

**An Exclusively Secondary Literacy Conference for Grades 6-12**

Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL

**35<sup>th</sup> Day of Reading**  
*Saturday, November 5, 2011*

Featured Speakers:

**TODD STRASSER**

**Young Adult Author, Screenwriter, TV Writer**

- "An author who really has his finger on the way kids think" (The NY Times)
- *Give the Boy a Gun, Can't Get There From Here, Boot Camp, The Wave, Cheap Shot*
- *The Shore, Famous Shirt & Shoes Not Required, Blood on My Hands, Wish You Were Dead*
- *Slide or Die, Sidewayz Glory, Mob Princess series, The Accident*
- Todd's books have received many awards from organizations such as IRA and ALA, as well as garnering a myriad of state and local awards from around the country

**Luncheon Address – HELP! I'm Trapped in Todd Strasser's Body**  
**Breakout – A Long Journey in a Seated Position**  
**Breakout – The Key to Writing Fiction - A Look at Story Structure**

**DR. JEFFREY D. WILHELM**

**Founding Director of the Boise State Writing Project**  
**Expert Research Author of Adolescent Literacy**

- Professor at Boise State University, teaching courses in middle and secondary level literacy
- Classroom teacher for fifteen years
- NCTE Russell Award for Distinguished Research and NCTE Promising Research Award
- Co-Author of *Teaching Literacy for Love and Wisdom: Being the Book and Being the Change; Reading for Themselves: How to Transform Adolescents into Lifelong Readers Through Out-of-Class Book Clubs; Fresh Takes on Teaching Literary Elements; Inquiring Minds Learn to Read and Write: 50 Problem-based Literacy and Learning Strategies; You Gotta BE the Book*

**Keynote—Let Them Read Trash**

(the power of marginalized texts to promote imagination, satisfaction, and social action)

**Breakout-Fresh Takes on the Literary Elements**  
**Breakout-Action Strategies for Readers**

Todd Strasser's and Dr. Jeffrey D. Wilhelm's books will be sold and autographed at the conference.  
Only books purchased at the Day of Reading will be signed.

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