

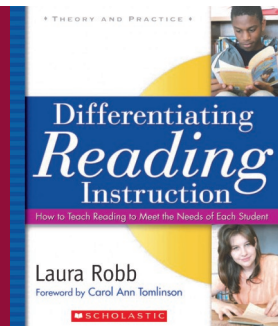
# Indiana Summer Literacy Conference



**LAURA ROBB**

Author of several books by Scholastic including the newest *Differentiating Reading Instruction*

Targeted Grade Levels 4 and up  
June 18th - Merrillville



## *Differentiating Reading Instruction*

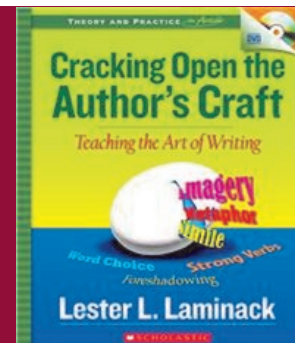
In this hands-on workshop, Robb will actively engage participants in differentiating reading instruction using a variety of short biographies. Robb will show teachers how to organize their teaching and students' learning so that they meet the needs of each student in their class. Participants will observe how the read aloud becomes the common teaching text when students read and learn from texts at their instructional reading levels. In addition, Robb will engage teachers in creating Big Picture Plans and tiered assessments for a Unit of Study and model strategies that support high level thinking and build vocabulary. She will also demonstrate how bringing a powerful issue such as justice/injustice to a unit of study encourages high level thinking with a variety of texts and provides students with multiple perspectives. Participants need to bring a composition book, for they will experience, throughout the day, how writing about reading improves comprehension and enables students to clarify ideas and build new understandings.



**LESTER LAMINACK**

Author of Scholastic's *Cracking Open the Writer's Craft* as well as children's books including *Saturday and Teacakes* and *Snow Day*

Targeted Grade Levels K-5  
June 20th - Plainfield



## **Cracking Open the Author's Craft—Leading Students to Learn the Art of Writing Through Their Eyes and Ears**

Share in a close study of the craft in Lester's writing for children. Examine the influence both **hearing** and **seeing** well crafted language can have in the writing of your students. Lester will lead you on an exploration of the writing that has influenced his work as he studies the **reasons why** each craft decision was made. If we are not careful, student writers may learn to make the craft moves without understanding the impact those moves may have on the reader's interpretations and appreciation of the text.

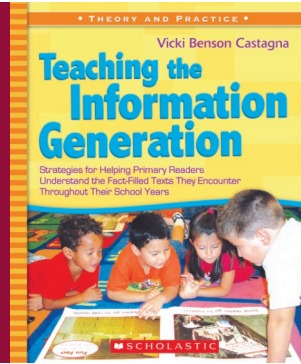
Trade book featured in this session: *Saturdays and Teacakes*



## VICKI BENSON CASTAGNA

Author of Scholastic's *Teaching the Information Generation* and Wright Group's *The Power of Retelling*

Targeted Grade Levels K-3  
June 18th - Merrillville  
June 19th - Plainfield



### **Keynote Session**

*"Teaching the Information Generation:  
Moving from Tech Savvy to Text Savvy"*

Today's students have a world of information at their fingertips. However, growing up with access to so much information does not ensure that this "Information Generation" knows what to do with the information once they find it. In fact, students today may have more practice with technology than with texts. Yet, dealing with fact-filled texts is something that our students will contend with the rest of their school lives. Dr. Castagna will help us understand how technology has impacted students' ability to process information from text and how we as teachers can help move them from being tech savvy toward being text savvy!

### **Breakout Session**

*Making "Rich" Connections:*

Connections with Returns on Learning New Information

Connections help readers better understand new information. However, the quality of the connection counts. Often teachers are not quite sure about how to further push children's thinking as they learn to make connections--and what to do with random, off-the-wall connections that kids give! Dr. Castagna will offer easy-to-implement ideas you can use in content areas or in your literacy instruction to help your students make connections rich enough to help them learn new information more effectively.

*At the Merrillville location on June 18, Dr. Stephen White will be presenting "Differentiating Instruction".*

*At the Plainfield location on June 19, Lynne Ecenbarger will be presenting "Fun with Fluency". Also at the Plainfield location on June 20, Kristina Smekens will be presenting "The Test Writing Genre".*

*The evening of June 19, please join us for a free wine tasting and appetizers at Chateau Thomas, located next to Primo's. Neil Brewer, from IU Southeast will be providing the entertainment. You don't want to miss out on this fun evening!*

*Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.*

*Professional books written by the authors, as well as other materials, will be available for purchase. Checks, cash, credit cards and purchase orders accepted.*

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