

Orange County Reading Association

Forty-Eighth Annual Fall Conference

October 29, 2011
Concordia University, Irvine



Keynote Speaker: Ron Boren

“Let Music Weave a Tapestry of Literacy”

Using music in the classroom is research based and can be used as transitions to teach core standards, to create an optimal learning environment, and to add some fun back into your day. Ron will share a variety of ways to include music into your instruction without compromising your pacing guides. There will be something for all grade levels including writing prompts with music. *It's Time to Get Our Groove Back!*

Ron has been a classroom teacher for 18 years and has served as a literacy coach at his school site. He writes standards-based music and performs at school assemblies, parent literacy concerts, and professional development throughout the United States. He recently received a master's degree in education at California State University, Stanislaus and completed a reading specialist credential. He currently teaches 6th grade for Modesto City Schools.

Schedule

7:40- 8:40	Registration/Exhibits/Continental Breakfast
8:40- 9:30	Small Session I
9:30-10:00	Exhibits
10:00-10:50	Small Session II
10:50-11:20	Exhibits
11:20-12:35	General Session/Keynote Speaker
12:35-12:50	Exhibits/Evaluations/Raffle

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Outstanding Contribution to Reading Award

Two main goals of OCRA are the improvement of reading and the promotion of literacy in Orange County. Our organization realizes that these goals cannot be met without the support of many dedicated individuals, many of them professionals in our own field. OCRA is proud to honor one of these outstanding professionals in the field of reading in our county each year.

The Outstanding Contribution to Reading Award is the award given annually to an individual who has made a significant difference to reading in Orange County. This year the award goes to Julie Niles Petersen. Julie has been an advocate for literacy for years. She received her B.A. from Chapman University and her M.S. and Reading Specialist Credential from California State University, Fullerton. She taught first grade in the Santa Ana Unified School District and was a Reading Specialist and Title One Reading Teacher in the Irvine Unified School District. Currently, Julie teaches graduate students in the reading/language arts master's program at California State University, Fullerton, blogs about reading, and serves as our Immediate Past President. Over the years, Julie has also served as OCRA's Registration Chair, Vice President, President-Elect, and President.

Julie is passionate about improving the reading skills of children, mentoring teachers, and sharing best practices for teaching. She is also a tech enthusiast who loves how new technology tools enable teachers all around the globe to collaborate, support each other, and share resources that enhance teaching. She encourages all educators to create strong personal learning networks and to join Twitter. She believes Twitter is one of the best forms of professional development available.

Julie also enjoys being part of the blogosphere. She launched her award-winning blog, "Resources for Teaching Reading" (aka the TWRCTank) in April, 2010 and she designed a blog for OCRA in July, 2011. The hours she has spent creating these blogs (and their value to teachers) are immeasurable. Be sure to visit them at www.twrctank.com and www.ocreading.org.

OCRA is especially proud of Julie and we commend her on her enthusiasm and dedication to improving reading and promoting literacy in Orange County.



Small Session Presentations

Each session will be presented twice

Session I: 8:40 - 9:30

Session II: 10:00-10:50

**1. “Using Mentor Text to Improve Student Writing”
(Grades K-6)**

Grimm Hall 127

Presenter: Angie Balius, Teacher, Garden Grove Unified

Have you ever wanted to invite published authors into your classroom to share their love of writing with your students? This workshop will help you learn how to use their writing to inspire your students to stretch and grow as young authors. Teachers will see how to use a variety of literature to create a multitude of memorable writing experiences for their students.

**2. “So Many Words, So Little Time! Which Words Do I Choose?”
(Grades 3-12)**

Grimm Hall 302

Presenter: Dr. Erica Bowers, Professor, Cal State, Fullerton and

Presenter: Dr. Laura Keisler, Adjunct Faculty Professor, Cal State Fullerton

The presenters will demonstrate how to select words to increase student proficiency with Academic English. In addition, engaging strategies for internalizing the meaning of content area vocabulary will be shared. Participants will receive a handout with all of the instructional strategies.

**3. “Twenty Tidbits for New Teachers”
(Grades K-12)**

Grimm Hall 126

Presenter: Lisa Michelle Dabbs (@teachingwithsoul on Twitter) - Educational Consultant, Coach and Blogger, www.teachingwithsoul.com

Teachers around the world are gearing up for the new school year—but the experience is going to be vastly different for new teachers. Where an experienced teacher has the knowledge of what worked and what didn't, a new teacher is going to be bombarded with tons of new information and the need to process it! In this presentation, I will share 20 ideas via resources & social media tools which I hope will help support and ease new teachers into a fun, successful school year.

Small Session Presentations Continued

4. “Literacy Express”

Grimm Hall 121

(Grades K-3)

Presenter: Tracy Doverspike, NBTC, Teacher, Alvord Unified, Riverside

Teachers will receive a packet of literacy centers/Universal Access or homework ideas, as well as other activities to increase reading, writing, and spelling in their classrooms.

5. “Simple, Powerful Strategies to Improve All Writing”

LA 123

(Grades K-6)

Presenter: Toby Larson, Staff Development Specialist

This session provides easy, direct and effective writing strategies that guarantee quick, positive results. Focus is on easy-to-implement scaffolding strategies to improve organization for paragraphs and essays, sharpen sentences, simplify editing, and improve word choice. Ideal for struggling students and reluctant writers and readers, this systematic approach to putting ideas on paper makes the teaching of writing clear, understandable and practical.

6. “The Art of Reading”

Grimm Hall 219

(Grades K-6)

Presenter: Jon Pearson, International Speaker, Consultant & Author,

www.createlearning.com

Discover how students can transform the often-frustrating reading process into a life-long pleasure. See how students can picture what they read and turn books into mental movies. Find unique ways students may use their imaginations to read for the meaning beyond the words on the page. Explore simple, rapid-drawing techniques that help students dramatically increase their comprehension and retention. See how *picturing* what you read can turn “learning” to read into “loving” to read!

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Professional Reading Organizations

We hope you are already a member of the Orange County Reading Association (OCRA). If you are, then you are also a member of the California Reading Association (CRA). Members of both organizations receive OCRA's *Orange County Reader* newsletter and CRA's *The California Reader*, a quarterly journal. Membership also entitles you to reduced rates on conference registrations. In addition to joining your local and state reading association, we highly encourage you to join the International Reading Association (IRA), our parent organization.

Would You Like to Be More Involved in OCRA?

OCRA needs representatives from school districts in Orange County--one representative from each small district and two representatives from each large district. Representatives are still needed from: Anaheim Union High SD, Brea-Olinda SD, Capistrano SD, Centralia SD, Fountain Valley SD, Fullerton SD, Huntington Beach City SD, Huntington Beach Union High SD, Irvine SD, La Habra City SD, Los Alamitos Unified SD, Lowell SD, Magnolia SD, Newport-Mesa Unified SD, Ocean View SD, Orange Unified SD, Placentia-Yorba Linda USD, Saddleback Valley Unified SD, Santa Ana USD, Savanna SD, Tustin Unified SD, Westminster SD. If you are willing to serve, please contact our president, Laura Emerson, at president@ocreading.org. The more representatives we have, the better we can serve the parents, teachers, and students of Orange County. We look forward to hearing from you!

Save the date!

Join us for our 48th annual spring conference on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at Concordia University in Irvine. Our conference will feature keynote speaker, Robin Preiss Glasser, published author and illustrator of the #1 New York Times bestselling *Fancy Nancy* series. Please visit www.robinpreissglasser.com or www.fancynancyworld.com for more information about Robin Preiss Glasser and the *Fancy Nancy* series.

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With Special Thanks

The Orange County Reading Association would like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to all the very special people who so generously support our volunteer organization and help make our conferences happen. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Reading Department at Concordia University for helping us secure the venue, as well as publicizing the event to their students. Here is a little more about our sponsor:



We welcome you to the Concordia University Irvine campus for this exciting conference! It is indeed a pleasure for us to partner with the Orange County Reading Association as we move forward together to meet the educational needs of all students.

Concordia University Irvine is committed to the mission of equipping professional educators to support the literacy levels of all learners across the early-childhood-adult continuum. We offer Single Subject, Multiple Subject, and Education Specialist credential programs that may be combined with a MEd. degree. We also offer a Master of Arts in Education degree with a choice of concentration in one of three areas: Curriculum and Instruction, Administration with a Preliminary Credential, or School Counseling with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential. These Master's degree programs are held in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties where we offer quality graduate courses in areas where most candidates live and work. In addition, our online MAED program in Curriculum and Instruction provides a convenient alternative for those who prefer that mode of instruction. Visit our booth for more information or go to www.cui.edu.

In gratitude to our generous sponsor and to Ron Boren for waiving her speaker fee, the Orange County Reading Association has donated one dual membership to the Orange County Reading Association and the California Reading Association, along with one free registration to our 48th annual spring conference being held on March 22nd at Concordia University with keynote speaker, Robin Preiss Glasser. Thank you again!

OCRA would also like to thank the following vendors who joined and supported us today with exhibits and door prizes:

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