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## NEWS FROM THE EMERALD EMPIRE READING COUNCIL

OF THE  
OREGON READING  
ASSOCIATION

(Affiliated with the International Literacy Association)

### News from the EERC Listserv – TheLiteracyList

(This is a closed listserv. Replies will go only to Karen Antikajian)

Please share this information with others.

To unsubscribe just reply with the word “unsubscribe.”

**Membership Deal.** 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.**

**LAST DAY TO ORDER SETS OF GALLAGHER BOOKS.** Preorder from Barbara McKillip [pandabooks@comcast.net](mailto:pandabooks@comcast.net). **Books will not be available from Barbara after this date. Packets will be available at the October 19<sup>th</sup> workshop or by replying to this message.** Packets are \$7. An **additional** CD is \$5. Postal mail is \$5. No charge for courier.

### 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 **October 19**, Karen Antikajian will share the five **Patricia Gallagher Book Award** nominees and other books of similar genre and content as the nominees. A 188-page packet of activities will be available for purchase for \$7.00. A CD packet of materials will be available for an additional \$5.00 (only available with a packet). The five Patricia Gallagher Book Award nominees will be available for purchase for \$26.00. **This is the last day to pre-order PG Book nominees from Barbara McKillip [pandabooks@comcast.net](mailto:pandabooks@comcast.net). Books will not be available from Barbara after this date.**

Please see the Professional Development Workshop flyer and EERC calendar for dates and descriptions of all 8 workshops: [www.literacylane.org/calendar\\_programs.html](http://www.literacylane.org/calendar_programs.html) or [www.literacylane.org/PD\\_flyer\\_15.pdf](http://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.

For questions about ORA Professional Development Institutes contact Dennis Hickey: [dennishickey@outlook.com](mailto:dennishickey@outlook.com)

### **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](http://www.oregonread.org/literacy-grants).

Our three **TAR (Teachers As Readers) groups** are continuing and we have chosen the books to be read during the year. Please click here to see the schedules and lists of books for the coming year. If you are interested or have questions, contact Gayla Clark: [gaylaclark@comcast.net](mailto:gaylaclark@comcast.net) or one of the facilitators listed on the webpage.

**Passing on some chuckles from another listserv:**

Librarian to patron: "Oh, I could tell you where self-help is, but that'd sort of defeat the purpose, wouldn't it."

Librarian: "Yes, we have that book with the green cover by that famous guy. It's over in the book section."

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