

Secondary Reading League

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IRA Conference Report

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I was fortunate enough to attend the IRA Conference in San Antonio, TX this past April. As always, it was phenomenal! The first day was filled with institutes for everyone. I attended the adolescent literacy institute and spent the day with the most amazing reading gurus! I even got a preview of what Cris Tovani will be presenting for us in November - some good stuff! The official conference then kicked off on Saturday with Rick Riordan at the general session. I attended tons of sessions throughout the weekend on Common Core, complex texts, writing, and using discussions in the class. I networked with people from all over the globe and enjoyed the beautiful weather and hospitality in San Antonio. I highly recommend attending this amazing conference! Hope to see you in New Orleans next year.

Cohort & Summer Literacy Conference

NIU is starting a new reading cohort designed exclusively for teachers in grades 6 - 12 with the content reflecting those unique needs. Use this link (http://cedu.niu.edu/lty/Teacher_Endorsement_Cohort.shtml) for more information about this great opportunity.

Additionally, they hosted another webinar on May 15. Link to webinar: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuJqACdS3KE>.

NIU is also hosting a Summer Literacy Conference with sessions designed exclusively for secondary teachers. For more information visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yicWobU2Je4>.

An Exclusively Secondary Literacy Conference
For All Teachers & Administrators of Grades 6 and Up
Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, IL

37th Day of Reading

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Featured Speakers:

~JAY ASHER~

Young Adult Author, International Speaker

- ~ Author: *Thirteen Reasons Why; The Future of Us*
- ~ NY Times bestseller; Best Books for Young Adults (YALSA)
- ~ Movie release of *13 Reasons Why*-TBA

Breakout- No Bookmarks Allowed

Breakout- The Role of Literature in Discussing Serious Issues

~CRIS TOVANI~

Internationally Known Staff Developer, Consultant

- ~ High school reading specialist/English teacher
- ~ National acclaim for work in reading comprehension
- ~ Author: *So What Do They Really Know?; I Read It, but I Don't Get it; Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?*

Keynote- Let Them Read Trash

Breakout- Fresh Takes on the Literary Elements

Breakout- Action Strategies for Readers

Pre-Conference Workshop

Friday, November 1, 2013

9 am- 3pm

with **Cris Tovani**

*"Implementing the Common Core—
From Standards to Practice"*

Continental breakfast and lunch included - both days

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Team Discounts Available

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Secondary Reading League Cordially invites you to 2013 - 2014 Events

Common Core Topic TBD
featuring Nancy Steineke
Saturday September 28, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Willowbrook Holiday Inn

Illinois Reading Council
Conference: Secondary
Strand Literacy Presentations
IRC Conference
March 13-15, 2014
Springfield, IL

Young Adult Book Talk &
Pizza Dinner with Jan Dundon
of Anderson's Bookstore*
Thursday, April 10, 2014
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Lou Malinati's, Naperville, IL