

July 8-10, 2009

Are you tired of overpriced literacy conferences that feel like cattle calls, with huge crowds, long lines, not enough seats, and lousy acoustics?

So are we.

We've created professional development events we would like to attend, but never seem able to find anymore—small enough to chat with the presenters and other participants, in beautiful locales that help us recharge mentally and physically.

Featuring:

“The Sisters”—Gail Boushey and Joan Moser; Franki Sibberson; Andrea Smith; and Karen Szymusiak

Join us this summer for literacy leadership workshops at the beautiful Darby House on a country estate in Columbus, Ohio! Our workshops will give you the materials you need to go back home and lead professional development events for your colleagues and staff. You'll leave with templates, high quality videos, workshop protocols, and memories of conversations with colleagues from across the country who share the joys and struggles of helping schools move forward in literacy. **Each workshop includes a professional development DVD linked to the workshop topic, valued at up to \$229.**

Workshop Descriptions

The Literacy Principal in Action

with **Karen Szymusiak**,
Co-Author of *Still Learning to Read*

Wednesday, July 8 • 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Principals are expected to be curricular leaders in their schools - but what does that look and feel like? This full-day workshop takes you into daily routines of Karen Szymusiak, a principal at Glacier Ridge Elementary School in Dublin, Ohio, and author of many best-selling books and videos on literacy instruction. Karen will share strategies for observing and collaborating with teachers, leading meetings with a curriculum focus, and guiding staff in new literacy initiatives in a way that honors and respects educators. **DVD: *The Literacy Principal in Action***



Delight in Words

New in 2009

Integrating Children's Literature into Word Play and Word Study in K-5 Classrooms

with **Franki Sibberson**,
Co-Author of *Beyond Leveled Books*

Thursday, July 9 • 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Vocabulary instruction and word study begins with a delight in language. If we can help students pay attention to and get excited about the discovery of new words, they will be well on their way to building new vocabulary and reading skills. In this session, we'll explore how word play and word study can be integrated into reader's and writer's workshops through the use of children's literature. Participants will receive a resource binder with booklists, sample minilessons, read aloud suggestions, and word study activities. **DVD: *Choice Literacy Word Work Sampler***



Nonfiction Snapshots

Reading, Writing, and Talking about Texts
Across the Curriculum

New in 2009

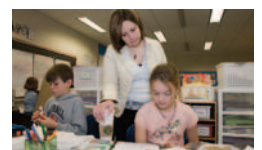
with **Andrea Smith**

Wednesday, July 8 • 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Most of the texts we encounter as adults are nonfiction - from web and newspaper accounts of current events, to directions for setting up complicated electronics in our homes. In recent years, teachers have been working hard to integrate more nonfiction texts into their elementary classrooms. In this workshop, Andrea Smith will take you into her 4th grade classroom, where students are immersed in nonfiction texts throughout the day. Andrea will present how she:

- Selects nonfiction mentor texts for instruction;
- Structures sequences of lessons around nonfiction reading and writing tasks;
- Explores literary nonfiction with students to build writing skills;
- Uses animals and other concrete stimuli to spark interest throughout the year in nonfiction reading and writing;
- Differentiates instruction for special needs students and English language learners;
- Creates wall charts and displays with students that highlight nonfiction reading and writing strategies;
- Links small group and individual conferring to whole-class lessons;
- Connects reading instruction to content area test prep.

DVD: *Nonfiction Moments*



CAFE in the Classroom

with "The Sisters" (Gail Boushey and Joan Moser),
Authors of *The Daily 5*

Friday, July 10 • 8:30 a.m.–3 **SOLD OUT**

Teachers know assessing young readers involves more than determining a reading level and moving them onto the next. Yet all too often, assessment systems don't provide much information beyond determining a child's reading level. Gail and Joan developed the CAFE assessment system to help elementary students understand and master different strategies used by successful readers. They both use the system daily with students, and have helped dozens of teachers in their school districts implement the program. **DVD: CAFE in the Classroom**



Darby House

All events will take place at the Darby House at Darby Dan Farms, a beautiful country estate. Choice Literacy has secured a block of rooms at the Columbus Hawthorn Suites, the nearest hotel, at a discounted rate of \$85 single/double. For reservations, phone **1-614-853-6199** and mention "Choice Literacy" to receive the reduced rate. **Please note:** Darby House a seven-mile drive from the hotel—there is no housing available on-site. You will need a rental car or cab to get to the conference location if you are flying to this event.

2009 Columbus, Ohio Choice Literacy Workshops

Workshop	Date	Time	Cost	Quantity	Total
The Literacy Principal in Action	Wednesday, July 8	8:30 a.m.–3 p.m	\$295		
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Grand Total _____

Your Name

Email Address

School or District

Mailing Address

Town/State/Zip Code

Phone

Additional Registrants (please list full name and email address for each registrant)

Method of Payment

(Payment must accompany registration to reserve spots)

- Check enclosed (payable to Choice Literacy, Inc.) or
- Purchase Order (please attach—must be signed by qualified purchasing agent in your school or district). **All purchase orders are due Net 30 Days.**
We do not accept credit cards for conference registrations.

Return Registration and Payment to:

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or
Email a scanned copy of registration and PO to
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Questions? Email shelly@choiceliteracy.com for answers.

Fees include continental breakfast, refreshment breaks, professional development DVDs, and resource folder. All travel, housing, and lunch expenses are the responsibility of participants. Space is limited. Payment is due upon receipt, with full refund if cancellation is received 30 days before the event. No refunds within one month of event.