

Fall 2011 Literacy Symposium
October 21, 2011

Timothy Rasinski, Keynote Speaker

The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Timothy Rasinski, professor of literacy education at Kent State University. Dr. Rasinski is a former elementary and middle school classroom and Title I teacher. He also taught literacy education at the University of Georgia prior to his tenure at Kent State.

Dr. Rasinski recently served a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association and from 1992 to 1999 he was co-editor of *The Reading Teacher*, the world's most widely read journal of literacy education. He has also served as co-editor of the *Journal of Literacy Research*. He was elected to the International Reading Hall of Fame in 2010. Dr. Rasinski has written over 200 articles and has authored, co-authored, or edited over 50 books or curriculum programs on reading education. Dr. Rasinski is the author of the best-selling books on reading fluency, *The Fluent Reader* and *The Fluent Reader in Action*, published by Scholastic, now in its second edition.

Josephine Nobisso, Author

Josephine Nobisso is a native of New York and received her teaching certification from SUNY New Paltz, then completed her studies of languages at the Universita' di Urbino in Italy. In her lively PowerPoint presentation, *Kill Off the Old Girl*, Ms. Nobisso, an award winning author who has written more than 50 books, takes her audience behind the scenes to demonstrate the unlikely and unexpected evolutions some books take to publication. Using humor and inspirational anecdotes, Ms. Nobisso draws from two of her own titles, *Grandpa Loved* and *Grandma's Scrapbook* – picture books that have been in continuous print for over 20 years. She not only illuminates the little-known detours that these two beloved modern classics took on their way to publication, but also references a career of 40 years in the writing life, explains influences that have shaped her work from the time she was a child, and shares glimpses into her professional and home lives. All in all, an engrossing and heart-warming presentation.

SCHEDULE

8:00-8:45am

Registration and Light Refreshments

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

9:15-10:15

Keynote Address, Dr. Timothy Rasinski

Wilson Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

10:30-11:45

Session I: Morning Workshops

1. How to Use Technology and Not be Used by it: Media Literacy Across the Curriculum

Andrew Forrest and Sara Van Ness

Wilson Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

2. Listening and Learning Phonemic Awareness in Preschool

Kerry Carley Rizzuto and Lilly Steiner

Room 202A, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

3. Integrating Strategy Instruction into the Reader's Workshop in Grades K-2

Monica Fodor

Club Rooms 107/108/109, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

4. Engaging Middle School Learners: Integrating Science and Technology

Christine Cotugno

Room 226, Robert E. McAllan Hall

5. Grammar-Based Writing Strategies for Accessing Voice with Josephine

Josephine Nobisso

Young Auditorium, Leon Hess Business School on Samuel E. & Mollie Bey Hall

6. Project Based Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom

Heather Lopusznick

Room 202B, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

12:00-1:00

Featured Author, Josephine Nobisso

Refreshments

Door Prizes

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

1:15-2:30

Session II: Afternoon Workshops

1. Tips and Strategies to Engage and Improve Reading Skills in Adolescent Students
Lisa McGhee
Turrell Board Room, Leon Hess Business School on Samuel E. & Mollie Bey Hall

2. Enthusiasm Sells: Creating Passion for any Subject!
Meredith Miller
Club Rooms 107/108/109, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

3. Reading Comprehension Strategies
Christine Grabowski
Young Auditorium, Leon Hess Business School on Samuel E. & Mollie Bey Hall

4. Technology in a Preschool Classroom
Arlene Kirby
Room 202A, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

5. Building on the Intrinsic: Persuasive Writing
Valerie Sorce
Room 202B, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

6. Art and Literacy: Hand in Hand
RoseAnn LaBrocca
Room 202C, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

Spring 2011 Literacy Symposium
April 15, 2011

Lee Mun Wah, Keynote Speaker

A nationally acclaimed lecturer and Master Diversity & Communications Trainer, Lee Mun Wah is a Chinese American community therapist, documentary filmmaker, Special Education educator, performing poet, Asian folk teller, and author. He is also the Director of StirFry Seminars & Consulting, which works with corporations, government agencies, educational institutions, and social agencies to facilitate diversity issues through healthy and authentic cross-cultural relationships.

In 1993 his first film on Asian Americans, *Stolen Ground*, won the San Francisco International Film Festival's Certificate of Merit Award for Best Bay Area Documentary. The National Media Network voted his second film, *The Color of Fear*, the Gold Medal for the Best Social Studies Documentary in 1995. In 1998 *The Color of Fear 2* won the Cindy International Film Festival's Silver Medal for Best Social Studies Award. The spring of 2005 marks the release of *The Color of Fear 3*, completing The Color of Fear three part film series. Lee Mun Wah recently filmed his 6th documentary, to be called, "*If These Halls Could Talk*," which will be about college students and their perspectives of race/racism in higher education (to be released Fall/Winter 2011).

In 1995 Oprah Winfrey presented a one hour special on his work and life which was viewed by over 15 million viewers across the nation. Thousands have taken his workshops and trainings throughout the United States and around the world. Lee Mun Wah believes when we value others for their uniqueness and differences, then we enhance the possibilities for our children and ourselves.

Dan Gutman, Author

Dan Gutman is a prolific writer of over 80 children's books, both fictional and non-fictional. Many of his books revolve around baseball, a sport which he has played and extensively followed throughout his life. Most of his famous works are his series of *& Me* novels, also known as the Baseball Card Adventures. Each book in the series revolves around a child traveling back in time to meet a baseball legend.

Honus & Me, was made into a made-for-TV movie entitled *The Winning Season*, starring Matthew Modine. His other major series of children's literature is a set of over twenty books entitled the *My Weird School* series. Dan also wrote the book *The Million Dollar Shot* about a boy who gets the chance to win a million dollars by making a foul shot.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Gutman lives in Haddonfield, New Jersey with his wife and two children.

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Registration and Light Refreshment

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

8:45-9:45

Keynote Address, Lee Mun Wah

Wilson Auditorium, Wilson Hall

10:00-11:15

Morning Workshops

1. What's Missing from Our Classrooms

Lee Mun Wah,

Wilson Auditorium, Wilson Hall

2. Pieces of the Puzzle: Strategies for Teaching Children with Autism

Sheryl Zanni

Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

3. Teaching Nonfiction Strategies

Kristine Toland

107-108, Magill Commons

4. Science Workshop Part 1: Standing Machines

Deborah Smith **CANCELLED**

5. Math Workshop, The Teacher Who Did Not Teach

Emily Dann, Elmira Mayansky

104, Wilson Hall

6. How Fun is That? Expanding Students' Subject Matter Understanding

Laurel Chehayl

106, Wilson Hall

7. I'm Fat: Using Group Activities to Combat Body Image Issues

Tina Paone

202A, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

11:30-12:30

Featured Author Dan Gutman

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

12:30-1:30

Refreshments, Book Exhibit, Author Signing, Door Prizes

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

1:45-3:00

Afternoon Workshops

8. Draw, Scribble, & Write Letters in the Preschool Inclusion Classroom

Heather Lopusznick

Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

10. How to Use WEB 2.0 Tools to Help Create Student Online Learning Communities

Angel Somers, Media Specialist

226, McAllan Hall

11. Teaching Social Skills with Art and Technology in an Inclusive Setting

Christopher Dudick and Bernadette Mullen

107- 108, Magill Commons

12. ESL & Bilingual Educational Strategies for Mainstream Teachers

Regina M. Postogna

106 Wilson Hall