

# OCTE Fall Conference Join Us! October 22, 2022 Beaverton, Oregon

**Keynote: Kim Johnson, Oregon author of *This Is My America* and Education Equity Leader**



Kim Johnson has held leadership positions in social justice organizations as a teen and in college, and is now an author and vice provost at the University of Oregon. She maintains engagement in various organizations while also mentoring Black student leaders and serving as a graduate advisor and member of an historically Black sorority.

*This Is My America*, her bestselling novel, explores racial injustice against innocent Black men who are criminally sentenced and the families left behind to pick up the pieces. She is an award-winning novelist, with 2021 accolades that include the Oregon Spirit Book Award, Pacific Northwest Book Award and Malka Penn Human Rights Award for Children's Literature.

Her upcoming novel, *Invisible Son*, will hit the shelves in 2023!

(From her website: [kcjohnsonwrites.com](http://kcjohnsonwrites.com))

## **Plus Oregon Spirit Book Awards!**

Meet the authors of the Oregon Spirit Book Awards. Established in 2005, the Oregon Spirit Book Award is given yearly to the author of a distinguished contribution to children's literature or young adult literature that engages and encourages readers' imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians.

## **Free Book with Registration**



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## Creating Inclusive and Engaging History Readers for Elementary Students

K-5

**Melissa Schachner, Eliza Canty-Jones and Diana Kruger**

Portland Public Schools & Oregon Historical Society



Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the OHS forged a partnership with their community to create readers for their students. Learn how PPS worked with the Oregon Historical Society and a Teacher Advisory Group to create two new Portland-history readers for third- and fourth-grade students.

## Using Wordless Books to Inspire Literacy Development with Students Learning English

K-5

**Michelle Schardt**

Reading Specialist  
Portland Public Schools



Michelle will present a variety of wordless books representing many themes and culturally diverse authors and characters. We will explore how to use these to develop oral language, as well as writing and foundational English skills.

**This presentation will be useful for all ages of learners, K-5, 6-8.**

## You Have a Story! : The Evolution of a Book-Publishing Project in an Elementary Classroom

K-5

**Margaret Perrow and Kim Neiswanger**

1st Grade Teacher & Professor of English  
Ruch Outdoor Community School & Southern Oregon University



The presenters will share lessons from a decade of book-publishing projects in a first-grade classroom. They'll explore how the process has evolved, consider the impacts on students, and offer tools and suggestions for incorporating book-publishing into English language arts instruction.

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## Dare to Read: Mindful Reading that Gives Confidence to Struggling Readers Grades 6-8

**Wade McJacobs**  
Special Education Teacher  
Student Empowerment Group, LLC



Confidence first —then comprehension. Demonstrate to struggling readers that their skills can in fact improve. Empower readers with mindful awareness of image making powers of their minds. Two simple skills that require minimal time and produce dramatic effect. Find out how in this session.  
**(Session also for grades 9-12)**

## How Do I Read These Anyway?: How to Transform Yourself into a Graphic Novel Reader Grades 6-8

**Coley Lehman**  
Doctoral Student & Research Fellow  
Teachers College



This session will begin with a brief overview of the role of graphic novels as part of a comprehensive literacy curriculum, then draw from research with a teacher book club where middle school teachers engaged in an exploration of graphic novels. Participants will see excerpts from the books and engage in discussion about the features and attributes of graphic novels. Participants will engage in a sample lesson they could use in their classrooms. The lesson will focus on the specific strategies and skills readers use to deeply understand graphic novels.  
**(Session also for grades 9-12)**

## Transformation: The Power of Poetry Grades 6-8

**Trish Emerson**  
Substitute Teacher  
Lincoln County School District



Poetry encourages student voice, their personal expression, in a way no other genre can. In this session, participants will explore specific scaffolds for poetry—particularly using personification and metaphor. A variety of mentor texts will invite and support students' own creativity.  
**(Session adaptable for grades 2-5)**

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## **Celebrating Forbidden Love: A Question of Fair(ness) in Othello** Grades 9-12

**Susan Elliot and Dr. Bob Bizjak**  
Portland Public Schools



This presentation will look at the ways in which the themes and conflicts of *Othello* are as relevant today as they were when the play was originally published. The presentation will defend and justify the use of Shakespeare in today's classroom. The presentation will also investigate the intersections between the roles of the Black male and blackmail lying at the center of the nuanced story.

## **Language Arts in Action: Engaging Students with Journalistic Learning** Grades 9-12

**Ed Madison**  
University of Oregon



As we move beyond the pandemic, teachers are seeking transformational strategies that will reignite students' imaginations and engagement. Journalistic learning, a novel educational approach developed at the University of Oregon, rekindles students' desire to learn through project-based storytelling and offers a path forward.

## **Writing for Reflection in a Changing World** Grades 9-12

**Delana Heidrich**  
ELA Teacher  
Bonanza School District



Perhaps more than ever, in our quickly changing landscape, teachers need space for quiet reflection on their practice, values, and lives. This workshop provides that space by presenting prompts that guide participants through opportunities to write, draw, sculpt, and discover.  
**(Session for general audience)**

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## Diversify your Style!

Grades 9-12

**Margaret Williams Turner**  
Mt. Hood Community College



Understanding the new types of learners we have in the classroom, this workshop will approach learning from a whole different perspective to bring learning to life! This session will explore diversified instruction with attention toward multiple learning modalities.  
**(Session for general audience)**

## Student-Driven Inquiry for Deeper Learning, Liberation, Joy, and Community

Grades 9-12

**Shelly Buchanan**  
Arbor School & San Jose State University



The research-based Student-Driven Inquiry framework for learning will be presented in this session. SDI fuels innate learner curiosity and differentiation by encouraging each student to investigate, write, and share on a topic of personal interest that matters.  
**(Session for general audience)**

## Teach Writing Without Making Your Eyes Bleed

Grades 9-12

**Jan Priddy**  
Seaside School District



In a perfect world, students write daily and teachers respond with notes of encouragement, suggestion, and correction... With a hundred students this sort of ideal give-and-take is impossible. There are strategies to achieve this goal without risking eyestrain.

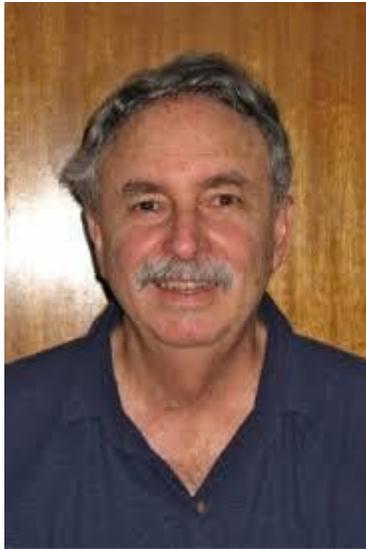
This presentation will include teaching strategies and specific assignments designed to teach writing and respond to it on a human scale. These include journaling & freewriting, a short essay or narrative used to teach MLA form, reader-response (RUGs), the summary (précis), and framed essays.  
**(Session for secondary, higher education)**

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**Chat with the  
Oregon Spirit Book Award  
Authors (OSBA)**  
General Interest

**Paul Gregorio**  
OSBA Co-Chairman



Join Paul as he moderates a discussion with the recent OSBA award-winning authors. This is an opportunity for participants to hear from authors and ask questions.

## **ALL THE PERKS:**

- **One credit available through Western Oregon University**
- **PDU certificates**
- **Reduced rate for groups of five or more**
- **Free book for all those registered before October**
- **Exhibits**
- **Vendors**
- **Professional Networking**
- **Book Signing**