

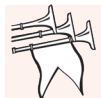
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Chalkboard is the newsletter of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, an organization that has existed for more than 99 years to support teachers of English and the language arts in Oregon elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and 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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OCTE Program Wins Prestigious Awards

The Western History Association “Autry Public History Award, 2012,” was given to The Oregon Encyclopedia, a program co-sponsored by OCTE, the Oregon Historical Society, and Portland State University.

OCTE has won a \$5,000 Historic Preservation Grant from The Kinsman Foundation of Milwaukie, Oregon, for its work on The Oregon Encyclopedia. The award will support authors to research and write entries on Oregon buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, fund photographic research, editorial review and publication in The OE. Entries will cover all areas of the state.

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ULRICH HARDT, INTERIM EDITOR

OCTE Fall Conference October 5, 2013 ~ Wilsonville



Roland Smith, Keynote Speaker

The beloved, award-winning Oregon author will talk about “Writing Wild—Wild Writer.”

His popular books include *Peak*, *Cryptic Hunters*, *Storm Runners*, *Journey of the Red Wolf*, *Shatterproof*, *The Captain's Dog*, and *I.Q.*



Penny Plavala, Keynote Speaker

The Language Arts Specialist, Multnomah County ESD, will talk about “Assessing the Common Core: How to Prepare Students for Success.”

Interactive and engaging session; participants will learn key details of Smarter Balanced Assessment.



Also sessions on brain-based teaching strategies, vigorous learning in rigorous times, teaching plays as living texts, reading deeper to write better, update on children's and YA lit, discussion of Asperger's traits, the nonfiction mayhem of ELA CCSS, teach writing without making your eyes bleed, the short story approach to literacy, writing beyond the five-paragraph essay, handwriting instruction, using letters and diaries to connect today's kids to yesterday's writers, creating picture books with kids, teaching basic character development and story concepts while using humor, and many more.

NW Regional NCTE Conference March 1–3, 2014 ~ Portland

Celebrating OCTE's centennial! More than 100 sessions and workshops by presenters from over 20 states. Plus acclaimed keynote speakers.

While OCTE will be celebrating its centennial, we will also acknowledge the centennial of William Stafford's birth in 1914 as we focus on his literary legacy and influence at this conference and throughout the year.





READING / LANGUAGE ARTS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 5, 2013 ~ WILSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Among the Presenters Are:

Elaine Coughlin	Margaret Perrow	Jonathan Ellingson	Beth Lifson
Dawn Prochovnic	Jan Priddy	Brandon Monroe	Jennifer Clair
Beth Moore	Sarah Collinge	Ben Bleckley	Amy Curtis
Lynette Gottlieb	Adriana Baer	Kate O'Connor	Linda Hamner
Kristi Latimer	Jay Rishel	Laurie Dougherty	Mary Chase
Paul Gregorio	Shelly Buchanan	Maureen Milton	Jamie Orlowski
Joanne Yatvin	Kimberly Campbell	Christopher Shotola-Hardt	

Leadership Meetings

The OCTE Executive Board will be holding a summer retreat at Surftides, Lincoln City, June 24–25. On the agenda are committee organization and establishing goals, as well as planning programs for OCTE's centennial year, 2013–14.

On July 12–14, Oregon will participate in NCTE's bi-annual Affiliate Leadership Meeting in Atlanta. Attending will be Karen Johnson (President), Heidi Hanson (President Elect), Jenny Gapp (Webmaster), and Jody Bean (Executive Board).

Digital Oregon Literary Map Coming Bob Hamm, University of Phoenix

For the better part of a year, a group of Oregon educators and librarians has worked to create the new iteration of the Oregon Literary Map. The map will be in electronic format rather than a wall poster and is one of the projects OCTE has undertaken for its centennial celebration.

OCTE created literary maps in the early 1980s and 1989. The last one, intended for a classroom and library display, was highlighted by the National Council and was offered for sale on its site. It featured artwork specific to areas in the state and listed more than 375 authors by location.

The new literary map is intended for research and is set up geographically across the state. David Banis, cartographer in the Geography Department at Portland State University, and graduate student Randy Morris created the electronic layout. Once it is live, students will be able to search by authors' names, locations, and book title.

Representatives on the task force from OCTE are Rick Hardt and Bob Hamm. Other members in addition to the PSU Geography Department are from the Oregon State Library (Jim Schepke, Katie Anderson) and Ooligan Press at PSU (Abbey Gaterud, Per Henningsgaard, and Dennis Stovall).

OSBA Shortlist Announced

The Oregon Spirit Book Award committee has chosen a short list of books being considered for the 2012 book awards. Winners will be announced on the OCTE website in June, and authors will receive their awards at the OCTE Fall Conference on October 5, 2013, at Wilsonville High School.

The Oregon Spirit Book Awards are given to Oregon authors who make "a distinguished contribution to children's literature or young adult literature that engage and encourage readers' imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians."

Complete criteria are located on the OCTE website:
<http://www.octe.org/oregon-spirit-book-award.html>

The finalists are:

Picture Books: *Wild About You!* by Judy Sierra; *Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur* by Judy Sierra; *Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic* by Ginnie Lo; *A Boy Called Dickens* by Deborah Hopkinson; and *Jack and the Giant Barbeque* by Eric Kimmel.

Middle Reader: *The Secret Chicken Society* by Judy Cox; *Bittersweet Summer* by Anne Warren Smith; *Hiss-s-s-s!* by Eric Kimmel; *Calvin Coonut: Rocket Ride* by Graham Salisbury.

Young Adult: *The Raft* by S.A. Bodeen; *The Night She Disappeared* by April Henry; *The Marked* by Inara Scott; *Days of Blood and Starlight* by Laini Taylor.

Graphic Novels: *Earthling* by Mark Fearing; *Hereville: How Mirka Met a Meteorite* by Barry Deutsch; and *Squish: The Power of the Parasite* by Jennifer and Matthew Holm.

Non Fiction: *Mighty Mars Rovers* by Elizabeth Rusch; *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* by Deborah Hopkinson; *Annie and Helen* by Deborah Hopkinson; and *Those Rebels, John and Tom* by Barbara Kerley.

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NW REGIONAL NCTE CONFERENCE

MARCH 1–3, 2014 ~ PORTLAND

Keynote Speakers Are:

Jack Berckemeyer,
Nationally recognized
motivational speaker



*“Teaching—Living It, Loving It,
and Laughing about It”*

Carol Jago,
Director, California
Reading and Literature
Project, UCLA



*“Close Reading:
Teaching for Deeper Learning”*

Jim Burke,
Former special educa-
tion teacher and Peace
Corps volunteer



*“Academic Essentials: Reading, Writing,
and Discussing Arguments”*

Virginia Euwer Wolff,
Critically acclaimed
YA novelist

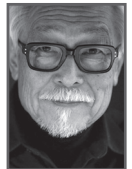


“Lives into Literature: Turning Experience into Fiction”

Roland Smith,
Award-winning author
of YA fiction and non-
fiction children’s books



Allen Say,
Writer/illustrator
of 30+ books



Chris Crutcher,
Critically acclaimed novelist of
frequently banned YA books



“Turning Real Life into Fiction”

Yong Zhao,
Associate Dean for Global
Education, University of
Oregon



*“Two Education Paradigms:
What Defines and How to Create
a World Class Education”*

Featured Speakers Are:

Linda Christensen,
Author, Director OWP
at Lewis & Clark



*“Outrageous Hope
in Troubled Times”*

Penny Plavala,
Language Arts
Specialist, Multnomah
County ESD



*“Assessing the Common Core:
How to Prepare Students for Success”*

John Golden,
English Teacher &
Instructional Coach,
Cleveland High



*“Multiple Texts in Conversation:
New Models for Curriculum Design”*

MORE FEATURED SPEAKERS →

Please Post

Kim Stafford,

Director, NW Writing Institute, Lewis & Clark College



*“William Stafford:
You Must Revise Your Life”*

Tim Gillespie,

Author,
Award-winning
Teacher (retired)



“Teaching the Joy of Skepticism”

Joan Kaywell,

Professor of English
Education, University
of South Florida



“Why Fiction Matters”

Steve Duin,

Columnist,
The Oregonian



“How Shall We Then Live?”

Joanne Yatvin,

Retired Educator,
Writer, Past President,
NCTE



*“Vigorous Learning
in Rigorous Times”*

Allen Webb,

Professor of English
Education, Western
Michigan University



*“The Text Is Yours
and You Are the Text”*

Linda Hoyt,

Educational
Consultant



*“Raising the Bar of Nonfiction Writing:
Research, Reflection, and
Cross-curricular Achievement”*

Penny Kittle,

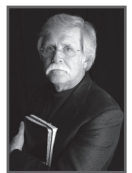
English Teacher & Literacy
Coach, Kennett
High School, NH



*“Book Love:
Building Reading Lives that Last”*

James S. Davis,

Professor, University of
Northern Iowa,
Cedar Falls



*“William Stafford:
Bricoleur”*