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Fall Conference - Saturday, October 7, 2017
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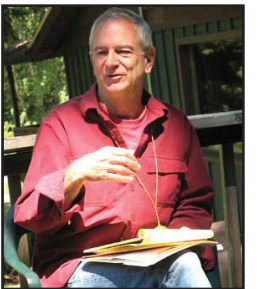
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Meeting Robin Cody

Tim Gillespie, Oregon Educator and Writer *Emeritus*



Conference Keynote:
Robin Cody

Robin Cody may be best known for his magnificent coming-of-age novel *Ricochet River*, which is widely used in Oregon classrooms. But Cody, who will be the keynote speaker at OCTE's fall conference, has a rich writing resumé that extends far beyond his signature novel and a lively life resumé (including a stint as a high school English teacher in Paris) to share with his fellow teachers, avid readers, and aspiring writers.

Born in St. Helens and reared in Estacada, Cody is an Oregonian through-and-through. After a detour away from our state—as a scholarship student at Yale, an Army officer for a two-year stint in Germany, and a teacher for a decade (with his wife Donna, also an Estacada kid) at the American School in Paris—Cody returned with his family to Oregon, where he's been since. For a while he was an admissions officer at Reed, but mostly he's been a freelance writer—for *The Oregonian*, the BPA, and numerous Northwest publications—since coming home.

In addition to *Ricochet River*, the compelling story of three teenagers growing up in a Willamette River town in the 1960s, Cody is the author of *Voyage of a Summer Sun: Canoeing the Columbia River*, his account of a 1,200-mile solo canoe trip from the headwaters of the Columbia River in the Canadian Rockies to the mouth of the river in Astoria.

During Oregon's Sesquicentennial in 2009, both *Ricochet River* and *Voyage of a Summer Sun* were chosen by the Oregon State Library as among the 100 books best exemplifying Oregon's rich literary heritage.

In 2012, Oregon State University Press published *Another Way the River Has*, a collection of 24 of Cody's nonfiction pieces, most of which originally appeared in *Northwest Magazine* or *Portland Magazine*. These "true taut tales" capture Cody's musings about living in the Northwest during his experiences wandering its rivers, refereeing high school basketball games, driving a special ed school bus, and interacting with Oregonians of all stripes.

Join Us in Wilsonville, October 7!

We all have those moments in our lives that make a huge literary impact on us—whether it is finishing a book that imprinted itself on us forever, finishing your 50th book in a year, or discovering a whole new world by reading a previously unexplored literature genre. For me, one of those impactful moments occurred when I was in middle school, and Robin Cody came to talk about his novel *Ricochet River*. Not only was it a fascinating, engaging presentation, but for me it was one of those moments where I discovered a whole new breed of books: books about Oregon. Hearing Robin Cody talk about his novel, and the compelling Oregon history that inspired it, caused me immediately to devour his book, then seek out other books that exuded the magic of Oregon. Cody lit a life-long love affair with Oregon and other Northwest authors and books, spurring a deeper appreciation for the state and region I have always called home.

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Conference Schedule:

- 8:15** - Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibits
- 8:45-9:30** - Introduction, Keynote: Robin Cody
- 9:35-10:35** - Session 1
- 10:40-11:40** - Session 2
- 11:45-12:30** - OSBA Author Awards Ceremony
- 12:30-1:10** - Lunch
- 1:10-2:10** - Session 3 including author panel
- 2:15-3:15** - Session 4
- 3:15** - Grant Winners/Closing/Raffle
- 3:30-5:00** - Post-Conference Session (required for grad credit)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ~ Pre-registration prices end September 30, 2017 ~ On-site Registration is \$115 for all.

Name _____ Street Address _____
 City _____ State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ School _____
 email _____
 Total \$ _____

Register online at: octe.org

Checks payable to **OCTE**.
Mail this form to:
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Indicate number of registrants:

\$75 - *OCTE Members _____
 \$95 - **Non-Member _____
 \$45 - Student & Retired _____
 Group Rate \$60 (OCTE members only) _____
 Group constitutes 5+ members
Cost Includes: Breakfast
 \$25 _____ **OCTE Membership**
 PDU's will be provided.
 Wilsonville School District Teachers, please register, your attendance is free. _____

*OCTE Member price does not include renewal of membership
 **Non-Member price includes membership



Chalkboard is the newsletter of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, an organization that has existed for over 100 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.

Chalkboard is a member of the NCTE Information Exchange.

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Fall Conference Workshops!

Thematic & Experiential Connectiveness

Tyrell Graham
McKay High School



OSBA Award-winning Authors Panel

Kurt Cyrus, April Henry, Cat Winters,
Barbara Kerley, and others



Make Student Driven Inquiry Happen in Your Classroom

Shelly Buchanan,
Maureen Milton. Jesuit High School



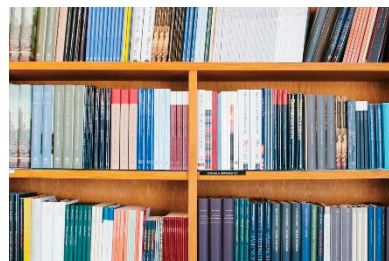
Teaching Writing Without Making Your Eyes Bleed

Jan Priddy
Seaside High School



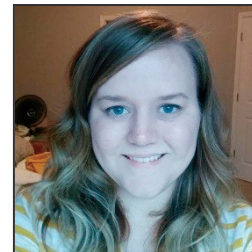
The Lowdown on Info Lit Instruction--Kinders thru College

Leigh Murdock, Pam Kessilger, Rita Ramstad



Two Sessions: Google Apps 101 Google Grading

Taylor Siron
Twality Middle School



The Danger of a Single Story

Desiree Kiesel
LA Specialist, ODE



Quality Formative Assessment that Informs Instruction

Laurie Dougherty, Delana Heidrich,
Andrea Shunk



Away from Prescription and towards Creativity: Revision Strategies for Paragraph Organization

Cornelia Paraskavas
Western Oregon University



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I am beyond excited to invite you to our 2017 Fall OCTE Conference on October 7 at Wilsonville High School, featuring Robin Cody himself. This will be an amazing day filled with sessions for all grade levels K-16. Sessions will include book talks, teaching strategies, and practical classroom lessons geared to all levels.

As a teacher, I am always trying to inspire literary "aha" moments in my students, but I am also seeking them out for myself. As teachers we are passionate, we are driven, and we are always searching for and sharing information on how to become wiser for our students. One of my favorite places to do just this is the Fall OCTE Conference. The school year is young, I'm energized and optimistic, and I just love immersing myself with other educators and authors who feel the same way. I always walk away from the OCTE Fall Conference with inspiration and substance to utilize in my classroom, and that is such a fulfilling feeling.

Another personal favorite at the Fall Conference is the Oregon Spirit Book Awards. Established in 2005, the award is given yearly to children's and young adult authors whose recent books have deeply affected their readers, engaged their imaginations and fulfilled their thirst for knowledge. We are lucky to have eight of these authors including April Henry, Cat Winter, and Barbara Kerley joining us. They will also present and take questions during our author panel, right after lunch. Every registrant gets to choose a book by one of these authors to take home for their home or classroom library.

The conference is an excellent value, only \$75 for OCTE members, \$95 for non-members. This is a great professional involvement opportunity within the organizations closest to E/LA teachers: the National and Oregon Council of Teachers of English (OCTE/NCTE). PDUs will be given and Graduate Credit is available through PSU.

I look forward to seeing you on October 7 at Wilsonville High School. Please save the date!

Mariko Walsh
Conference Chair

2016 Oregon Spirit Book Award Winners

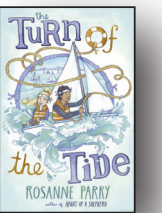
The Oregon Council of Teachers of English is pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Oregon Spirit Book Award. This award is given yearly to the author of a distinguished contribution to picture books, middle reader, young adult, graphic novels, nonfiction, or anthology literature that engages and encourages readers' imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians.

Presentation of awards will be made at the OCTE Fall Conference at Wilsonville High School on October 7, 2017. Meet winners, hear their wisdom, and get autographed copies of their books.

Join us at the conference!



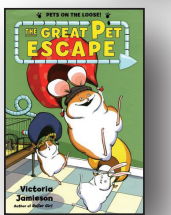
Picture Books Winner: ***Leave Me Alone!***, Vera Brosgol
Honors: ***Quit Calling Me a Monster!***, Jory John
Billions of Bricks, Kurt Cyrus



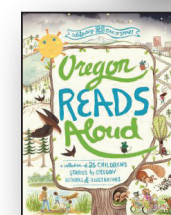
Middle Reader Winner: ***The Turn of the Tide***, Rosanne Parry
Honor: ***Avenqing the Owl***, Melissa Hart



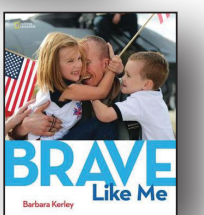
Young Adult Winner: ***The Girl I Used to Be***, April Henry
Honor: ***The Steep and Thorny Way***, Cat Winters



Graphic Novels Winner: ***The Great Pet Escape***, Victoria Jamieson
Honor: ***Lowriders to the Center of the Earth***, Cathy Camper



Non-fiction Winner: ***Brave Like Me***, Barbara Kerley
Honor: ***Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific***, Deborah Hopkinson



Anthology Winner: ***Oregon Reads Aloud***