

Gateway Gazette

Gateway Reading Council



Gateway Reading Council is a local council of the California Reading Association and the International Literacy Association

Fall 2016

Gateway Fall event: *Wine and Whimsy...*

Tuesday, September 27th at the **Dolce Vita Wine Lounge** (Petaluma) in the "Couch Area" from **4:30 – 6:00 PM**

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President's Message

Gateway Reading Council President Anne Seil

From the President's desk...

As your incoming president of Gateway Reading Council, I would like to introduce myself to all of you in the literacy world. My name is Anne Seil and I am the Reading Specialist at McKinley in Petaluma. My entire career has been devoted to elementary education and I have worked in various types of public and private venues.

For those of you reading this who are Council members, I want to express my

thanks for your participation and support. If you are not a member yet, I want to extend an invitation to attend any of our ongoing programs and events. You will be warmly welcomed!

Every citizen of our beautiful country has the right to literacy – and the Council gladly pursues the mission of promoting that concept. This newsletter is but one of our tools in achieving our goals, please help us by passing this along to others.

Keep reading and writing!

Anne Seil

Happy Back to School Greetings to all Gateway members!

Gateway is part of the California Reading Association, so when you join Gateway you also join thousands of other professionals promoting literacy in California. CRA is dedicated to enhancing the



knowledge of teaching reading and spearheading literacy efforts in our state. As past president of CRA, I enjoyed attending the International Literacy Association (formerly IRA) conference this summer in Boston. Noted Authors, researchers and literacy experts shared cutting edge ideas and valuable information for everyone working in the field of literacy. I especially enjoyed one of the Research Institutes where I heard Doug Fisher, David Pearson and Nell Duke speak about think alongs, establishing purpose and focus on student learning rather than on an activity, assignment or task and the importance of integrating History/SS in literacy lessons.

Carla Peterson and I had the pleasure of presenting a session entitled: *History: A Story Well Told! An Exploration of Historical Fiction and the Use of Primary Sources in the Literacy Classroom* which was well received by conference attendees from across the United States.

I hope many of you are able to attend the PDI conference in Visalia on November 4-5, 2016 featuring Regie Routman, Donalyn Miller, author of *The Book Whisperer* and Ruth Culham, author of numerous writing books, along with 75 other noted authors and speakers. The conference promises to be an exciting literacy event which you don't want to miss!

Gateway and CRA can support teachers, librarians, students and parents in Sonoma County by joining the CRA book club open to all CRA members. We are reading and sharing ideas about how to use *The Book Whisperer* in the classroom. Go to <http://www.californiareads.org> and click on the Book Club blog to join the conversation. Also, visit the Gateway website <http://www.gatewayreadingcouncil.org> for resources and upcoming events.

I encourage you to get involved in supporting reading and literacy by participating in Gateway events and CRA activities. *Literacy is the Bridge to Hope and Opportunity!* Let's work together to ensure that all California students have rich literacy opportunities. Happy Reading!

Nancy Rogers-Zegarra, CRA Past President



Gateway Reading Council News

Please join us for Gateway's *Wine and Whimsy*... and enjoy happy hour with literacy colleagues! Meet author Renee Colunga and hear about an author's writing process.

When: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Where: Dolce Vita Wine Lounge - "Couch Area" (151 Petaluma Blvd., Petaluma)

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 PM

No host cash bar

RSVP: By September 26 to Anne Seil, calseils@aol.com (Please include your name, school and grade level)

Join or renew your membership in Gateway Reading Council and California Reading Association by going to www.californiareads.org. Membership is only \$40.00 a year. When you join Gateway, you also get membership in the California Reading Association!

Thank you to our Gateway Reading Council Officers & Board: Anne Seil, Katie Aja, Paula Aja, Jamie Azevedo, Marie Hinton, Carla Peterson, Nancy Rogers-Zegarra

California Reading Association News

California Reading Association

49th Annual

Professional Development Institute

November 4 – 5, 2016



Come to historic Visalia to see and learn from literacy experts and authors. Over 70 speakers and experts in the field of literacy will be presenting! Keynote speakers include **Donalyn Miller** and **Regie Routman**. You will leave inspired after gaining knowledge, ideas and networking with other professionals in the area of literacy.

Register TODAY. Go to www.californiareads.org for information on PDI registration and hotel reservations.



**2016 ILA Conference,
Boston**

Photo at left: Opening Session



Photo above at left: Donalyn Miller (at right), a popular speaker at ILA, will be a CRA PDI keynote speaker in November in Visalia.

Middle and Right: Beloved authors Nikki Grimes and Tomie dePaola delighted attendees at the Primary Authors Luncheon on Saturday.



Photo at left: Nancy Rogers-Zegarra (far right) receives Honor Council award certificate for Gateway Reading Council, along with other Honor Council honorees from California, from ILA. Photo above: Nancy, CRA President Kathy Langham and Carla share about CRA activities and events at the CRA Display, during the "Poster Session".