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Upcoming Events At WRESA

Additional Training with *Stephanie Harvey*
November 29-30, 2006

Reading Seminar with *Debbie Miller*
December 5-6, 2006



Reading Comprehension/Reading in Content Area Institute
Stephanie Harvey, Debbie Miller, Cris Tovani
August 7-9, 2007

Registration information for the above 2006 sessions will be in the August 2006 WRESA Update. Registration for the 2007 session will be in the January 2007 WRESA Update. No registrations will be taken until the registration information is distributed.



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Holocaust Workshop

March 31, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
No Registration Fee Required

Substitute pay will be provided for teachers attending the workshop.
The North Carolina Holocaust Council will sponsor this one-day workshop. **Middle and high school social studies/English teachers are invited to attend a workshop on Teaching About the Holocaust.** If you have questions, contact Richard Greene, 828.418.0011, ext. 114. **To register, complete the enclosed registration form and fax to Kathy at 828.665.7710.**
Registration Deadline: March 20, 2006

ASCD Region 8 Winter Meeting/Luncheon at WRESA

The ASCD Region 8 Winter Meeting/Luncheon will be held at WRESA on January 13, 2006, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Polly Johnson, Teaching American History Project Director for three LEAs in western North Carolina. She will share her experiences as director of a \$1,000,000 federal grant to transform the teaching of American history in elementary, middle, and high schools. Contact deborahgoodwin@bcsemail.org for registration information.

Western Region Curriculum Council Meeting Dates

The Western Region Curriculum Council will meet on the following dates at WRESA from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. If you have any questions about the meetings, contact Michael Lodico at MICHAEL.LODICO@asheville.k12.nc.us or Carol Bennett at cbennett@wresa.org.

February 23, 2006
March 23, 2006
April 27, 2006

ATTENTION PRINCIPALS

Participate in a 5-day institute co-sponsored by the Principals' Executive Program and Western Carolina University. This program and related follow-up activities offer participants an opportunity to meet the recent state requirement for principals to build their skills to ensure teacher retention and strengthen teacher leadership. Join colleagues at WCU on July 9-14 to learn, network, and have fun. For more information contact Dr. Dave Coley at dcoley@northcarolina.edu.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



WRESA will announce cancellations due to bad weather on the WLOS-TV 13 School Closings. The information will also be available on our phone system as part of the answering attendants message.



SPECIAL EVENTS

To register for the sessions listed below, please complete the Registration Form and fax to 828.665.7710 or call Kathy at 828.418.0011, ext. 118.

Barry Lane

Writing and Laughing Across The Curriculum

March 21, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Lunch Provided)

Registration Fee: \$80

*Training for teachers and
administrators, Grades 2-12*

students find their own unique voices when writing about subjects outside of themselves. Barry says, "There are no boring subjects, only boring writers." Let Barry help you discover teaching with humor and how teachers of all subjects and all grade levels use it to engage students and improve performance in reading and writing. *Lucy Calkins* praises Barry's workshops: "Barry Lane is one of the nation's finest speakers on the teaching of writing. His combination of inspiration, warmth, insight and energy is magical. My colleagues and I left with full hearts and high spirits, ready to bring new strategies and new energy into our writing workshops." *Registration Deadline: March 4, 2006*

Barry Lane is an internationally known author and speaker, who travels the world sharing his unique style of motivating students to become better writers. In this session, Barry Lane, author of *51 Wacky We-search Reports, Why We Must Run With Scissors, After THE END* and *Revisers Toolbox*, will show you techniques for helping students in grades 2-12 discover their own voices and craft them in eloquent, smart, funny, sad, audacious papers that reach the hearts and minds of their readers. Teaching non-fiction writing with voice is a challenge. Assigned research reports often turn out sounding as though they were written by the famous author from his/her CD Rom and the students' own voices are disguised beneath layers of objective information they have dutifully unearthed. Likewise, assigned position papers consist of arguments that sound more like grocery lists than impassioned, logical inquiries. *Many books and seminars on non-fiction writing, teach rigid formulas for success at such assignments, but few address the real problem: how to help our*

Jill DeGoede

Strategies That Work

March 30, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Lunch Provided)

Registration Fee: \$50

This reading seminar will be conducted by *Jill DeGoede, national literacy consultant for Stephanie Harvey.* Jill gives keynotes, presents workshops and conducts demonstration lessons on reading comprehension and other literacy practices. Her presentation will center around the work that has been done by Stephanie Harvey and others on how to improve reading comprehension. Jill is a staff development specialist for a school district in the state of Washington. **Teachers and administrators in K-Grade 5 will want to consider this workshop.** *Registration Deadline: March 7, 2006*

Becky Bone

Sponsored by
Scholastic Book Company

*Reaching All Readers with
Blazing Books: Using Leveled
Text to Motivate, Monitor and
Maximize Reading Success*

March 15, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Lunch Provided)

No registration Fee Required

This session sponsored by Scholastic Book Company will be presented by Becky Bone, Reading Specialist for Scholastic's Education Group. Becky consults with teachers, principals and district level administrators nationwide. She is a former teacher who worked with struggling readers in Orlando, Florida. She was Teacher of the Year in 1997. Becky has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at several universities. **Teachers and administrators K-Grade 8 will benefit from this symposium.** *Registration Deadline: March 4, 2006*



Teaching to Poverty

(Day One)

February 9, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$60

Using Ruby Payne's *Framework for Understanding Poverty*, this workshop will cover the basics about the culture of poverty. We will discuss hidden rules and behaviors that impact our classrooms. This workshop will be the foundation for other in-depth workshops throughout the year as we delve deeper into how best to help these students. Each participant will receive a copy of *Framework for Understanding Poverty*. Presenters will be April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer, and Nancy Reid, ILT Coordinator, Asheville City Schools and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer. To register, complete the Registration Form and fax to 828.665.7710 or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Registration Deadline: January 31, 2006

Children of Poverty: Now What?

(Day Two)

March 2, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50

Prerequisite: In order to attend this session, you must have attended a "Day One" of the Ruby Payne Training.

Understanding the characteristics of and issues that surround and impact our students living in poverty is the first step in being able to make a difference in their lives. This Day Two workshop in Ruby Payne's "Framework for Understanding Poverty" is the next step in working with our students who live in low socio-economic environments. We will focus on the cognitive strategies that are undeveloped or underdeveloped in this population and will look at specific pre, during, and after learning strategies that will help them be more successful at all grade levels. Each participant will receive a copy of Understanding Learning and Learning Structures Workbook. Presenters will be April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer, and Nancy Reid, ILT Coordinator, Asheville City Schools, and Ruby Payne Certified Trainer. To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Registration Deadline: February 20, 2006

Early Planning for A Successful Retirement

May 18, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$35

This one-day session focuses on teachers who have taught 0 – 20 years and want assistance with *critical retirement information and decision making early in their career.* This session will review the actuarial implications and repercussions of early-mid career decisions, laws, policies and processes, benefit options and investment plans. The training will be conducted by a panel of skilled presenters. The session will be facilitated by Bob Byrd and April Spencer. To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Session limited to 40 participants. Registration Deadline: May 1, 2006

How to Deal Effectively with Aggressive and Violent Students

March 29, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$25

This session is to assist with knowledge and skills associated with effectively intervening with disruptive, aggressive and violent students. The trainer, Beth Robinson, Regional Consultant for Exceptional Children, is a certified trainer in the techniques of physical intervention and restraint procedures. This session is *designed for teachers in Grades 2-12, assistant principals, and alternative school/program specialists.* To register, complete the enclosed Registration Form or contact Tina at 828.418.0011, ext. 133. Class limited to 25 participants. Registration Deadline: March 15, 2006

STAFF DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

To register for the sessions listed below complete the Registration Form and fax to 828.665.7710 or email tjoyner@wresa.org or call 828.418.0011, ext. 133.



"It's Our Water!" Teacher Workshop

March 8, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$35

It's Our Water! is a NC specific high school Earth/Environmental Science Curriculum centered around field activities in a local stream and aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study. This class will be offered as a joint collaborative training effort between WRESA and the NC Division of Water Resources, and is open to high school science teachers. Participants will receive the *It's Our Water! Teacher Guide* and much more!! Participants will earn CEUs as well as Criteria I EE Credit. Shelby Guill Laird, NC *It's Our Water* Coordinator, will be the presenter. The class will be limited to 25 participants. If you have questions, contact April Spencer, 828.418.0011, ext. 120 or Tina, ext. 133. *Registration Deadline: February 24, 2006*

TPAI Orientation for Teacher/Peer Observers

May 16, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$35

This one-day session focuses on teachers who conduct Performance Appraisals of Peers. Training includes Multiple Data Collection, Data Analysis, Feedback, and IGP Planning. The presenter will be Bob Byrd, School Improvement Specialist. **Please bring a copy of your local school system's Performance Appraisal Handbook.** Class limited to 25 participants. *Registration Deadline: May 2, 2006*

Mentor Training

March 14, 21, 28, 2006 OR April 4, 11, 25, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration Fee: \$50

Participants must attend all three sessions plus complete the equivalent of one-day out of class work assignment to receive credit. The presenter will be Bob Byrd, School Improvement Specialist, and April Spencer, Teacher-On-Loan. Class limited to 25 participants. *Registration Deadline: March classes – March 1, 2006; April classes – March 20, 2006*



Aquatic Project Wild

April 11, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
No Registration Fee Required

By: NC wildlife
Resource Commission

Once again, the NC Wildlife Resource Commission and WRESA are teaming up to bring you another workshop in the Project Wild series. This time we bring you Aquatic Project Wild!! This workshop is similar to the basic WILD workshop, but focuses on aquatic life. This training is **open to all educators, but may be of particular interest to math, science, and environmental education teachers.** The workshop will be facilitated by wildlife Regional Education Specialist, Lindsay Green. Topics cover **basic information on aquatic life and introduce participants to the Aquatic Project Wild K-12 Educator Guide, which includes hands-on activities that focus on aquatic wildlife and natural resources.** A certificate of completion for 10 contact hours will be issued after the participant completes the entire training session including an out of class assignment. Participants will receive an Aquatic Project Wild Educator Guide and supplemental materials. **If weather permits, there will be a trip to a local stream, so please dress accordingly. If you have waders, bring them along.** If you have questions, contact Bob Byrd at 828.418.0011, ext. 123. *Registration Deadline: April 3, 2006*

All sessions listed in the *WRESA Update* are held at WRESA unless otherwise stated.



Elementary and Middle School Staff Development Sessions

To register for the sessions listed below, complete the Registration Form and fax it to Kathy at 828.665.7710. If you have questions, please contact Carol Bennett, 828.418.0011, ext. 130 or Kathy, ext. 118. A certificate of credit will be issued after each session.

Grades 3-5 ELA Teacher Handbook Workshop

February 7, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$40

The purpose of this session is to provide professional development on the Grades 3-5 English Language Arts Teacher Handbook based on the 2004 English Language Arts Standard Course of Study using a trainer-of-trainer format. The handbook addresses three major questions:

- 1) What can a teacher do that will have the greatest impact on students' learning?
- 2) How can a teacher fit everything in? Over the year, throughout the day, and during the literacy block?
- 3) How can a teacher be sure that the students are mastering the NC ELA SCOS objectives?

In addition, the teacher handbook appendices contain charts with each English Language Arts competency objective for a particular grade (Grades 3-5) and specific, detailed, bulleted lists that answer the following questions:

- 1) How might a teacher teach this objective?
- 2) How might a student demonstrate mastery of this objective?

WRESA consultant, Carol Bennett, recently attended the train-the-trainer session in Raleigh and will be leading this workshop.
Registration Deadline: January 31, 2006

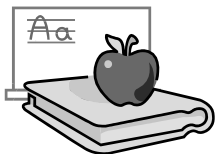
Read a Book, Write a Book, Grades K-8

April 25, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50

Research has shown that readers make better writers and writers make better readers. Additionally, our NC Standard Course of Study states: "Student-initiated learning involving choice, collaboration, and active participation is more likely to produce a high level of interest and accomplishment than teacher-centered exposition." In writing **workshop, the final step in the writing process is publication.** Publishing the writer's work completes the composing process. Publication provides the opportunity for the writer's product to be shared with an/or evaluated by the intended audience. Without some type of publication, students may forget or never realize that their writing is meaningful communication. Not allowing students the opportunity to publish their writing is like refusing to complete the writing process! **This workshop will be the much-requested "make-it and take-it" session that focuses on connecting great picture books and juvenile literature to student writing and publication. Numerous examples of "book making" will be shared.** Presenter will be Carol Bennett, Communication Skills Consultant. *Registration Deadline: April 11, 2006*



K-5 Social Studies Integration

February 22, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$35

This session will focus on **teaching reading through social studies.** Participants will **enhance their reading instruction by using the social studies curriculum as the focal point.** Topics will include:

- Role of trade books
- Use of literature circles
- How to support textbook comprehension
- Strategies for reading information text

Presenter will be Carol Bennett, Communication Skills Consultant. *Registration Deadline: February 8, 2006*

Writing Training Phases I-IV Make-up (Grades K-8)

May 2, 2006 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50

If you missed out on one of the Certified Writing Training Phases Instruction, **this is your opportunity to catch up on the information, lesson plans, and writing strategies, as well as, receive the DPI created writing notebooks.** Presenter will be Carol Bennett, Certified Trainer of Writing. *Registration Deadline: April 20, 2006*

WINTER 2006 COMPUTER TRAINING

Microsoft Office Lab – Lab/Online Combination Courses As Easy As 1-2-3

Begins February 2006 All Classes 9:30 – 3:30

We now offer a more flexible way to get your computer training with a combination of Hands-On Instructor led training and Online follow-up practice. **You Choose the Course!** Choose from the available courses listed below. **You Choose Your Schedule!** You may choose to attend either one or two days training in our lab. If you wish, you may finish at your leisure at home or at your school.

All Courses are 10 contact hours!

Online Courses: If you prefer, you may take your course entirely Online! Visit Our Website at www.wresa.org to view courses available in our Online Computer Training program. You may preview any of the courses by using the password "wresa" (without the quotes). These courses are becoming more and more popular with busy educators who prefer the flexibility of being able to work at home or after school hours. All you need is an internet connection and the course you are taking installed on your computer.

All Courses are 10 contact hours!

- 1 Choose your dates from the this list: **February 21 & 23**
March 21 & 23
April 25 & 27
- 2 Choose your course from the following:
Integrating Technology and the Curriculum
Introduction to Word
Introduction to Excel
Introduction to PowerPoint
Intermediate Word
Intermediate Excel
Intermediate PowerPoint
Internet For Educators

- 3 **Registration Fees:**
\$35 per Course
\$55 for Non WRESA Members
Registration Required
Limited to 15 participants in lab

To register call Kathy Carver at
828.418.0011, ext. 118

High School ELA Regional Workshop

April 4, 2006

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A-B Tech/Enka Campus
(Same building as WRESA Offices)

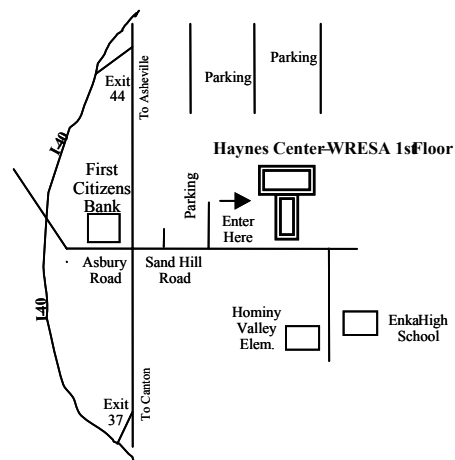
For this summer as part of the Secondary English Language Arts Leadership Conference. Please support and encourage new teachers, honors and standard teachers, lateral entry teachers and any other English Language Arts teachers who want to become familiar with the NC ELA Standard Course of Study and support documents to attend. **More information and workshop registration are available at community.learnnc.org/dpi/ela/archives/2005/10/high_school_ela.php. For questions, contact tparker@dpi.state.nc.us**

The Department of Public Instruction's Secondary Division English Language Arts Consultants are pleased to offer *In the Right Direction: High School English Language Arts Regional Workshop*. This workshop will focus on teacher needs as they implement the 2004 English Language Arts Standard Course of Study. Topics included in the workshop have been selected based on requests from teachers and district for support with areas including the following: reading strategies, planning, honors implementation and adding rigor to all courses. Teachers will learn about resources available to support their efforts in meeting all students' needs and will develop activities to use in their classrooms. Supervisors and curriculum coordinators are also welcome to attend; however, a separate trainers session has been planned

Directions to WRESA at the A-B Tech -- Enka Campus

From I-40 West: Take Exit 44 and turn right on to 19-23 South. After turning right, continue 1.4 miles to the 4th traffic light at Asbury Road (to the right) and Sand Hill Road (to the left). First Citizens Bank will be on the right. Turn left on to Sand Hill Road. Take second driveway on the left at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College – Enka Campus sign. WRESA is on the 1st Floor of the Haynes Center (on the right).

From I-40 East: Take Exit 37, turn right, then left at traffic light on to 19-23 North. Continue 5.4 miles to traffic light at Asbury Road (to the left) and Sand Hill Road (to the right). Forest Lawn Cemetery is on the right. Turn right on to Sand Hill Road. Take second driveway on the left at the Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College – Enka Campus sign. WRESA is on the 1st floor of the Haynes Center (on the right).



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested.

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____
 School: _____ LEA: _____ Fax: _____
 School Phone: _____ Grade Taught and/or Position: _____

Please check session(s) you plan to attend.

Check Here	Sessions/Registration Fee
	Holocaust Workshop March 31, 2006 WRESA Members No Fee
	Barry Lane March 21, 2006 WRESA Members \$80
	Jill DeGoede March 30, 2006 WRESA Members \$50
	Becky Bone March 15, 2006 WRESA Members No Fee
	Grades 3-5 ELA Teacher Handbook Workshop February 7, 2006 WRESA Members \$40
	Read a Book, Write a Book, Grades K-8 April 25, 2006 WRESA Members \$50
	Writing Training Phases I-IV Make-Up (Circle the Phase you will be taking) I II III IV (Circle the Grade Level) K-2 4 7 May 2, 2006 WRESA Members \$50
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	Aquatic Project Wild April 11, 2006 WRESA Members No Fee

We do not confirm registrations. Please plan to attend if you register. If we receive your registration and the session is full, the schedule has changed, or the session is cancelled, we will contact you.

You must call to register for any classes that are not listed on this registration form.

Checks for registration fee, if applicable, should be made payable to WRESA.

Due to trying to reduce our invoice costs, when registering for sessions, please mail check prior to the session date. If this is not possible, please bring it with you to the session.

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