

Expanding the Universe of Text

BC Teachers of English Language Arts Regional Conference

Lilloet, BC

Speakers

- Richard Wagamese
- Leyton Schnellert
- Chris Bose
- Matt Rosati
- Celia Brownrigg



Agenda

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM Richard Wagamese:
Performance
Storytelling Event
- 10:30 - 12:00 PM Session 1
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM Session 2

Friday February 19, 2010

Lilloet Secondary School
920 Columbia Street
Lilloet, BC

Online registration: www.bctela.ca



Session 1 Workshops

10:30 - 12:00PM

Keynote Speaker

- ◆ Performance Storytelling Event with Richard Wagamese
- ◆ 9:00 – 10:00 AM

"Richard Wagamese is a brilliant and talented story teller. Richard's audience is taken on a journey with him that is at

times hysterically funny, heart-wrenchingly sad and startling with insight. He has a unique ability to make us understand how we all need each other as human beings and how important it is to find our common ground."

-Mallory Neuman, Healthy Child Manitoba



1A Smoked Fish, Bannock & Indian Tea

Richard Wagamese
Grades K-12

Smoked Fish, Bannock & Indian Tea shows how valuable a resource stories are. It shows what a crucial tool storytelling can be. It highlights the value of an ongoing, vibrant storytelling tradition in creating and sustaining healthy, vibrant communities. It shows how storytelling brings us all closer together. More than anything, this performance reminds us of the magic of the sound of one voice talking.

Bio:

Richard Wagamese is one of Canada's foremost Native authors and storytellers. Working as a professional writer since 1979 he's been a newspaper columnist and reporter, radio and television broadcaster and producer, documentary producer and the author of seven titles from major Canadian publishers with two new works waiting in the wings. He also works simultaneously in newspaper, radio and television. For more information about Richard, including excerpts from one of his books, visit his website: richardwagamese.com/



1B Reaching more readers: Developing inquiry units that use diverse texts

Leyton Schnellert
Grades 5-10

We are all reluctant readers and learners at some point in time. But we have a lot more control over our lives and learning than our students. In this session we will work together to explore ways to engage students with choice within units that use diverse texts. Links will be made to backward design, universal design for learning, literature/information circles and differentiation.

Bio:

Leyton has been a middle school, junior high, and secondary school classroom teacher, and a learning resource teacher for K-12. He currently teaches at Simon Fraser University in the Master of Education in Educational Practice program. He continues to collaboratively plan, teach, and reflect with teachers and students through research and consulting activities. He is the co-author of three professional books for teachers: *Student Diversity* (2006), *Pulling Together* (2009) and *It's All About Thinking* (2009).



1C The brave new world of text

Chris Bose
Grades 4-12

The first of Chris' two workshops will be a show & tell in which he'll showcase a range of short films, digital texts, spoken word texts, and a sampling of the work that he has done with students. He will show how these non-traditional forms of text engage students and allow them to express themselves and their ideas in exciting new ways.

Bio:

Chris Bose is a musician, artist, writer, filmmaker and workshop facilitator. He is of the N'laka'pamux/Secwepemc Nations in BC and currently resides in Kamloops and is always building new songs, books and documentaries to unleash upon an unsuspecting world. His work has been published, screened and he has toured nationwide. He works with people of all ages in teaching the digital arts and film.

You can find samples of his work on the following websites:
<http://urbancoyote.blip.tv>,
<http://findingshelter.blogspot.com>,
www.myspace.com/paganmachine

Session 2 Workshops

1:00 - 2:30PM



2A

The bell never rings: Creating an asynchronous learning community

Matt Rosati
Grades 9-12

How can technology help to create an online literacy-rich environment to extend classroom activities and culture? This session will focus on using technology to bring major aspects of literacy into the curriculum with free, easily-accessible Internet tools.

Bio:

Matt Rosati is a secondary teacher in the Maple Ridge School District. He is the co-editor of *English Practice*, the journal of the BC Teachers of English Language Arts.



2B

Using graphic novels in the intermediate and secondary classroom

Celia Brownrigg
Grades 4-12

Come explore the exciting world of graphic novels. The interplay of visual and written texts in the graphic novel format opens fresh opportunities to literacy skills that support the new IRP. A brief history of the form, pedagogical discussions and hands-on activities will give you all you need to bring graphic novels into your classroom. The focus will be on texts for grades 8-12.

Bio:

Celia Brownrigg is a teacher-librarian in the Vancouver School District and also works part-time at Kidsbooks. She is an executive member of the BC Teachers of English Language Arts.



2C

Digital storytelling using Windows Moviemaker and Photoshop

Chris Bose
Grades 4-12

Chris will introduce everyone to the potential uses of these two popular software programs—Moviemaker and Photoshop—in this hands-on computer workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring their own camera. If you have photos you would like to work with please bring them.

- ◆ We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of this conference by the B.C. Teachers' Federation.
- ◆ We also acknowledge the financial support and goodwill extended to this conference by the Gold Trail Teachers' Association and School District #74 (Gold Trail).

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Registration

Registrant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

District: _____

School: _____

Check off if a BCTF Member

Gold Trail teachers please register for this conference by sending this completed form via SD 74 mail to Starleigh Grass at Lilloet Secondary School. Conference fee of \$50 is waived for the first 50 Gold Trail registrants.

Out-of-district teachers please register and pay \$75 conference fee on-line at www.bctela.ca

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