



SHESC Tidbits

Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants.

- John W. Gardner



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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- 4/4/16, Planning for Transgender Students, Hays
- 4/11/16, Writing Across All Contents, Hays
- 4/12/16, LETRS Module 6: Digging for Meaning, Salina
- 4/13/16, LETRS Module 6: Digging for Meaning, Hays
- 4/13/16, Writing Across All Contents, Salina
- 4/20/16, Webinar: Google+ Community, Virtual
- 4/26/16, Planning for Transgender Students, Salina

Look for complete listings of workshops and descriptions at www.smokyhill.org

Also, don't forget the **Storytelling Festival**, April 22-23, 2016 in Downs, KS. For details go to www.kansasstorytelling.com. College credit is available for those that attend and participate in workshop at the festival.

The GIFT of Language! RosettaStone

Tickets for the Rosetta Stone Online Classroom are now available at a discounted price to schools for distribution to students, families, employees, community members, etc. This special program is brought to you exclusively by Smoky Hill Education Service Center. So if you are looking for a graduation gift or just want the challenge of learning a language or brushing up on one you learned long ago, consider purchasing a Rosetta Stone ticket.

Each ticket is only \$110 (suggested retail price is \$499) and is good for one full year of access from the time of enrollment, and participants may select the language of their choice. There are 25 languages to choose from with various levels of learning depending on the language selected.

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PRINCIPALS/SUPERINTENDENTS LOOKING FOR A GREAT READ?

Check out the new ASCD publication by Mike Schmoker, **Leading with Focus**. This is a quick, but profound read. Chapter 1 will catch your attention right away "Doing Less and Doing it Better" and then Schmoker continues to explain how leadership in the areas of curriculum, literacy, and instruction make the biggest difference with the book ending with specific action steps to help you carry out this important work.

"If we can learn to embrace simplicity, clarity, and redundancy—if we can resist the institutional inertia of educational fads and programs, and instead embrace and implement what is manifestly most effective—we'll be able to radically transform teacher practice and student learning."



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CONFERENCES

National My Big Campus Conf.
Indiana Computer Educators
7 Indiana Summer of eLearning conferences
Indiana Conf. on Learning
Indiana For. Lang. Teachers
Valparaiso Univ. PLC Conf.

EXPERIENCE

HS Spanish teacher, Turkey Run H.S., Marshall, IN
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SESSION TOPICS

Ditch That Textbook!
The Paperless Classroom
Great Uses for Google Docs
The Lightning Round (Tools)
EdTech the Right Way (SAMR)
Connect Classes to the World
Be a Connected Educator
From "Blah" to Blog
Broadcast with Podcasts
... and MORE!

FEEDBACK

"People were wanting more!"
"Chock full of information."
"Well-paced, not too fast."
"Inspiring and motivating!"
"Ideas were so practical."

DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK!

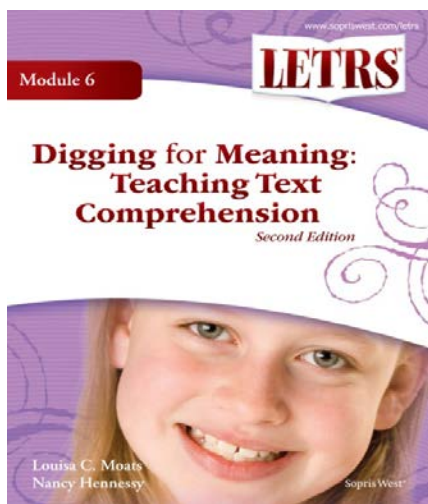
We are very excited to bring Matt Miller, author of the book,

Ditch That Textbook to Smoky Hill for our

BLENDED LEARNING SUMMIT ON

JULY 20TH-21ST!

COMPREHENSION! What influences making meaning?



What influences reading comprehension? Come discuss the latest research on the important strands that our students must weave together in order to comprehend what they read: background knowledge, vocabulary, metacognitive awareness, and more! Join Certified Kansas LETRS Trainer, Rachel Loersch as we dig in to LETRS Module 6 on Tuesday, April 12th in Salina or Wednesday, April 13th in Hays. Register by calling Susan Phillips at (785) 825-9185 or register@smokyhill.org