



# Literacy Leaders

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## November Workshop - Technology

Extend your technology skills and network with other teachers interested in literacy! Dr. Kathy Gradel will engage participants in using technology to teach as well as reinforce pupil literacy skills. Here is a chance for you to look, learn, and do!



Microsoft Office, 2010

Please join us for *Grab A Few Tech Tools for Your Literacy Toolbox* on No-

You can register for this event by emailing Vice President Emily Gollnitz at [egollnitz@ripley.wnyric.org](mailto:egollnitz@ripley.wnyric.org)



Microsoft Office, 2010

ember 14th at 4:30 in the Elementary Library at Silver Creek Central School.

Come prepared to share your favorite use of technology with the students in your class.



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## Happy Thanksgiving!

**T**“Gobble, Gobble, what’s that you say, I am on the menu for Thanksgiving Day.”  
 “Oink, Oink. ham is so good, forget about old turkey, I wish you would.”  
 Regardless of what you

**I** choose to eat on Thursday, November 28th, the Executive Board of CCRC wishes you and your family a joyful Thanksgiving Day. May you have time to kick back and just enjoy the day and time away from the pressures of the classroom.



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## Our First Literacy Conference was a Success!!!



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CCRC sponsored a Fall Literacy Conference on Saturday, October 19th in Fenton Hall, SUNY Fredonia. The more than twenty participants included teachers from area districts as well as student teachers from SUNY Fredonia. After Karen Kondrick, CCRC President, welcomed conference attendees, she explained the Charlotte Award and how students vote for their favorite book from a list prepared by the

NYSRA Charlotte Award Committee. Ms. Kondrick then presented the books under consideration for the 2014 Charlotte Award.

Participants selected one of two presentations: *Enhancing the Use of Vocabulary in Writing for the Core* (Amy Bartell, Staff Development Specialist, Erie 2 – Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES) and *Reading and Writing in the Common Core Classroom* (Jean Pappalardo, Staff Development Specialist, E2C2 BOCES).

Michelle Helmer's (Staff Development Specialist, E2C2 BOCES) presentation on protocols kept the audience engaged as they interacted with several protocols (Chalk Talk Protocol, Tea Party Protocol, and Mystery Quotes Protocol). All demonstrated strategies (protocols) could be used immediately by conference attendees.

CCRC will continue to offer professional development opportunities that are related to what you do in the classroom.



## Zombies Used to Liven Interest in STEM



<http://www.forbes.com/sites/emilycanal/2013/09/18/zombies-infiltrate-classrooms-to-bring-stem-back-to-life/>

With Halloween just behind us, the *Forbes* article on using zombies, superheroes,

space, and forensics in STEM lessons seemed appropriate. The National Academy of Sciences and Texas Instruments created *STEM Behind Hollywood* as one means of engaging middle and high school students in STEM concepts.

A four-part activity is introduced with zombies and a hypothetical virus infecting humans. Students work through an analysis of zombies after observing them to determine what part of the brain is dam-

aged as evidenced by the shuffling walk distinctive in zombies. They reverse zombie effects to see a healthy brain and how it operates. Using mathematical skills, the students can identify the track of virus contagion and then generate an equation to show the trajectory (i.e., curve) of infection rates. Check out *STEM Behind Hollywood* at <http://www.multivu.com/mnr/54048-texas-instruments-stem-behind-hollywood-program-with-mayim-bialik>.

## Where is the Paper?

In a recent article in the *Buffalo News* (October 24, 2013), Maia Gallagher described a program at Buffalo Seminary in which all students were given laptops. The laptop program at Buffalo Seminary is in its seventh year. Gallagher reported that both teachers and students view the laptop program as successful. Although Buffalo Seminary permitted students to bring computers, the laptop program has standardized computer use. That is, “every student has the same software, programs and Internet access” (Gallagher, 2013, p. 1).

Buffalo Seminary employs the website *edline.net* as its learning management system. *Edline.net* (also known as *Blackboard Engage*) is a learning management system (SUNY Fredonia currently uses *ANGEL* as its course management system). Regardless of the specific student learning management system utilized, schools are moving to a somewhat paperless environment. Teachers use websites or pages within a system such as *edline.net* to post assignments, lecture notes,



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homework, notices for quizzes, exams, and tests, and even student worksheets. In addition, students use teacher-created dropboxes for submission of



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work to be reviewed and/or graded. Students report that the folders used within dropboxes help keep them organized.

Flexibility of laptop use at Buffalo Seminary is impressive. Students can type notes using Microsoft OneNote or they can flip the laptop screen in order to use the stylus to handwrite their notes.

Last year Canisius introduced its iPad Program as a means as helping students use technology

effectively and responsibly in their education. The Coordinator of Education Technology at Canisius asserts that the school is using the cloud to enhance student access to homework and notes.

Students also use the laptops provided to them to access the school calendar, school events and activities listings, and even the cafeteria menu.

Responsible use of a laptop/iPad within the classroom should be addressed. Or the laptop/iPad could be a major distraction to learning. Freshmen report that they struggle with balancing use of the laptop for learning and social media.

With more widespread use of computers, laptops, and iPads, paper use has diminished.



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## Council Events: 2013-2014

### Executive Board Meetings

November 14, 2013  
(after Technology session)

February 25, 2013

March 4, 2014 (after Hot Reads)

April 9, 2014

### Scheduled Activities

**November 14, 2013: Dr. Kathy Gradel,**  
*Grab A Few Tech Tools for Your Literacy Toolbox,*  
*Silver Creek Central School, Elementary Library*

**January 31, 2014 Dr. Tim Rasinski**  
Location TBA

**March 4, 2014: Hot Reads** Location TBA

**May 7, 2013: Annual Spring Banquet**  
Children's author to be announced