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Illinois Association of Teachers of English



Fall Conference 2016

Close to Home: Creating Authentic Contexts for Reading & Writing

Featured Speakers

Each speaker will also lead a follow-up workshop to help teachers develop their own PBL-based unit plans.

Steve Zemelman, author of *From Inquiry to Action: Civic Engagement with Project-Based Learning in All Content Areas*, and **Katy Smith** will discuss how improving their community can make reading, writing, and researching highly meaningful for students. Realizing their voices can be heard, they develop a sense of efficacy and a strong commitment to learning.

National Board certified educator Bill Curtin will discuss his junior English class civic improvement project, for which he was awarded Kankakee County's Daily Journal Progress Award for Innovation in Education and was featured by the *Chicago Tribune*, AP Wire, CBS news, the *Late Show with David Letterman*, and NPR's "This American Life."

Naomi Davis, founder and president of **BIG: Blacks in Green™**, will discuss the transformation of neighborhoods into green, self-sustaining, mixed-income villages. Davis's work is informed and inspired by America's great Underground Railroad story – which teaches the need for self-help alongside the need for allies across the bounds of race and class. Sponsored by ComEd.

Sessions for

Elementary Language Arts

- How to Succeed with a Co-Teacher
- Beyond Multicultural: Looking at Books for Elementary Students through a Lens of Accuracy and Authenticity
- You DO Have Time to Write!
- You Don't Need Ponies or Pudding: Writing to Enhance Students' Reading
- Addressing Literacy Standards in Science
- 25 Strategies in 50 Minutes
- This is Your Brain on Adolescence
- Invite an Octopus as Your Class Companion Animal
- Saving Your Precious Classroom Time So You Can Teach

October 21st & 22nd

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