



## New Standards Online

Oregon Standards Newspaper is now online! In August, the Oregon Department of Education will no longer be sending printed copies of the Oregon Standards Newspaper to districts in order to save money. The 2008-09 newspaper edition will only be available at Department's website. <http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/real/newspaper/>

## Congratulations to Oregon's Promising Young Writers

By Julie Inada

Each year, the National Council of Teachers of English sponsors the Promising Young Writers program, a writing contest for middle school writers from each state. Oregon's top three middle school writers were Jenna Wiegand and Sydnie Dean of Inza Wood Middle School in Wilsonville, and Samantha Kemper of West Orient Middle School in Gresham. These three received certificates from NCTE, and will receive gift certificates to Powell's Books from OCTE.

While kudos go to all middle school writers who entered their work this year, these

three entries showed particularly strong control over their writing, excellence in all six writing traits, and that extra something that made their work stand out.

Look for upcoming announcements for the high school level winning entries, and to see how your own promising young writers can submit work next year!

Be sure to check OCTE's website frequently at [www.octe.org](http://www.octe.org) to keep up with various contests as well as regional and national English news.

## Ashland in the Spring!

Spring time is coming soon and so is OCTE's Spring Conference. This year we'll be meeting in Ashland on April 17th and 18th for Friday afternoon sessions and Saturday morning sessions. Stay the weekend at a local inn downtown and check out what is playing this season, and next, at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival ([OsfAshland.org](http://OsfAshland.org)).

The Festival promises that next season will include "MACBETH, HENRY VIII; mix of world classics; a world premiere, and new adaptations." To come or not to come is hardly the question!

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCE Oregon Council of Teachers of English Conference: On Visual Literacy

By Ricky Korach



**ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH** (statewide inservice day), OCTE offers at Lake Oswego High School a full day of conference sessions and workshops for elementary, middle, high school, and college levels. The focus will be on learning experiences that encourage students to develop visual literacy skills: to think critically about how images convey meaning, and to understand and to produce visual messages. Join your teaching colleagues and

- Gather practical suggestions for pairing graphic novels with more traditional texts, creatively and effectively integrating sequential art narratives into the classroom.
- Explore the impact of non-verbal elements in film by examining the production designer's original storyboard for *To Kill a Mockingbird*.
- Learn strategies to facilitate the interpretation of both written (fiction and non-fiction) and visual texts.
- Discover wordless fiction in picture storybooks, film, and illustrated novels.
- Incorporate drama into your classroom to get students to understand character, conflict, and consequences in a visceral way.
- Experience fly fishing as a teaching strategy for *A River Runs Through It*.
- Prepare for Oregon's sesquicentennial with *The Oregon Encyclopedia Project*, the exciting upcoming online resource for learning about all things Oregon.
- .... choose from among many other presentations.

**What:** OCTE'S Fall Conference

**When:** October 10th, 7:30am-3:10pm

**Where:** Lake Oswego High School

**Why should I attend:** Because we learn best from the professionals (that's each other!) in our field who have been there and done that.

**Credits and PDUs available:**  
1 graduate credit through Portland State University. (Must register separately at the conference.) Six PDUs for continuing licensure.



### Among the Presenters:



Bob Bumstead



Mary Christine Delea



Beth Elliot



Paul Gregorio



Jami Wray



Manuel Mateo

**Chalkboard** is the newsletter of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, an organization that has existed for more than 60 years to support teachers of English and the language arts in Oregon elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and universities.

**Chalkboard** is our way of keeping our many members and friends informed about OCTE activities, programs of the National Council of Teachers of English, conferences and learning opportunities for students, research tidbits, book recommendations, and more.

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## OREGON COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH Fall Language Arts and Reading Conference OCTOBER 10, 2008 • LAKE OSWEGO, OREGON



### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM Pre-registration deadline: September 30, 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

	No. Attending	Registration Fee	Amount
OCTE Members	_____	@ \$60	_____
Non-members	_____	@ \$70	_____
Full-time Students, Retirees	_____	@ \$25	_____
Total	.....		.....\$ _____

**Academic Credit/PDUs Available**  
Earn one graduate credit from PSU (separate registration at the conference). Earn six Professional Development Units for continuing licensure.

**On-site registration will be \$75 for everyone.** A group pre-registration for 5 or more OCTE members is available at \$50.00 each. Must request a group form (e-mail address below). Pre-registration deadline: Sept. 30, 2008. **For information:** [bjwiegele@aol.com](mailto:bjwiegele@aol.com)  
Make checks payable to **OCTE** and send to: Barbara Wiegele • 14867 SE Orchid Avenue • Milwaukie OR 97267-2454

## OCTE CALENDAR

### September 2008

**30** Pre-registration deadline for OCTE Fall Conference at Lake Oswego High School due

### October 2008

**10** OCTE's Fall Conference at Lake Oswego High School: Visual Literacy

### November 2008

**20-23** NCTE's Annual Convention in San Antonio

### April 2009

**17 & 18** OCTE's Spring Conference in Ashland

## 24th Oregon Writing Festival Reprise

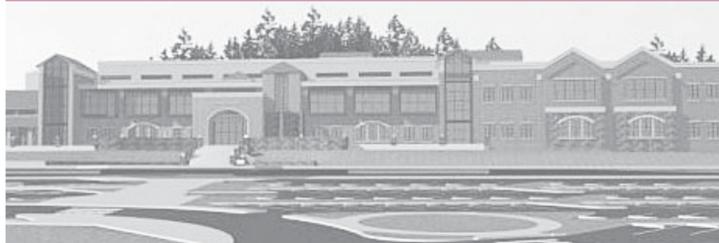
By Jay Rishel

The 24th annual Oregon Writing Festival was once again a rousing success for all involved: students, day group leaders, teachers, professional writers, parents, and (gladly frazzled) festival organizers.

In May, more than 900 students from schools across the state of Oregon weaved their way through the labyrinthine streets and hallways of Portland State University to write, read, and talk. Hundreds of Day Group Leaders faithfully corralled and shuffled their writing groups to and from workshops. More than thirty teachers and professional writers energetically led workshops (some from as far as California). And, as always, Rick Hardt, Barbara Wiegele, and Janice Bahns hovered faithfully and quietly behind the scenes pulling all the right strings to make the day a significant experience.

We hope that you will join us for our 25th anniversary Festival on May 3, 2009; we plan to both celebrate our roots and peer forward as we engage in yet another stellar day of writing, reading, and talking.

OCTE FALL CONFERENCE: **On Visual Literacy**



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008, AT LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL

A PREVIEW OF OCTE'S FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



James Bucky Carter

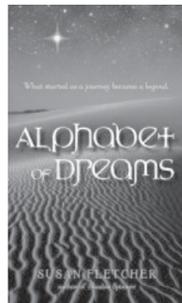


Susan Fletcher



William L. Lang

- 7:30 – 8:25 a.m. **Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibits**
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Opening Session Keynote:** James Bucky Carter, editor  
*Building Literacy Connections with Graphic Novels: Page by Page, Panel by Panel* (NCTE, 2007)  
SPEAKER CO-SPONSORED BY NCTE
- 9:40 – 10:40 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions I** by Oregon Teachers  
**Featured Presentation:** Susan Fletcher, author, *Alphabet of Dreams*  
OCTE Oregon Spirit book award winner
- 10:50 – 11:50 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions II** by Oregon Teachers
- 12:00 – 12:55 p.m. **Lunch, Exhibits**
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions III** by Oregon Teachers
- 2:10 – 3:10 p.m. **Closing Session Keynote:** Dr. William L. Lang, editor-in-chief, *The Oregon Encyclopedia Project*
- 3:10 p.m. **Door Prize Drawing**



To get a head start, check out these websites for Visual Literacy Resources. There are lesson plans, full Visual Literacy Units, and much more to help you and your students explore this exciting genre.

**Secondary**

- [http://www.frankwbaker.com/vl\\_lessonplans.htm](http://www.frankwbaker.com/vl_lessonplans.htm)
- [http://www.pbs.org/wnet/dancin/resources/lesson\\_plan-l2.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/dancin/resources/lesson_plan-l2.html)
- <http://www.arhu.umd.edu/vislit/>

**Elementary**

- <http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/>
- [http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/teacher/lesson\\_plans/kidspiration/kidspiration\\_ideas.htm](http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/teacher/lesson_plans/kidspiration/kidspiration_ideas.htm)
- [http://pbskids.org/wordgirl/parentsandteachers/pt\\_lessonplans.html](http://pbskids.org/wordgirl/parentsandteachers/pt_lessonplans.html)
- <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/lessons/storyboarding/>

2008 NCTE Annual Convention

*Because Shift Happens:  
Teaching in the Twenty-First Century*

November 20-23, 2008 • San Antonio, Texas



*A Message from Kyleene Beers, NCTE President, about the*

**2008 NCTE Annual Convention in San Antonio:  
Because Shift Happens:  
Teaching in the Twenty-First Century**

Ever watched Karl Fisch's slideshow "Did You Know?" If not, watch it at [www.thefischbowl.blogspot.com](http://www.thefischbowl.blogspot.com) and note all the sources he used in creating the presentation. I've used his punch line—"shift happens"—in the conference theme for the 2008 NCTE convention because I am convinced that the shifts we currently face—technological, political, social, and cultural—have profound effects on the teaching we must do today to prepare our students for tomorrow.

But what does tomorrow look like? Our students will take jobs that don't yet exist, use technologies that aren't yet developed, and live—virtually—in a neighborhood that is as open and wide as Mr. Rogers' neighborhood was bounded and small. Both exciting and daunting, the frustrations of shift have surely been felt before. We so often resist change—scroll to book, manual typewriter to electric to word processor, carriage to car. And who knew that anyone other than Jules Verne's characters would circle the world in 80 days, or that popcorn (good popcorn!) could actually be popped in a microwave? Yet, in spite of misgivings, we always shift toward the higher level of technology....

[In our] fast-paced, wired world, cars whiz by, the sun glares, people jostle past you wired to iPods, PDAs, cell phones, laptops; they sit in Internet cafes doing one thing in myriad ways: connecting. You feel disoriented, lost, as if you are an immigrant to a new land. And then you remember . . . you are. You are the digital immigrant in the twenty-first century teaching a room full of digital natives who are as comfortable in this digital world as you were on the Riverwalk. Join us there, where together we'll discuss all that it means to teach toward tomorrow—something we must do, because, after all, shift happens.

Read the entire article and find out more about the 98th NCTE Annual Convention in San Antonio at NCTE's official website <http://www.ncte.org>



For those of you who can't make it to the national convention, make plans to join us in Lake Oswego on October 10 for our Fall Conference and in Ashland on April 17-18th for our Spring Conference. OCTE is committed to your local education and inspiration!



**A Calendar of Writers**

by James Dott

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4 Syd Hoff born 1912, American children's author/illustrator (*Danny and the Dinosaur*)
- 15 Agatha Christie born 1890, British mystery novelist and playwright
- 15 Robert McCloskey born 1914, Caldecott Award-winning American children's author/illustrator
- 15 Tomie DePaola born 1934, American children's author/illustrator
- 17 William Carlos Williams born 1883, American poet and physician
- 17 Ken Kesey born 1935 in Oregon, American novelist
- 23 Euripedes born 484 BC, Greek playwright
- 30 Truman Capote born 1924, American author



Agatha Christie



William Carlos Williams

**OCTOBER**

- 2 Wallace Stevens born 1879, American poet
- 2 Graham Greene born 1904, British novelist
- 5 Václav Havel born 1936, Czech playwright and political leader
- 8 Frank Herbert born 1920, American science-fiction writer (*Dune* series)
- 15 Virgil born 70 BC, Roman poet
- 15 Italo Calvino born 1923, Italian novelist
- 18 Ntozake Shange born 1948, African-American poet, novelist, dramatist, performer
- 24 Denise Levertov born 1923, British-American poet



Bram Stoker

**NOVEMBER**

- 8 Bram Stoker born 1847, Irish creator of *Dracula*
- 8 Margaret Mitchell born, 1900, American author of *Gone with the Wind*
- 9 Anne Sexton born 1928, American poet
- 11 Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky born 1821, Russian novelist, winner of the Nobel prize
- 11 Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. born 1922, American novelist
- 21 Marilyn French born 1929, American feminist novelist, wrote *The Women's Room*
- 22 George Eliot (aka Mary Anne Evans) born 1819, British novelist
- 29 Madeleine L'Engle born 1918 American children's novelist, author of *A Wrinkle in Time*



Madeleine L'Engle

**DECEMBER**

- 2 Ann Patchett born 1963, American novelist
- 5 Christina Rossetti born 1830, British author
- 8 Horace born 65 BC, Roman poet
- 11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn born 1918, Russian novelist, winner of Nobel prize.
- 14 Shirley Jackson born 1919, American short story writer, author of "The Lottery"
- 16 Jane Austen born 1775, British novelist
- 16 Noel Coward born 1899, British playwright and Academy Award winner
- 30 Mercer Mayer born 1943, American children's author/illustrator



Jane Austen