



Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention

Presents

Choice Worlds: Helping children build literate worlds worth living in

With...

Peter Johnston

Saturday, April 5, 2008

**Registration 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Institute 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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The language we use when talking with children affects who they think they are, how they think about and treat others, and what they think they are doing as literate learners. We help children construct the literate worlds in which they live at school. For them to become independent, they need to be able to do this for themselves. This talk shows us about helping children to build productive literacy learning communities that foster engagement, understanding and development.

“Democracy is neither a possession nor a guaranteed achievement. It is forever in the making; it might be thought of as a possibility—moral and imaginative possibility. For surely it has to do with the way person attend to one another, care for one another, and interact with one another. It has to do with choices and alternatives with the capacity to look at things as though they could be otherwise.”

—Maxine Greene quoted in Peter Johnston’s book, *Choice Words*

This institute addresses Wisconsin Teacher Standards T2, T5, T6.

Use the registration form below to register. Registration deadline is March 27. For more information on this institute, or to register online using a credit card, go to www.wsra.org. You will also find information on lodging, credit and the WSRA refund policy at this site. Questions? Contact Sue at 920-326-6280 or wsra@centurytel.net.



Dr. Peter Johnston is a professor in the Reading Department at the University at Albany-SUNY. He has worked as an elementary classroom teacher and as a reading teacher and has published eight books and numerous articles. His most recent books are *Choice Words: How Language Affects Children’s Learning* (2004 Stenhouse) and *Critical Literacy/ Critical Teaching: Tools for Preparing Responsive Teachers* (2005, Teachers College Press). Dr. Johnston chaired the International Reading Association and National Council of Teachers of English Joint Task Force on Assessment of Reading and Writing. His current work investigates literacy assessment, the consequences of teaching practices for the kind of literacy children acquire, how teachers and students build productive learning communities, and the process of building critical inquiry into literacy teacher education.

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