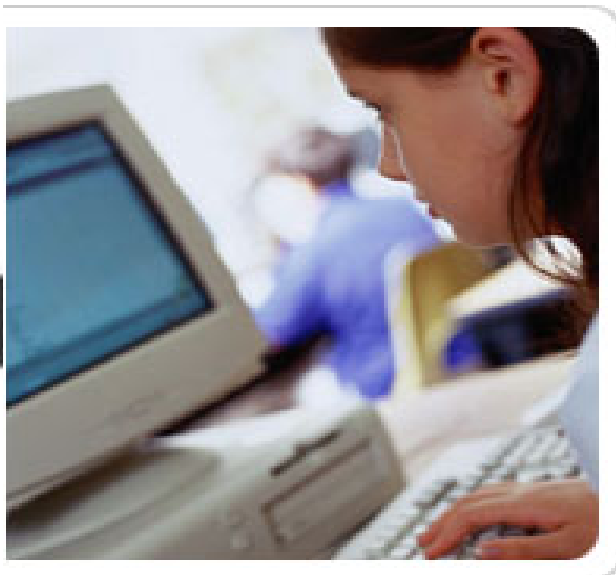


March is Reading Month!



Online Resources

ReadWriteThink

ReadWriteThink, is a free website sponsored by the International Reading Association, National Council of Teachers of English, and MarcoPolo. The site features lessons, standards, web resources and student materials. Lessons are organized into three broad K-12 categories: Learning Language, Learning About Language, and Learning Through Language.

- For the Quick Site Guide, Site Features, and Calendar go to... www.readwritethink.org
- The calendar offers a way to find classroom activities and online resources associated with events in literacy and literature <http://www.readwritethink.org/calendar/>
- For a primary lesson related to the Read Across America emphasis this month (Dr. Suess), go to http://www.readwritethink.org/lessons/lesson_view.asp?id=109

21st Century Librarian

New century school librarians help guide students through the digital information that confronts them each day which includes addressing literacy resources in many formats, School librarians such as Stephanie Rosalia have become multifaceted information specialists who help students learn to navigate the digital information that confronts them each day. "The 21st-Century Librarian," a *New York Times* video by Shayla Harris and Motoko Rich., is a five and a half minute video which talks about changing role and importance of media specialists in today's schools. "The library should be the center of the school, and it's a pity when it's not," Rosalia concludes. For further information, watch [the video](#).

Adapted from Reading Today at [http://www.reading.org/General/Publications/blog/BlogSinglePost/09-03-04/School librarians in the 21st century.aspx](http://www.reading.org/General/Publications/blog/BlogSinglePost/09-03-04/School_librarians_in_the_21st_century.aspx)

21st Century Media Center

More than three years in the making, the Library of Michigan and Michigan Department of Education announce the availability of the "21st Century Media Center" video, a collaborative effort showcasing the essential need for fully supported school library media centers with qualified staff – all for the benefit of Michigan's K-12 students' educational success.

The video is geared toward the stakeholders who influence school library media programs in Michigan schools (superintendents, building-level administrators, school boards, parent groups, community leaders, legislators and educational associations) and can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan

State Librarian Nancy Robertson applauded the efforts of Library of Michigan and Department of Education staff, along with partners that included the Michigan Association for Media in Education, the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning, Wayne State University, and representatives from several intermediate school districts and regional educational media centers.

According to the Partnership for 21st Century Skills – an organization which seeks to position 21st Century skills at the center of U.S. K-12 education by building collaborative partnerships among education, business, community and government leaders – today's schools must align classroom environments with real-world environments by infusing the following skills:

- Information, media literacy and communication skills;
- Thinking and problem-solving (critical thinking and systems thinking; problem identification, formulation and solution; creativity and intellectual curiosity);
- Interpersonal and self-direction skills (interpersonal and collaborative skills; self-direction; accountability and adaptability; social responsibility);
- Global awareness;
- Financial, economic and business literacy, and developing entrepreneurial skills to enhance workplace productivity and career options; and
- Civic literacy

For more information on '21st Century Media Centers,' visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

International Reading Association Reading Resources

This site provides an overview of IRA online resources for teachers, parents, and others concerned about literacy learning. From: www.reading.org/resources/index.html

- **International Reading Association: Choices Booklists**

information about the annual Choices booklists of book recommendations from IRA.www.reading.org/resources/tools/choices.html

- **Welcome to Reading Online**

This website, provided by the **International Reading Association**, offers hundreds of articles on a range of topics in **reading** education. ...
www.readingonline.org/

Article supporting 21st Century literacy skills Study: TMOT, Texting Can Help Reading Skills

British researchers say text messaging doesn't harm literacy. In fact, those who regularly text have better reading skills, despite their frequent use of phonetic spellings, abbreviations, and omission of vowels. [School Library Journal \(NY\), March 1, 2009](#)

English Teachers Embrace 21st Century Composition Skills

NCTE Past President Kathleen Blake Yancey's report [Writing in the 21st Century](#) makes the case for composing by any means available.

Get Reading—It's Read Across America Week!

NCTE partners with the NEA to help readers young and old celebrate the joy of reading. Take time to [Read Together](#) with a child. What is NEA's Read Across America?

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Read Across America Week: Tips to Get Young Children Interested in Reading: [The Examiner, March 1, 2009](#)

Get creative! The opportunities are endless when it comes to planning your Read Across America event. Following are perennially successful activities. From: <http://www.nea.org/grants/13019.htm>

- **Need Ideas? 13 Seuss-gestions**

Here are 13 ideas in case you've hit a creative wall. They will help your event be Seuss-sational!

- **Sing the Read Across America Song**

Composed and donated to NEA by singer/songwriter Glenn Weiss. Sheet music is also available.

- **Take the Readers Oath**

Thanks to Debra Angstead of Missouri-NEA for this inspiring oath. In one of the most wonderful events in Read Across America's history, Steven G. Breyer, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, administered this oath to a group of Washington, D.C. students. Gathered in the hallowed halls of the Supreme Court Library, the children promised to become life-long readers. Your students can do the same. Invite a local judge to officiate, or your principal or other appropriate individual.

National Reading Day/Week - Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Activities from <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/dr-seuss-birthday/>



[NEA Read Across America - 2009](#)

March 2, 2009 - Happy 11th Anniversary! National Reading week kicks off on the day after the birthday of Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904).



[Literature Character Costumes](#)

We gathered up all the best prices for costumes and hats and posted them here.



[Dr. Seuss Collectibles](#)

EVERYTHING Dr. Seuss! Find T-shirts, books, puppets, bedding, baby clothes and accessories, silver charms, hats, games, puzzles, swimwear, stationery, cards, and character collections.



[Dr. Seuss Author Study](#)

(March 2, 1904 – September 24, 1991)

Biographies, encyclopedia entries, memorials, links to political and advertising artwork and more. Numerous author study resources for children.



[Complete List of Dr. Seuss Books](#)

Books that Dr. Seuss wrote or books written about the author.



[Online Games \(PreK - Grade 1\)](#)

A collection of games from around the net to celebrate popular books of Dr. Seuss.



[Online Games \(Elementary\)](#)

Celebrate National Reading Month by playing these online games related to the works of Dr. Seuss!



[Dr. Seuss Quizzes](#)

Test your knowledge of Dr. Seuss trivia and books. Find some of your answers by participating in an internet hunt.



[Dr. Seuss Printables](#)

Worksheets, games, manipulatives, quizzes, recipes, coloring pages, dot to dots and mazes.



[Dr. Seuss Toys and Games](#)

Board games, puzzles, toys and character puppets to enhance the excitement of the work of Dr. Seuss. Xbox, Leapfrog and Gameboy games are included in the list.



[Book Reviews- Kids Books by Dr. Seuss](#)

Book reviews and concordance of text for Fox in Socks, Green Eggs and Ham, Hop on Pop, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now, Oh, the Thinks You Can Think, One Fish - Two Fish - Red Fish - Blue Fish, The Cat in the Hat and The Foot Book.

MEA sponsored **reading events from districts in Michigan**: <http://home.nea.org/readacross/raastate.cfm?s=Michigan>

Language Arts Resources from Middle Web:

- This site includes strategies and lesson plans for building the reading and writing skills of students in the middle grades. <http://www.middleweb.com/CurrLangArt.html>