



Wired Wednesday Webinars

on Unlocking Opportunities

All webinars will begin at 7:00 p.m.

EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH LITERACY

The Illinois Reading Council will be offering the 2017-2018 Wired Wednesday Webinars for members only. Each webinar begins at 7:00 p.m. and focuses on Unlocking Opportunities. Participants who watch the live or recorded webinars can earn professional development clock hours. Mark your calendars and register to take part in this convenient, free IRC membership benefit.

September 6, 2017 ~ Rae Hughart

Unlocking Opportunities through Dynamic and Interactive Unit Plans



During this session, Rae will describe how to design units focused around rigorous content and community connections. Within this time, she will also touch on numerous "hot topics" including Project Based Learning, Standards Based Grading, Interdisciplinary Units, and more! Don't miss the fun!

February 7, 2018 ~ Chris Bohne

Unlocking Opportunities by Developing Information Literate Students in the Era of Fake News



Students have more information at their fingertips than ever before, but do they know what to do with it? This webinar will share strategies for helping students to determine an information need and learn how to effectively find, evaluate, and use the information ethically. Tools and resources for each step of the information process will be shared.

October 4, 2017 ~ Adam Peterson

Unlocking Opportunities through Play-Based Learning



Play in the classroom doesn't have to be a thing of the past. Even in today's curriculum driven classrooms, teachers can find a way to tie play to every subject. In this webinar, Adam will show you how to include play-based activities into reading, math, science, and social studies! Plus, see fun ways to use exciting technology as a way to keep play alive in your classroom!

March 7, 2018 ~ Janet Allen

Unlocking Opportunities by Deciding Not to "Do It All"



With ever-changing educational mandates, new programs, and many voices about best practice, it can become challenging to unlock what matters most in terms of our students' literacy and learning. In this webinar, Janet will share how she learned to "stand on the shoulders of giants" to help refine her thinking and practice to meet the needs of students in her care. Finally, she will discuss the importance of choosing how to balance literacy so we can



decide not to do it all in order to do what really matters—for us and our students.

November 1, 2017 ~ Teri Lesesne

Unlocking Opportunities through Graphic Novels



In this webinar, Teri will explore the world of the graphic novel. What is a graphic novel? How do we read graphic novels? What are the literary values of a graphic novel? How can we evaluate graphic novels? These questions and more will be answered as Teri shares dozens of titles of must read graphic novels.

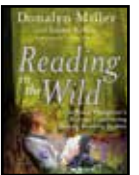


April 4, 2018 ~ Donalyn Miller

Unlocking Opportunities with Access to Books



Children with meaningful access to books achieve at higher levels and experience greater engagement with reading. In this session, we 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.

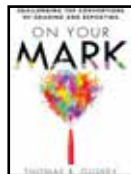


December 6, 2017 ~ Thomas R. Guskey

Unlocking Opportunities Beyond Assessments For Learning: Assessments That Improve Learning



This presentation describes how teachers can develop clear learning targets, gather useful information on students' performance, offer effective feedback to guide improvements in teaching and learning, and then accurately document students' learning progress. Participants will learn how to use classroom assessments as effective learning tools, how to integrate performance assessments with more traditional assessment methods, how to align



assessment procedures with important learning goals, and how these procedures will allow them to better meet the needs of diverse learners.

May 2, 2018 ~ Marilee Sprenger

Unlock Opportunities with Direct Vocabulary Instruction



Explicitly teaching vocabulary is a necessity at every grade level and content area. In this webinar you will learn how and where the brain stores words. With this knowledge you will be able to take students through the three steps for learning vocabulary: encoding, storage, and retrieval. Many vocabulary strategies for direct instruction will be shared. Introducing new words, rehearsing them, and reviewing are required for long-term memory.



January 3, 2018 ~ Becky Anderson

Unlocking Opportunities with the 2018 Illinois Reads Books



Join Becky Anderson as she presents the Illinois Reads books for 2018. Learn more about the Illinois Reads statewide literacy initiative that promotes reading for all Illinois citizens. Six books in six age bands from Birth to Adult will be shared. A variety of book topics and themes are chosen for each age band, highlighting the work of Illinois Authors.



June 6, 2018 ~ Lori Stevens

Unlock Opportunities to Support Early Literacy Learners



Enhance your instruction for readers and writers in your primary classroom by creating opportunities to develop key foundational literacy skills and strategies. Explore options for identifying and supporting students who begin to struggle in their literacy development. Ensure you are doing everything possible to provide a literacy-rich environment for these beginning readers and writers. Through our webinar discussion, teachers of early literacy learners can expand their understanding of the best ways to develop strategic processing systems for their young students.

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