

CHICAGO WORKSHOPS

Breakfast With Mr. Schu John Schumacher

Grab a muffin, pour a cup of your favorite breakfast beverage, and get ready to discuss practical and innovative ways to build excitement before, during, and after your Book Fair. You will walk away from sharing a morning meal having the ingredients for a recipe for success: a winning combination to support student choice, provide access to books, and encourage family and community involvement.

A Wonderful Way to Spend a Life: One Teacher's Favorite Teacher Marvin Terban

Marvin Terban will reveal the three methods that have worked successfully for him over a long teaching career. (One of them is humor.) He will introduce you to the amazing teacher who set him on the path to the careers that have defined his life, and he will demonstrate the classic methods she taught him that worked for her long before the touch-screen age.

Access to Books: Game Changer for Kids Donalyn Miller

Children with meaningful access to books succeed at higher levels and experience greater engagement with reading. In this session, you will examine the current research on book access in schools, libraries, and homes; discuss intellectual and cultural access concerns like diversity and leveling; and explore resources and strategies for developing and sustaining high-quality classroom library collections that support students' reading lives.

Ambassador Schu's Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too! John Schumacher

Calling all elementary school teachers, librarians, and administrators! Join in a conversation with Mr. Schu as he presents some of the best new picture books, early readers, and chapter books for emergent, transitional, and fluent readers. In typical Mr. Schu fashion, he will share book trailers, websites, activities, and interviews you can easily incorporate into lessons and booktalks to get everyone on your campus hurrying to your bookshelves to find the perfect book.

Audience Matters: Engaging Student Readers Through Community Katherine Sokolowski

Engaging our students with reading requires meaningful opportunities for students to respond to what they read and authentic audiences for their responses. In this session, participants will reflect on their reading lives and explore strategies and tools (both online and off) that connect students with other readers.



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Booktalking: Transforming Dormant to Passionate Readers Robin Hoffman

Creating and delivering great and memorable booktalks can transform dormant readers into passionate readers who crave new books. Making booktalking a daily practice allows students to hear approximately 180 books each year and enables them to become better consumers of the books they want to read. This session will provide the tools and activities to create a vibrant booktalking culture on your campus or in your classroom.

Building the Capacity of Families to Engage in Children's Literacy Sherri Wilson

According to Dr. Karen Mapp, "Parent participation is the leading predictor that supports students' academic success, regardless of family race, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, or cultural background." Families should feel empowered and informed to participate in multiple roles to support their children's learning and overall school improvement. Participants will explore the Dual Capacity Framework for Family-School Partnerships and use interactive strategies to learn how to embed best practices into literacy events.

Empowering Students as Readers Jessica Lifschitz

When students are empowered as readers, they no longer rely on their teachers in order for them to continue reading. In this session, we will explore ways to empower our students as readers through book choice, student-created reading goals, and reading work that matters in the world.

Harness the Power of Comprehensive Literacy in Your District Michael Haggren

Comprehensive Literacy is a researched-based system that enables educators to successfully address the needs of students at all levels, delivering improved student outcomes and creating a culture of literacy and joyful readers and learners. Join Scholastic's CAO Michael Haggren in an overview and discussion of Scholastic's approach, building on balanced literacy, supported by professional learning and integrating learning supports and family and community engagement. This session, both conceptual and practical, will provide best practices on classroom rotation blocks, professional development, and how you can implement in your district.

Independent Reading: Where We've Been. Where We're Going. Donalyn Miller

Featured panelists: **Jessica Lifshitz, Katherine Sokolowski, Zipporah Hightower**

In communities where "all reading is valuable and all readers are valued," children grow into lifelong readers. Award-winning Texas teacher and author of *The Book Whisperer*, Donalyn Miller, invites literacy thought leaders to reflect on best practices that foster independent reading at school and home. During this engaging and interactive seminar, we will examine the research basis for independent reading and explore progressive methods for launching and sustaining a positive reading culture.



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It Takes a Village: Working Together to Create a School Filled With Readers Colby Sharp & Sue Haney

Get a bird's-eye view of a reading year at Parma Elementary School. Learn how this Michigan school promotes reading through innovative means, such as author visits, book birthdays, booktalks, independent reading, classroom libraries, read-alouds, assembly read-alouds, book holidays, and more.

Passion-Driven Reading Communities: They Should Be the Norm Stacey Riedmiller

Bringing passion and excitement to independent reading is the catalyst for an engaging reading community. At the center is a passionate teacher who reads. This session focuses on ways to connect with a larger reading community, easy-to-implement classroom procedures, and reading as the reward.

Picture Books for All Ages Jillian Heise

Read-alouds and picture books are not just for our youngest students, and the power of those shared stories can be utilized at any grade. Implementing a #classroombookaday goal, reading aloud a picture book every day of the school year helps educators build community and engagement, while addressing curriculum standards.

School Librarians: Champions of Change John Schumacher

Join John Schumacher (aka Mr. Schu) as he explores the value of school librarians as champions of change. Participants will roll up their sleeves and get ready to dig into the role of librarians as champions of independent reading, connectors of the school family, and advocates for all students.

When Books Become Best Friends: One Book/Many Visits Lester Laminack

Explore the potential of revisiting a small collection of carefully selected books through focused read-aloud experiences across time. Imagine slowing down to explore a small set of books in layers, one layer at a time with a clear focus for each read-aloud experience. Lester Laminack will take you through the potential of a few picture books to demonstrate what can be done with numerous well-loved books from your own classroom library.



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