

**LITERACY & LEADERSHIP: PATHWAYS TO A NEW NEVADA~**  
 ALIGNING OUR WORK  
 TO THE FIVE ESSENTIALS OF THE NEW NEVADA STATE LITERACY PLAN

**Nevada Department of Education**  
**Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Initiative's**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Institute**  
**Atlantis Casino Resort Spa – Reno, Nevada: Convention Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Day #1: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 (Morning Sessions)**

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration &amp; Sign-In</li> <li>• Continental Breakfast</li> </ul>	Grand Foyer Bistro Napa
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks: Colin Usher, SRCL Project Manager and Dr. Kevin Marie Laxalt, SRCL Lead Literacy Coordinator</li> <li>• Kick-off Speech: Dale Erquiaga, Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction: Policy Implications: Literacy and Leadership for a <i>New Nevada</i></li> <li>• Brief Overview of the Nevada State Literacy Plan: Mary Peterson – West Comp Center NSLP Facilitator</li> <li>• Connecting the Dots: The NSLP &amp; the Summer Institute: Susan Ulrey, SRCL Southern Nevada Literacy Coordinator</li> <li>• Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kevin Marie Laxalt, SRCL Lead Literacy Coordinator</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom 4
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (45 minutes)	<b>Preparing Students for Life in the Rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> <b>Key-Note Speaker: Dr. Michael Kamil, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University</b>	Grand Ballroom 4
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Transition	

<b>Unpacking the Essentials of the Nevada State Literacy Plan: National &amp; State Facilitators are Joined by Contributing Writers of the NSLP</b>		
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 am. (60 minutes)	Dr. Lara Hebert: Professional Learning Specialist, NCTE Kathy Banak: SRCL Early Childhood Coordinator, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 1
	Dr. Catherine Awsumb Nelson: Research & Evaluation Consultant, NCTE Brad Deeds: Adult Education Programs Supervisor, NDE	Grand Ballroom 2
	Chris Bronke: Downers Grove North High School English Teacher and Department Chair, Consultant, NCTE Colin Usher: SRCL Project Manager, NDE	Grand Ballroom 3
	Susan Ulrey: SRCL Southern Nevada Literacy Coordinator, NDE Diane Reitz: Director: K-12 Literacy, CCSD	Emerald A
	Dr. Kevin Marie Laxalt: SRCL Lead Literacy Coordinator, NDE Maria Woehr: SRCL Coordinator III – Elementary, CCSD	Emerald B
	Dr. Darl Kiernan: NWRPDP Liaison - SRCL Program, WCSD Michelle Montoya: Writing Center Coordinator, TMCC	Emerald C
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Transition	
<b>ESSENTIAL #1: Leadership &amp; Sustainability</b>		
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (60 minutes)	<b>What School Leaders Need to Know About Literacy and How They Can Get It</b> Dr. Michael Kamil: Professor Emeritus, Stanford University	Emerald C
	<b>A GPS for Literacy Leadership Teams: Determining Where We Are and Where We Go From Here</b> Dr. Lara Hebert: Professional Learning Specialist, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 1

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (60 minutes)	<b>Leadership Essentials of Teacher-Driven Change: A National Perspective</b> Dr. Catherine Awsumb Nelson: Research & Evaluation Consultant, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 2
	<b>Leading Without Leaving: Keeping the Teacher in Teacher Leadership</b> Chris Bronke: Downers Grove North High School English Teacher and Department Chair, Consultant, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 3
	<b>Ensuring Equitable Access for ELs (English Learners) to Educational Opportunities</b> Jonathan Gibson- Education Program Professional-English Learners, NDE Kulwadee Axtell: Education Program Professional-English Learners, NDE	Emerald B
	<b>Working Toward Professional Learning Communities at the Middle School Level</b> Gail Taylor: SRCL Literacy Coach, CCSD Susan Wolfe: SRCL Literacy Coach, CCSD	Emerald A
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>	
<b>Day #1: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 (Afternoon Sessions)</b>		
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (75 minutes)	<b>Technological Tools for Classroom Teachers and School and District Leaders</b> Paul Shuster: Vice-President of Training and Development Media-X Systems, Inc., Ontario, Canada	Grand Ballroom 4
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Transition	

<b>ESSENTIAL #2: Data-Driven Standards-Based Instruction and Intervention</b>		
2:30 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. (65 minutes)	<b>Using Differentiated Instructional Strategies to Enhance Learning at the Middle School and High School Levels</b> Joann Vaccariello: SRCL Literacy Coach, CCSD	Emerald A
	<b>Literacy In the Library ~ Literacy Centers in the Elementary School Library</b> Kristin Stowe: SRCL K-5 Literacy Coach, CCSD Alison Grant: SRCL Library/Community Outreach Proj. Facilitator, CCSD	Emerald B
	<b>Literacy Support: How Wooster High School Teachers Collaborate to Advance Reading Achievement</b> Dr. Darl Kiernan: NWRPDP Liaison for SRCL, WCSD Lauren Torvinen: SRCL High School Trainer, WCSD	Emerald C
	<b>Developmentally Appropriate Academic Content Vocabulary Instruction in Pre-K</b> Pia Edwards: SRCL Early Childhood Literacy Coach, CCSD Kathleen O’Hara : SRCL Early Childhood Literacy Coach, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 1
	<b>The “Down &amp; Dirty” of Data Driven Instruction</b> Leslie Lommori, Jill Page, Korina Santos, Amber Emhoff 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Core Team, Yerington Elementary School, LCSD	Grand Ballroom 2
	<b>On Demand Assessments in Writer’s Workshop</b> Valerie Stanley: SRCL Literacy Coach, LCSD Hollie Acciari: Yerington Elementary School, Kinder Teacher, LCSD	Grand Ballroom 3
3:35 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Transition	

<b>ESSENTIAL #2: Data-Driven Standards-Based Instruction and Intervention</b>		
3:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (70 minutes)	<b>Using the Engage New York Preschool Curriculum to Modify Instruction for Pre-K Sub-populations</b> Leslie Nelson: Inclusion Teacher, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 1
	<b>Observing &amp; Using the Instructional Practice Guides to Inform Instruction</b> Stacy Drum: SRCL Elementary Training Coordinator, WCSD	Grand Ballroom 2
	<b>Implementing Effective Practices Through RTI/DBDM Teams (all levels)</b> Alison Clark: Educational Psychologist, CCSD Victoria Williams: SRCL Literacy Coach, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 3
	<b>Feedback, the Powertool of our Trade</b> Deanna LeBlanc: SRCL Elementary Literacy Coach, LCSD Linda Soderlind: SRCL Middle School Literacy Coach, LCSD	Emerald A
	<b>Engaging ELL Learners – Authentic Experiences &amp; Digital Media</b> Sara Stewart: SRCL Instructional Technology Specialist, WCSD Yvonne Wiliams: SRCL Family Literacy Specialist, WCSD	Emerald B
	<b>Using the K-3 CLASS Observation Tool at the K-3 Level: Supporting and Measuring Safe, Engaging, and Instructionally Rigorous Classrooms that Support Social and Cognitive Development</b> Dawna Ogden: SRCL Pre-K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Training Coordinator, WCSD	Emerald C

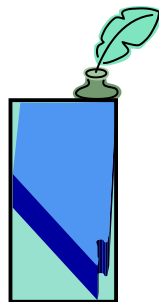


**The Nevada Department of Education**  
 ~ *Invites You to Attend the Formal Launching of* ~

**THE NEVADA STATE LITERACY PLAN**  
*[recently adopted by the Nevada State Board of Education]*

*The following individuals will be recognized for their efforts on this remarkable year-long collaborative writing achievement:*

- **Members of the Nevada State Literacy Plan Revision Team  
 (25 Literacy Leaders from across the state)**
- **Dr. Michael Kamil ~ Professor Emeritus ~ Stanford University**
- **Mary Peterson & Marie Mancuso ~ West Comp Center Facilitators**
- **Members of Formal Review Teams from across Nevada**
- **Laxalt & McIver Graphic Design Company of Reno, Nevada**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
 Grand Ballroom 4  
 3800 South Virginia Street  
 Reno, Nevada 89502**

*(Hors d'oeuvres & non-alcoholic drinks provided)*

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8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Back Remarks: Colin Usher, SRCL Project Manager</li> <li>• Opening Remarks for the Day: Dr. Steve Canavero: Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement, Nevada Department of Education</li> <li>• Explanation of Day: Dr. Kevin Marie Laxalt, SRCL Lead Literacy Coordinator, NDE</li> </ul>	Grand Ballroom 4
<b>Building Collaborative Cultures of Literacy</b>		
8:20 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. (65 minutes)	<b>Improving School Cultures While Supporting the MTSS/RTI Process – Elementary School</b> Ellen Badger, SRCL Training Intervention Coordinator, WCSD	Emerald A

8:20 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. (65 minutes)	<b>Improving School Cultures While Supporting the MTSS/RTI Process – Middle School</b> Michelle Peirce: SRCL Data Specialist, WCSD	Emerald B
	<b>P-3 Student-Centered Learning Teams: Helping to Build Collaborative and Reflective School Cultures Focused on the Needs of Students</b> Dawna Ogden: Pre-K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Training Coordinator, WCSD	Emerald C
	<b>Structuring Collaborative Conversations for Greater Depth of Knowledge: Moving from Congenial to Collegial</b> Dr. Lara Hebert: Professional Learning Specialist, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 1
	<b>Habits of Effective Collaborative Teams: A National Perspective on the Practices that Lead to Lasting Change</b> Dr. Catherine Awsumb Nelson: Research & Evaluation Consultant, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 2
	<b>It Takes a Village: Creating Literacy as Culture in High Schools</b> Chris Bronke: Downers Grove North High School English Teacher and Department Chair, Consultant, NCTE	Grand Ballroom 3
9:25 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Transition	
<b>ESSENTIAL #3: Literacy Assessment Systems</b>		
9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (60 minutes)	<b>The WIDA Way: Connecting Academic Language &amp; Content Proficiency</b> Jonathan Gibson: Education Program Professional – English Learners, NDE Kulwadee Axtell: Education Program Professional – English Learners, NDE	Emerald A
	<b>Understanding Literacy and Test Strategies for the ACT English Usage, Reading and Writing Sections</b> Susan Ulrey, SRCL Southern Nevada Literacy Coordinator, NDE	Emerald B
	<b>The ELOC – Early Literacy Observation Checklist – Getting to Know a Pre-K Literacy Assessment Tool</b> Kathy Banak: SRCL Early Childhood Coordinator, CCSD	Emerald C




9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (60 minutes)	<p><b>Navigating Your Way Through the End of Course Assessments</b>  <i>Nevada Department of Education Panel:</i>  Mike Pacheco: Education Program Professional, Standards &amp; Instructional Support – Mathematics, NDE  Andre DeLeon: Education Program Professional, Standards &amp; Instructional Support – Science, NDE  Lisa Ford: Education Program Professional, Standards &amp; Instructional Support - English Language Arts, NDE</p>	Grand Ballroom 1
	<p><b>Literacy Across the Smarter Balanced Assessment System</b>  Dave Brancamp: Assistant Director, Standards &amp; Instructional Support, NDE  Tracy Gruber: Education Program Professional, Standards &amp; Instructional Support – Mathematics, NDE</p>	Grand Ballroom 2
	<p><b>The Role of Formative Assessment in a Comprehensive System of Assessment and Evaluation</b>  Dr. Michael Kamil: Professor Emeritus, Stanford University</p>	Grand Ballroom 3
10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.	Transition	
<b>ESSENTIAL #4: Professional Learning</b>		
10:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (65 minutes)	<p><b>Active Academic Vocabulary Practice in Every Content Area: High School Literacy</b>  Lauren Torvinen: SRCL High School Training Coordinator, WCSO  Dr. Darl Kiernan: SRCL Literacy Trainer – NW RPDP Liaison, WCSO  Dr. Dianna Townsend: Associate Professor of Literacy Studies, UNR</p>	Emerald A
	<p><b>On Demand Professional Learning for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning &amp; Digital Age Literacy Tools: Elementary/Middle/High Schools</b>  Sara Stewart – SRCL Instructional Technology Specialist, WCSO</p>	Emerald B

10:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (65 minutes)	<b>Teacher Reflection &amp; Inquiry with the Core Task Implementation Project</b> <b>(C-Tip) - Elementary Level</b> Stacy Drum: SRCL Elementary Training Coordinator, WCSD	Emerald C
	<b>Building 21st Century Book Study Using iTunesU</b> Brandi Mora: SRCL Secondary Digital Coach, CCSD Tracy Pacheco: SRCL Middle School Literacy Coach, CCSD Susan Wolfe: SRCL Middle School Literacy Coach, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 1
	<b>Using Academic Walls to Create Authentic Literacy Environments</b> Michelee Crawford: SRCL K-5 Literacy Coach, CCSD Stacy L. Moore: SCL K-5 Literacy Coach, CCSD	Grand Ballroom 2
	<b>The Professional Learning Loop</b> Nurit Stites: SRCL Middle School Training Coordinator, WCSD Sundae Eyer: SRCL Middle School ELL Implementation Specialist, WCSD	Grand Ballroom 3
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>	
<p>“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development ... for everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right . . . Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Kofi Annan, Seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations (1997-2006) Winner – the Nobel Peace Prize – 2001</p>		

**Day #2: Thursday, June 18, 2015 (Afternoon Sessions)**

**ESSENTIAL #5: Family & Community Engagement**

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (75 minutes)	<p><b>Community Partnerships</b>            Laura Schwartz: SRCL K-5 Coach, CCSD            Cheylee Meter: SRCL K-5 Coach, CCSD</p>	Grand Ballroom 1
	<p><b>A Voice That Matters: Engaging Students and Families in Goal Setting Through Student-Led Conferences (Elementary/Middle)</b>            Michelle Peirce: SRCL Data Specialist, WCSD            Ellen Badger: SRCL Training Intervention Coordinator, WCSD            Nurit Stites: SRCL Middle School Coordinator, WCSD</p>	Grand Ballroom 2
	<p><b>Family Literacy from Pre-K through High School: a Discussion of the Research, the Practice and the Knowledge in the Room</b>            Maria Fernandez: Coordinator – Parent University, WCSD</p>	Grand Ballroom 3
	<p><b>Promoting Student Literacy through Family Engagement Using Tip-Sheets, Videos, and a 6-week Monitoring Tool (Elementary Level)</b>            Yvonne Williams: SRCL Family Literacy Specialist, WCSD            Jana Barclay: SRCL Literacy Implementation Specialist, WCSD</p>	Emerald A
	<p><b>Integrating Pre-K Standards within a Professional Learning Community Childcare Setting</b>            Mindy Kinsey: Mentor Teacher: Early Childhood Program, WCSD</p>	Emerald B
	<p><b>Strategic Structures and Processes Supporting Student Achievement</b>            Ramona Esparza: Principal – Valley High School, CCSD            Margaret Marschner: SRCL Literacy Coach, CCSD</p>	Emerald C

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Transition & Open-Ended Discussion	Grand Ballroom 4
<b>District Level Institute Review &amp; Planning Sessions</b>		
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (75 minutes)	Clark County School District	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
	Lyon County School District	Grand Ballroom 4
	Douglas County School District	Emerald C
	Washoe County School District	Grand Ballroom 3
	De-Briefing Session– SRCL Summer Institute Team	Emerald A
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Transition	
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (45 minutes)	<b>Closing Activities:</b> Sharing Contact Information Across Districts Next Steps Activity Wrap-up	Grand Ballroom 4
		

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MULTI-MEDIA STORY ROOM (Grand Ballroom 6):**

Throughout the entire institute one additional breakout room will be utilized as the SRCL multi-media “Story Room”. This space will present a variety of mixed media materials that will demonstrate the impact that Striving Readers has had on each of the four SRCL districts (Clark, Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe). Video-streams, posters, and miscellaneous handouts will be available for any participant to stop by and experience during the entire institute.

### **IN-SERVICE CREDIT:**

Participation in this institute will provide participants the opportunity of earning 1.0 in-service credit through the Nevada Department of Education. In order to be eligible, all interested participants will be required to sign in and out on both days of the institute (at the foyer desk). Certificates of credit will be provided during the final closing activities.

### **ON-SITE LOGISTICS:**

The Atlantis provides a shuttle (every 15 minutes) from the airport. Your dining options include a variety of eleven restaurants with a diverse array of menus. The Atlantis also offers a world-class spa and an executive business center.

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### **LUGGAGE:**

Please note that there will be specific logistical arrangements made for handling luggage on the final day of the Summer Institute. A designated spot in the hotel will be created for all participants to drop off their luggage during the morning or at lunch time. In the spirit of eliminating unnecessary distractions, participants are asked to enter the final afternoon sessions without their luggage.

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

The SRCL Summer Institute Planning Team is presently in the process of creating a webpage and hashtag for this event. All SRCL District Coordinators will be provided with this information as soon as it is available.

### **ON-SITE ASSISTANCE:**

Members of the SRCL Summer Institute Content Planning Committee will be available for any assistance needed by participants and/or presenters during the entire event.

(Local volunteers are requested to assist the NDE SRCL Team in clean-up efforts at the end of the institute).