

Literacy

Dr. Lynn Akin is currently on faculty at Texas Women's University. Her area of expertise is with public librarians. She teaches literacy programs and has been a literacy volunteer for LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texas). She will discuss ideas for encouraging young children in the area of literacy. Donna MacKinney, currently the librarian at Rice Middle School in Plano Texas, will co-present on literacy. She has worked at the Dallas Public Library Children's Center, served as an early childhood librarian, and taught special education in the public school system. Donna brings a lifelong interest in literacy and reading.

Success with Beginning Readers

Kim Kinnaird currently teaches an undergraduate section of Library Materials for Children at Texas Woman's University, where she is pursuing a doctorate in Library Science with a minor in Reading. Before entering the world of librarianship, she taught primary grades for six years. Reading was her favorite subject to teach and children's literature remains one of her main research interests. Kim has presented at early literacy and library conferences and is also a member of the Texas State Reading Association's Golden Spur Award selection committee that recognizes excellent Texas authors and illustrators of children's and young adult literature.

Graphic Novels

Ron Randall has drawn comics for every major comic publisher in the United States, including Marvel, DC, Image, and Dark Horse. His Myths and Legends work includes *Thor & Loki: In the Land of Giants* and *Amaterasu: Return of the Sun*. He has also worked on super hero comics such as *Justice League* and *Spiderman*; science fiction titles such as *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*; fantasy adventure titles such as *DragonLance* and *Warlord*; suspense and horror titles including *SwampThing*, *Predator*, and *Venom*; and his own creation, *Trekker*. Randall's newest title *Beowulf: Monster Slayer* will be available this fall. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

Storytelling 101

Elizabeth Beamon is an award winning storyteller. She has over 14 years of experience enchanting children and adults with her stories. She will share her ideas and tools to enhance your storytelling skills. She currently works for the Southlake Public Library. She is an accomplished puppeteer and a lifetime member of the Texas Storytelling Association.

The 2007

CHILDREN &
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for librarians

Lori Dixon,
Keynote Speaker

Welcome to the
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Children's Librarians
&
Youth Librarians



The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that fosters innovation, leadership and a lifetime of learning, supports the North Texas Regional Library System, Inc. through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Keynote Speaker & Session Presenter

Lori Dixon calls on her vast experiences in early childhood and special education to deliver dynamic presentations on brain research and working with children. Understanding the extensive brain research being done and bridging this research to our libraries is critical. She is currently completing her PhD in Special Education/Early Childhood and is focusing on early childhood issues, brain research and special needs. Lori will also be presenting two sessions on brain research – one with the focus on younger children and one focused towards teens.

Working with Difficult Customers in Your School and Community

Dr. Arlita Harris served as director of five public library systems and one university library in Illinois, Texas, Florida, and Kenya, and as a city administrator over several departments in Clearwater, Florida. At UNT, she is now serving as Project Coordinator for Lifelong Education @ Desktop's online continuing education courses. The [LE@D](#) courses are usually taken individually or in a facilitated group, but at this conference she will be using this tutorial to show you how these courses can also be used in a blended setting for staff development and group discussion. Participants will discuss various types of difficult customers and how to effectively manage them in a library setting.

Materials for Limited English Proficiency

Teresa Mlawer from Lectorum Publications, Inc., will present on selecting materials for limited English speaking users. Lectorum Publications was established 45 years ago as [Librería Lectorum](#), a trade bookstore, catering to the needs of the general public and college students in the New York Metropolitan area. Lectorum soon became a nation-wide distributor serving public schools, public libraries, universities, and bookstores. It was acquired by Scholastic in 1996 and has grown to become the largest Spanish-language book distributor in the country with over 25,000 titles from more than 500 domestic and foreign publishers.

Blogging and Social Networking

Web 2.0

Podcasting

Jesse Ephraim, Youth Services Librarian for the City of Southlake will be presenting three classes, "Podcasting for Your Library", "Web 2.0", and "Blogging and Social Networking". Before becoming a librarian, he was a computer programmer and web developer for 10 years and has been working with computers since he was 13. He teaches software classes for the City of Southlake and the

reviews are always OUTSTANDING! His expertise in the computer field will help all who are interested in these updated and relevant uses of technology.

Texshare Databases

Carolyn Davidson is the Assistant Director of the North Texas Regional Library System. She was one of the initial Texshare database trainers for the TIF grants and traveled the state training librarians on using the databases. Carolyn will present two sessions on the Texshare databases – one focused on homework help and research for elementary aged children and one geared towards teens and above.

Playaways

Get ready to introduce your patrons to the most innovative, yet patron-friendly audio book. Jay Blint, Regional Account Manager, will share how you can use Playaways in your library.

Programming for Limited English Proficiency

Val Armstrong is the Children's Manager for the Dallas Public Library. She will share some of the multicultural initiatives being implemented at the Dallas Public Library. In presenting this information, she will focus on the importance of building community partnerships as a way of reaching minority communities.

Every Child Ready to Read

Kendra Perkins will present this national program. Every Child Ready to Read recognizes that current research on early literacy and brain development indicates it is never too early to prepare children for success as readers. Parents of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers must be informed of their critical role as their children's first teacher. The sessions will be: Young Child (not yet in school) and Children. Kendra Perkins is a Youth Services Librarian at the Larry J. Ringer Public Library in College Station. She is also Chair of the new Texas Teens Read Advisory Committee.

Dealing with Controversial Texts

Do you know how to "talk" about controversial texts with parents and teachers? April Kendra holds a doctoral degree in English from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in English from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has taught at the University of Tennessee, the University of Georgia, and the University of North Texas. Her special interests include women's writing, children's literature, genre construction and reception, and British Romantic and Victorian literature. Dr. Kendra currently works as a private educator in Denton, Texas, and runs a monthly book group for teen, between, and adult readers of science fiction and fantasy.

8:30-9:00	REGISTRATION					
9:00-10:00	Lori Dixon - Keynote Speech on Brain Research					
10:00-10:15	Refreshments & Breaks					
	1 Young Child	2 Children	3 Teens	4 New Technology	5 Professional Development	6 Multicultural
10:15-11:00	Lori Dixon <i>Brain Research - Young Children</i>	Kim Kinnaird <i>Success with Beginning Readers</i>	Jay Blint <i>Playaways</i>	Jesse Ephraim <i>Blogging & Social Networks</i>	Carolyn Davidson <i>Texshare Databases</i>	Teresa Mlawer <i>Materials for LEP</i>
11:00-11:15	Break					
11:15-12:00	Lynn Akin/ Donna MacKinney <i>Literacy</i>	Kendra Perkins <i>Every Child Ready to Read</i>	Lori Dixon <i>Brain Research</i>	Jesse Ephraim <i>Podcasting</i>	Arlita Harris <i>Working with Difficult Customers</i>	Val Armstrong <i>Programming for LEP</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch					
1:00-1:45	Kendra Perkins <i>Every Child Ready to Read</i>	Elizabeth Beamon <i>Storytelling 101</i>	Ron Randall <i>Graphic Novels/ Teens</i>	Jesse Ephraim <i>Web 2.0</i>	Carolyn Davidson <i>Texshare Databases</i>	Teresa Mlawer <i>Materials for LEP</i>
1:45-2:00	Refreshments/Break					
2:00-2:45	Lynn Akin/ Donna MacKinney <i>Literacy</i>	Ron Randall <i>Graphic Novels - School Age</i>	April Kendra <i>Dealing with Controversial Texts</i>	Jesse Ephraim <i>Web. 2.0</i>	Arlita Harris <i>Working with Difficult Customers</i>	Val Armstrong <i>Programming for LEP</i>
2:45-3:00	Door Prizes					