

Learning Opportunities

Imagine a thriving
community where all
children can read with
confidence and joy

World Teacher Day (FREE)

October 5, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Meran Wilson
and Alison McInnes

In recognition of World Teacher Day,
Calgary Reads is offering a complimentary
session.

This session will:

- Focus on the Calgary Reads framework
- Explore how the reading cycle works
- Highlight practical ideas to implement word work
- Delve into the importance of 'read aloud' books

About the presenters:

Alison McInnes is currently the South East
Quadrant Facilitator for Calgary Reads.
Her 30 year teaching career includes
roles as a classroom teacher, a Literacy
Lead teacher, a Calgary Reads School
Coordinator and a private tutor. Her
passion for literacy is evident by facilitating
teachers to develop their 'best' practice in
literacy rich environments.

Meran Wilson brings twenty five years of
teaching experience to Calgary Reads.
She has taught in Thunder Bay, Winnipeg,
and for the Calgary Board of Education.
Meran has worked as a Special Education
Teacher, a Behaviour Strategist, a Grade 1
teacher and as a Resource/ELL Teacher to
students from Kindergarten through Grade
3. Meran's greatest joy throughout her
teaching career has been to help children
learn how to read.

Literacy-in-a-Box

October 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Steacy Collyer

Literacy-in-a-Box was developed by
Calgary Reads to help educators promote

family literacy in fun, engaging, effective
and easy ways. Literacy skills are critical
to all aspects of our lives and the research
suggests that one of the best ways to
support the development of these skills
is through school based family literacy
approaches. Come be inspired and
wander through the many excellent
resources that are included. Literacy-in-a-
Box is yours to keep and implement any
way you choose. It's up to you for it is "not
a box" but whatever you make it!

About the presenter:

Steacy Collyer is the Executive Director
and founder of Calgary Reads. She is
also an innovative teacher, experienced
trainer and facilitator, passionate reader,
lifelong volunteer, and proud mom of three
daughters who are her best teachers

Running Records

October 26, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Julie Bain

Recording a running record while a student
reads is an accurate and insightful way to
understand a student's reading process.

This workshop will:

- teach how to do a running record while
a student reads to you
- teach how to analyze a running record
to determine the student's reading level
and to understand the student's reading
process
- show how this type of formative
assessment can help you support your
students in improving their reading

About the presenter:

Julie Bain worked as a teacher in both
New Zealand and Canada for over 30
years. She has taught K – 6 and special
education and is passionate about children
learning to read and write. During the
last six years of her teaching career she
worked with teachers of grades K to 6,

teaching and coaching them in using best
practices for instruction and assessment.
Julie now continues this work with teachers
throughout Alberta.

Building the Reading Brain

November 9, 2011 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Julie Bain

This workshop will:

- outline how the brain learns to read
- discuss the priming skills that prepare
children to undertake this complex
process
- explore the strategies necessary to
decode and comprehend text and some
ways to teach these to students
- give you a deeper understanding of the
reading process

Buddy Reading for Division II Students

November 30, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Julie Bain

Buddy Reading has usually been used to
primarily benefit the younger student. A
Calgary Reads pilot focused on how to also
get maximum benefit for the older student.

This workshop will:

- outline the benefits of Buddy Reading for
the older buddy
- share details of the training the older
buddy received
- give guidelines and a structure for
implementing Buddy Reading
- share relevant results from the pilot

English as a Second Language Programming for English Language Learners

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
4:30 – 6:00 PM

Valley View School

Presented by Carolyn Wilkinson

Workshop for Grade two teachers
(limited to 15 participants)

The session will look at:

- Second language learning theory; BICS,
CALP, The Big Five
- The Calgary Reads ESL4ELLs program.
- The ESL4ELLs framework and lesson plans
for a variety of picture books.
- A handout of Biemiller's Word Meanings.
Please bring your Program of Studies

About the presenter:

Carolyn Wilkinson is currently the ELL
Facilitator for the Calgary Reads English
as a Second Language programming for
English Language Learners (ESL4ELLs).
She was a teacher for the Calgary Board
of Education for over thirty years; her
roles included kindergarten to grade five
classroom teacher, itinerant ESL teacher,
resource teacher and ESL/Student Services
Specialist.

Reading Aloud to English Language Learners Workshop

Wednesday January 18, 2012
1:00 – 3:30PM

Valley View School

Presented by Carolyn Wilkinson

For Educational Assistants
(limited to 12 participants)

Through the examination of a variety of
picture books the understandings to be
developed are:

- How to read aloud to Second Language
Learners to develop vocabulary.
- Which vocabulary may be difficult for
ELLs and why.
- The role of background knowledge.
- The distinction between decoding and
comprehension.
- The role of culture in learning language.
- How to use dual language picture books
with young children.

Independent Reading / Home Reading

April 25, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Valley View School

Presented by Julie Bain

It is no surprise that the more students read,
the better they become at it but how do
we encourage independent reading in the
classroom and at home?

This workshop will:

- explore ways to engage students in
meaningful, independent reading
- discuss ways to establish home reading
that works for students and parents
- suggest sources of books for independent
and home reading
- give you ideas for a variety of texts that
students can read at home

Develop Oral Language, Reading and Writing K-3:

Proven Strategies, Motivating Activities and
Mini Lessons that Work!

February 3, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Venu 1008, 1008 14 street SE in
Inglewood

Presented by Miriam Trehearne

Engage your K-3 students in proven
research-based effective and engaging
activities that support oral language and
vocabulary development, reading and
listening comprehension and skill as
writers. Discover how to build vocabulary,
extend conversations, and improve reading
and writing across the curriculum for
all learners, including ELLs. Leave with
assessment tools and engaging mini-lessons
and activities that support inquiry and
thoughtful literacy learning.

About the presenter:

Miriam Trehearne Author/Literacy
Consultant
Miriam has been a classroom teacher,
coach and Literacy Specialist. She
researches literacy best practices, presents
around the world and writes professional
books for teachers and student resources.
She recently spoke at the European
Reading Conference in Portugal and the
IRA World Congress in Costa Rica. She
also speaks often at NAEYC and ASCD
conferences. Miriam has published in
journals, has authored student resources
and is author of five teacher professional
books including two award winners. Her
newest book, Learning to Write and Loving
It! Preschool-Kindergarten (Corwin Press)
became available in August 2011.

Register on-line: www.calgaryreads.com

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Online registration is available through
Eventbrite at www.calgaryreads.com

Afternoon Session Costs:

\$20.00 for Calgary Reads Schools
\$30.00 for non Calgary Reads School

Special full day session with author Miriam Trehearne

\$150.00 for Calgary Reads schools
\$200.00 for non Calgary Reads schools

Calgary Reads provides educators with quality professional learning opportunities that will enhance shared leadership in literacy through collective creativity, supportive conditions and shared personal practice that increases student success.

Administrators interested in booking professional learning opportunities or family literacy evenings can contact:

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