

Region One ESC – Brownsville Extension Office

Just Read Mini-Conference | April 13-14, 2018

Presenter	Session Title and Description
<i>Ariel Sacks</i>	Whole Novels for the Whole Class: A Student-Centered Approach This session will present a unique way into reading and comprehension and is filled with tips for implementing whole novel studies in various settings. Using this technique can help struggling readers become more confident and allow them to tackle grade-level texts independently. <i>Friday and Saturday</i>
<i>Mimosa Stephenson</i>	Finding Humor in the Classics This session presents theories of humor and comedy and shows them at work in classic literature such as William Shakespeare's <i>As You Like It</i> , Nathaniel Hawthorne's <i>House of the Seven Gables</i> , and Anne Bronte's <i>Tenant of Wildfell Hall</i> . <i>Friday and Saturday</i>
<i>Diana Dominguez</i>	Book Diving: Creating a Book Culture in the Classroom through Book Talk, Book Reviews, and Book "Jumping" This session will promote reading among K-12 students who live in an overwhelming visual and technological world is a difficult task because reading seems like such a passive and solitary activity. In this session, I will share activities that promote interactive engagement with both books and other students. The session will include interactive modeling of three different assignments/activities that can help students make deeper connections to what they read as well as get excited about sharing their perspectives and learning from each other. These activities can work for ALL K-12 levels. <i>Friday and Saturday</i>
<i>Diana Noreen Rivera</i>	Using Digital Archives to Encourage Student Reading, Cultural Engagement and Social Awareness The "1919 Texas Ranger Investigation Proceedings" will be presented and archival material recently digitized for greater public access, as invigorating reading material to engage high school-level student interest in reading, South Texas and Mexican American cultural studies, social awareness, and law as literary study. <i>Friday Only</i>
<i>Maria M. Aguilar-Crandall</i>	Little Free Libraries Hear the story of how Little Free Library was set up at R. Longoria Elementary along with 4 other areas in Brownsville. My story of dealing with Debbie Downers and the trials and tribulations of following up once the Little Free Library has been set up. <i>Friday Only</i>
<i>Janette Reyes</i>	Supporting Students with Reading Difficulties in Grades 4 and Up In this session you will learn how to work with students who are having difficulties reading grade level material. If you have students who fail to show up for tutorials, Saturday school, or are losing motivation during RTI intervention time, this session is for you! Learn how to make best use of intervention time and how to help students gain the confidence and the skills they need to participate adequately in class. Many tangible resources will be shared during this interactive session. <i>Intended audience:</i> Grades 4 -12 reading instruction teachers, special education reading resource teachers, RTI interventionists, reading coaches, instructional facilitators, central office reading staff. K-3 teachers also welcome! <i>Friday Only</i>
<i>Jodi-Beth Moreno</i>	Just Read! Secondary Level This session will highlight the importance of "just reading" for reading's sake as well as strategies to help engage students by giving them choice and in turn hearing their voices. Walk away with a revived sense of purpose and the desire to help students find their reading identity while preparing them for college and increasing their critical thinking skills. <i>Saturday Only</i>
<i>Amy Cummins</i>	Reading New Books by Texas Authors for Young Adults This session highlights authors residing in Texas who have published new books in 2016, 2017, or 2018. Particular attention is given to books by writers from the Rio Grande Valley. This session raises excitement for us as educators to read fresh, new books and to share them with our students. Join us to hear book talks about newly released stand-alone and series books and to share about children's and YA books that have worked for you and your students. <i>Friday Only</i>

And more...

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