

Tri-county Literacy Council

Teacher-to-Teacher Fall Conference

Thursday, October 17, 2019

4:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Clinton Township Middle School, 34 Grayrock Rd., Clinton, NJ 08809

(2 hours professional development credit)



Kick start your year with some great professional development!

Tri-county Literacy Council proudly presents classroom-tested best practices from “the teacher next door.” We offer workshops on a variety of topics at various grade levels (and in practice, most workshops are adaptable over many grade levels). Register today for the workshop that best meets your current teaching needs.

Registering as a member of Tri-county Literacy Council gives you **free** professional development at this favorite annual event. Not a member yet? Sign up today! In addition to the Teacher-to-Teacher Fall Conference, you’ll enjoy discounts at our Mid-Winter Conference and Spring Fling, and you will have the opportunity to enter your students’ work in our Young Authors Writing Competition.

Watch our website for more information on all our upcoming events:

<http://www.tricountyliteracycouncilnj.org>

Schedule for October 17, 2019

4:30-5:00 Registration: Pick up your name tag and room assignment, then enjoy some light refreshments and conversation with colleagues.

5:00-5:15 Announcements

5:30-6:45 Teacher-to-Teacher Workshops

Note: Due to your past generosity, we are not accepting book donations for our Habitat for Humanity Literacy Project at this time, but we continue to gratefully accept monetary donations.

Teacher to Teacher Workshop Selections

1. Beyond Academics. Grades K-6

Presenters: Rick Falkenstein, Superintendent; Stacey Michalski and Simona Moss, Teachers, Kingwood Township and Milford Public School District

Many children come to school lacking the appropriate skills to support their learning. That's why our classrooms need to go beyond teaching discrete skills. Come see how to balance the rigor set forth in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards with enhancing student social and emotional outcomes. This presentation features examples of tested classroom practices.

2. Turn your books into scrolls for better thinking, sharing, and learning. Grades 4-8

Presenter: Dave Middlebrook, Textmapping.org

The unrolled scroll's richly-revealed panoramic display of book content provides unmatched sensory access and unmatched support for discovery-based, constructivist learning. Scrolls are cheap, effective, easy to make and use. They drive real engagement, deeper conversations, better learning. From non-fiction to YA Lit. Come see!

3. Digraphs, Diphthongs, and Blends... Oh My! Grades K-5

Presenter: Karen Morrow, Reading Specialist, Tewksbury Elementary School

Did you know that English is about 97% decodable? This phonics workshop will delve a little deeper into the English language by providing effective tools and helpful background knowledge to explicitly support readers and writers.

4. Digital Responses to Reading. Grades 5-12

Presenter: Amy Barrett, Union Township Middle School

Technology can diversify the ways students respond to reading and increase their motivation to write about texts. This workshop provides models of how to use digital responses in your classroom and some hands-on practice with the following tools and processes: blogging, Padlet wall, screencasting, iMovie trailers, mind-mapping. Bring your own laptop!

5. Using Digital Technologies for Writing in the K-2 Classroom Grades K-2

Presenter: Ursula Accumanno, Lester D. Wilson School, Alexandria Twp.

This workshop is designed to enhance writing instruction in the primary grades by using digital platforms. The goal is to narrow the gap between oral and written language. These strategies will help ease frustration and allow students to more fully express themselves. *Also suitable for ELL and Special Education classrooms.*

6. Graphic Novels: A Bridge between Print and Visual Media Grades 4-12

Presenter: Edna Coe Bercaw, Union Township Middle School

Graphic Novels encompass a variety of important topics and themes, creating layered experiences for readers of all ages. This workshop will explore the medium's popularity and examine how visual elements engage readers and contribute to the meaning, tone, beauty, and strength of a text.

Teacher to Teacher Registration Form

Due by October 10, 2019

If possible, please register using the Google Form attached to the conference email. Otherwise, you can mail in the form below by October 10.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School District: _____

Have you already paid your membership fee for 2019-2020?

- Yes, I paid Yes, my school paid
 No, a check is enclosed
 No, I will pay at the conference

Choose two workshops and **list in order of preference**. Every effort will be made to place you in your first choice.

First choice: # _____

Second choice: # _____

Registration is **FREE** for current members with a paid membership for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you haven't already paid for membership, **registration is \$35 for teachers, \$25 for retired teachers, and \$20 for full-time students. It includes a Tri-county membership for this year.** Please include a check with this form and mail it to the address below. Checks should be payable to Tri-county Literacy Council.

Or you may pay for membership at the conference on October 17.

Send Completed Registration and Payment (if applicable) to:

Tri-county Literacy Council
c/o Amy Barrett
37 Church Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Or register using the Google Form attached to the conference email.