

*Break Out
Session Presenters*

2009 Keynotes



Karen Hume – KEYNOTE
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Karen has been an educator for over 20 years as a teacher, administrator, student success leader and an author. As a teacher of young adolescents for most of her career, Karen is passionate about meeting the specific learning needs of all young people and of the dedicated professionals who work with them.



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Damian Cooper – KEYNOTE
Sponsor - Nelson Education

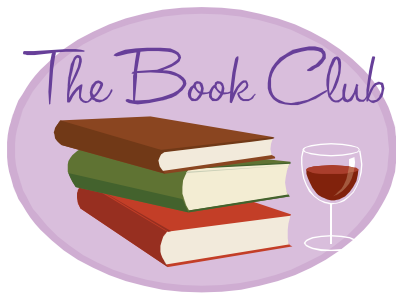
Talk about ASSESSMENT
Damian Cooper is an independent education consultant who works across Canada and the United States helping schools and school districts improve their instructional and assessment skills. He spent many years as a teacher, working in academic environments, vocational settings and schools serving students with severe learning disabilities. Damian has a wealth of experience working on ministry and consortium development teams where he consulted and contributed on a variety of curriculum and assessment initiatives. Damian's latest project, *Talk About Assessment: Strategies and Tools to Improve Learning* was published by Nelson Education in August, 2006.



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Dawn Reithaug – Friday & Saturday
Developing Vocabulary Part I
and Part II
Creating Learning Folders –
Saturday – Limited seating
Dawn is part of the District Learning
Support Team in District 41 of Burnaby.
She has worked as a classroom, ESL,
LA, behavior program, and diagnostic
center teacher. She has served as a
coordinator for a First Nation's school
and as a Consultant – Curriculum and
Instruction. She is an author of many
books.

Jennette MacKenzie **Friday only**
Sponsor - Nelson Education
1. Planning and Assessment
2. Balanced Literacy: Modelling and
Shared Reading
Jennette MacKenzie, National Director
of Teacher In-Service and Language
Development, is currently on
secondment to Nelson Thomson
Learning from the Halton RC Board.
She has been an educator for the past 30
Years and has enjoyed many roles:
classroom teacher, teacher-librarian,
consultant, principal/co-ordinator of
programs. Jeannette works extensively
for Brock University in St. Catharines,
teaching principals' training courses and
additional qualifications courses.



Brenda Boylan

Sponsor - Scholastic Education
1. Diverse Students, Diverse Needs –
How can we do it all? Gr. 4 to6 (repeat
Sat.)
2. Delving Deeper – Exploring
Comprehension with Moving Up with
Literacy Place Gr. 4 to 6

Brenda works for the
Vancouver School board in an
Inner City School in
Downtown Vancouver. She
has taught K through to 7
including resource teacher,
ESL teacher, library and
enrolling classrooms for the
past 13 years. She is currently a
sessional instructor and mentor at Simon
Fraser University, teaching courses to
teachers working towards their post
baccalaureate diploma with a focus on
literacy K to 12.



Sue Jackson

Sponsor - Scholastic Education
1. Wiggleworks – It really works –
March 27th
2. Wiggleworks – a great way to
enhance reading and writing March
28th
Sue is the National Literacy Consultant
for Scholastic Canada. She is on leave
from the Thames Valley District School
Board in London, Ontario. She is
working on the implementation of the
language curriculum and for conducting
professional development on provincial
literacy initiatives. She is part of the
writing team for Moving Up with
Literacy Place – 4 to6.

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Heather Baptie & Terry Dobson **Literacy Centre**

1. Bridging the Gap: Building confidence and improving reading
2. Fluency Instruction CAN make a difference – fluency at home
Heather and Terry are literacy teachers in Kelowna, BC. Together they created The Literacy Centre, an intensive research-based remedial reading clinic for struggling elementary student in their district.

Saskatchewan Children's Writers **Round Robin** – Linda Aksomitis Piecing Together 25 years of Writing for Saskatchewan Children

Twenty-five years ago a dozen children's writers decided to form a writing group, even though they lived all over the province. In the beginning they sent around a "Robin" – a package of letters they each added to, then sent on, and a few years later they began meeting in person twice a year. Today, with the Internet and many virtual means of communication there's something happening pretty well 365 days a year in the groups. Today there are 13 members, with three coming back from BC for inspiration. This is a powerpoint presentation to introduce you to the "Robins" and their books – currently they have 90 + titles between them.

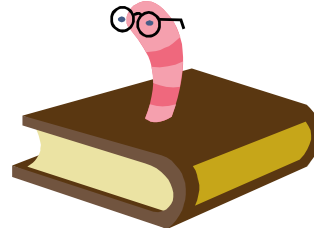


CANSCAIP BOOK LAUNCH

two concurrent sessions – Friday with 4 author presentations in each session
Linda Aksomitis, Mary Harelkin-Bishop, Beverly Brenna, Myrna Guymer,
Edward Willett, Alison Lohans, Arthur Slade, Judith Silverthorne
This Launch will be presented on Friday over two sessions, each author will present newly published works for 15 to 20 minutes. They will also be available at the author signing with the PAGES reception that evening. Books will be available for purchase.

Sylvia McNicoll –

Ten top tips to get your kids writing better and longer
Sylvia is an author and involved in the CANSCAIP organization. She will be hosting the Mass Book Launch of CANSCAIP authors at the conference.



Marg Epp

Unrolling the book
Marg is a learning support facilitator in Prairie Spirit School Division. She has 25 years of experience teaching preschool through grade 6 and undergraduate classes in the area of English Language Arts. She is interested in literacy and oracy, understanding how young learners explore and think about concepts in all subject areas through discussion groups, and in furthering such experiences by involving pre-service teachers in the process.

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Brenda Tenold – Prince Albert Grand Council

Fun Extensions to Reading Programs
Brenda has worked in Education for 30 years, first as a teacher, teacher-librarian, vice principal and now as a Library Consultant with the Prince Albert Grand Council. She brings her experience as a teacher/librarian in providing this workshop on puppets and flannel story boards.

Kurtis Hewson & Lorna Adrian

1. Facilitating Change in Successful Schools: one school's journey to improve student reading levels
2. Follow up – Collaborative Team Meetings: addressing literacy needs of all learners

Kurtis Hewson, principal of Claresholm Elementary School, has guided literacy efforts in two schools in Alberta. Kurtis has been recognized provincially for his work as teacher, vice principal and principal and earned his graduate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Calgary.

Lorna currently serves as school improvement facilitator for Livingstone Range School Division and is a 2008 Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award recipient. As a teacher at Claresholm Elementary School, Lorna stepped into the role of action planning team leader to developing a systematic approach to literacy interventions. Facilitating the creation of a pyramid of sponsors in consultation with the learning community at Claresholm Elementary, she continues to be instrumental in developing a model that addresses the specific needs of the school community.

Fernando Ferrer

Star Pheonix – Saskatoon
Introductions to Newspapers in Education

Fernando is an active member of the Saskatoon Reading Council and is an employee of the Star Pheonix.

Magi McFadden – Minahik Waskahigan School

1. Improving Learning Outcomes: Applications of Graphic Organizers to Vocabulary Development and Reading Comprehension – teachers k – 12

2. Using Graphic Organizers to develop vocabulary and comprehension

Magi is a resource teacher at Minahik Waskahigan School in Pinehouse Lake, Sask. She has served as a sessional lecturer in special education at the University of Regina and has facilitated summer short course for the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation for several years. She is a member of the KNRC and has served on SRC executive as Query Editor. Her interest in reading has been longstanding.

Susan Ruckdeschel

Peer coaching for student writers – For Grades. 2 to 12

Susan has taught in public schools for over sixteen years as reading specialist, interventionist, director of programs and English teacher. She is currently authoring a book on peer coaching and consults nationally with schools to provide professional development for teachers.



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Karen Wooller & Tanya Beattie

1. Creating art using children's books as inspiration
2. Illustrating stories using printmaking and stamping

Karen was born in Wynyard Saskatchewan and grew up in Saskatoon. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.Ed. in middle years education; majoring in Fine Arts. She has taught private art lessons, had art shows, sold paintings, and has a passion for art. She went on to teach secondary Visual Arts at Elrose Composite School, then went on to teach Visual Arts, Metal Sculpture and Career Work Education at City Park Collegiate Institute. At City Park Collegiate she developed an interest in Career and Work Education. Last year she started working in the Career and Work Education Office as a Program Leader for the Saskatoon Public School Division. The office connects high school students to the business community and assists teachers in a variety of ways. She has served on the Saskatoon branch of Junior Achievement for less than 1 year and the Saskatchewan Society For Art Education Board for 2 years.

Karen Bostic Frederick

Writing Process: Breaking it down – Gr. 5 to 12

Karen is an assistant professor at the University of Nebraska Kearney where she teaches courses in special education. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha and her graduate degrees from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Her areas of expertise include literacy and reading instruction for struggling readings, particularly focusing on writing and comprehension in content reading areas, and working with student with emotional disturbances and behavior disorders.

Lorelie DeRoose

It's Debatable – Literacy for Life
gr. 5 to 12

For over 20 years, Lorelie has been involved in SEDA as a debater, volunteer judge, workshop facilitator, and for the past 6 years as Executive Director. She has served on the national board of the Canadian Student Debating Federation for the past 3 years as Chair of the Rules Committee. Each year, at free in-class workshops, Lorelie shares the techniques of debate with hundreds of students and their teachers.

Kona Bryson & Debbie Mielke

Using Technology in the Classroom

Kona and Debbie both work with Masinah kana On-line school in La Ronge. This is a program that offers to students to complete their high school required courses via the internet.

Mercedes Montgomery

Up Close and Personal – What would YOU do if you met a polar bear?
Grade 4 to 7

Mercedes grew up on a farm near Blaine Lake, Sask. and became a registered nurse in Saskatoon working in nursing education as an instructor and program head. She married and is a mom (4) and a grandma (8). After retiring she took advantage of volunteer opportunities, a decision that has sent her in interesting directions and has offered many challenges. She has written non fiction works, then sort stories but www.walkwithapolarbear.com – a chapter book for middle grade children – is her first book of children's fiction. It is intended to spark and inspire children's imagination.

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