

# The Reading Educator



University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Reading Education Department

## Reading Research Symposium

Wisconsin educators will attend the 30th annual University of Wisconsin Reading Research Symposium to develop and discover new strategies in research and writing for educating youth about the power of literacy.

The theme this year is "Urban Reading Education: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Nationally known researchers including Dorothy Strickland, Kristen Perry, Susan Piazza, Donna Pasternak, Karen Kelly Rigoni and Donna Alvermann will present and share their work.

After the success of last year's symposium attendees can expect more hands-on workshops and an interactive experience.

### *Topics to be presented:*

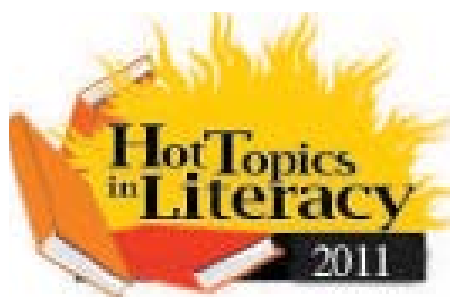
- Early Intervention: "Using Research to Address the Challenges and Opportunities for Effective Intervention in Early Literacy Programs"
- "Literacy Practices: How People in Diverse and Marginalized Communities 'Do' Literacy"
- Urban Literacy: "Balancing Literacy Learning in Urban Settings"
- Writing: "Exploring the Characteristics of Effective Reflective Writing and a Practical Framework for Thinking about reflective Writing that Supports the Development of Reflective Practitioners"
- History: "Research on Urban Literacy Examined with a Historical Lens"

Master's level graduate students can enroll in a two-credit graduate course, "Issues in Reading," that is offered in conjunction with the symposium.

Educators can either take the class through the symposium or can just attend the event.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be hosting the two-day event on June 23-24, 2011. The event is intended for teachers, administrators and literacy coordinators. Registration is \$200.

For more detailed information contact Dr. Mike Ford at [ford@uwosh.edu](mailto:ford@uwosh.edu).



*"Opportunity for area teachers to gather together,"* Dr. Pat Scanlan said.

## The Hottest Topics in Literacy

The Reading Education Department at UW Oshkosh will sponsor its Hot Topics in Literacy Conference on Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Nursing Education and Clow Academic buildings.

Nationally known researcher, Cathy Toll, is this year's keynote speaker. Toll is an expert on literacy coaching and the author of "The Literacy Coach's Survival Guide: Essential Questions and Practical Answers."

The one-day conference includes a luncheon and provides attendees with insight into the ever-changing realm of reading and writing.

Participants will have the opportunity to take a one-credit graduate course for \$250, plus the cost of conference registration, \$30 for full-time undergraduates and \$60 for all others.

Individuals that are currently degree-seeking, have a finished degree, or simply, have an interest in literacy education are highly encouraged to attend.

For more detailed information visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/coehs/departments/reading-education/conferences>.



***“The Reading Education Department strives to help students achieve literacy to excel in school within a two year time frame,”***

Department Chair Dr. Joan Simmons said.



**Reading Department Facts:**

- Nationally accredited
- Offering a variety of hybrid classes
- Cohort groups throughout the state



## Celebrate Teachers Teaching Teachers

The 26th annual Invitational Summer Institute of the Fox Valley Writing Project (FVWP) offers educators from the surrounding area the opportunity to work in a professional setting where literacy and language is the central focus.

The program includes a six-credit graduate course that is available to kindergarten through post-secondary teachers interested in developing new teaching and writing strategies for themselves and their students.

Participants will read and analyze professional literature, research a teaching question, exchange ideas with other teaching professionals and emerge as teachers of other teachers.

Teachers will leave the program with new teaching strategies and a plan for a teaching inquiry project that they will implement in their classrooms.

In October, the teachers will reunite and share their inquiry projects, while also reflecting on the new traits they have acquired to further improve their teaching.

The Summer Institute will be held from June 13 to July 8, 2011 on the UW Oshkosh campus.

Although participants for the 2011 session have already been chosen, it is not too early to start thinking about the next session.

Applications for the 2012 session will be available next fall.

There is limited enrollment in the program. Participants are chosen through an application process, so do not wait until the last minute.

To learn more about the FVWP visit <http://fvwp.uwosh.edu>.



*Courtesy of Fox Valley Writing Project*



*Students gather together in 765 Literacy Assessment*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS

You are required to check your campus e-mail on a regular basis. Your professors may be contacting you with important information. Also, be sure to check the D2L (Desire2Learn) forum if your class uses D2L. Instructors often place important information on D2L. Both Titan Mail and D2L can be accessed from the UW Oshkosh homepage at [www.uwosh.edu](http://www.uwosh.edu). If you need help setting up or accessing your e-mail or D2L, contact the Help Desk at (920) 424-3020 or e-mail [acs.help@uwosh.edu](mailto:acs.help@uwosh.edu).

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