Reading" (4–12) Embassy Suites Portland Airport

April 16, 2016 – Spring Institute with Ruth Culham "The Writing Thief: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Craft of Writing" at the Red Lion Hotel, Salem.

Literacy Grants

Need \$\$ for your classroom? Apply for ORA's **\$300 Literacy Grant**. ORA is awarding twenty grants instead of ten \$200 grants this year. For information: www.oregonread.org/literacy-grants or download an application under November 15th on our calendar page: www.literacylane.org/calendar_programs.

Our three **TAR (Teachers As Readers) groups** are continuing and we are choosing the books to be read during the year. One updated list with meeting dates is posted on our website and the other two will be soon. We have two groups that read adult fiction and nonfiction. They meet every other month. One meets on the second Thursday afternoon (4:30) of the month while the other usually meets on the first Saturday morning (10:00).

The third group reads books for young adults (grades 3 and up) and meets every month usually on the fourth Tuesday at 4:30. If you are interested or have questions, contact Gayla Clark: gaylaclark@comcast.net or one of the facilitators listed on the website.

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