



OCMBOCES School Library System Professional Reading Group 2009-2010

What: Librarians discussing professional reading via a blog. 15 participants will receive the book courtesy of OCMBOCES SLS at the first meeting. The reading sessions will run for 6 weeks. Participants may join in for any or all of the books.

Facilitators: Mary Tiedemann, SLS and Kim Loucks, OCMBOCES CI&A

Requirements for Participation: Willingness to participate in online discussion on a weekly basis.

Dates:

Sept. 24 – Nov. 2

Nov. 9 – Dec. 22

Jan 14 – Feb. 23

March 4 – April 8

Librarians as Learning Specialists Meeting the Learning Imperative for the 21st Century

Allison Zmuda and Violet H. Harada Libraries Unlimited 2008

What do we teach that truly matters?

How do we best teach it?

How do we know that students are actually learning what we teach?

To answer these questions, the authors engaged colleagues in countless face-to-face and virtual discussions. This book reflects what they discovered, revealing how learning specialists, particularly school library media specialists, can serve as leaders in creating learning activities or situations or objectives that connect to student needs.

Redefining Literacy 2.0

David Warlick Linworth 2009

This seminal work on what literacy truly means in the 21st Century is filled with big, meaningful ideas! The purpose of this book is not to replace the three R's, but to expand them to model for literacy that applies to classrooms which are shape-shifting under the pressures of converging conditions. This is a must-read for all educators!

Expose meaning from global interactive, multimedia electronic cybraries

Employ information for solving challenges and constructing information.

Express ideas compellingly and fluently through technology to a diverse audience.

Why Don't Students Like School?

Daniel Willingham John Wiley and Sons 2009

– Professor of cognitive psychology at the University of Virginia and author of numerous articles, including his regular “Ask the Cognitive Scientist” articles for American Educator.

www.danielwillingham.com

Dan Willingham's *Why Don't Students Like School?* is a terrific book. He makes the research on how students think and learn easy to understand. The chapter on memory would be helpful to anyone, and the chapter on increasing intelligence through hard work is heartening. He also settles an old debate in education about whether to teach content or skills by showing that we have to do both because critical thinking depends on knowledge

Nineteen Minutes

Jodi Picoult Simon and Schuster 2008

In this emotionally charged novel, Jodi Picoult delves beneath the surface of a small town to explore what it means to be different in our society.

In Sterling, New Hampshire, 17-year-old high school student Peter Houghton has endured years of verbal and physical abuse at the hands of classmates. His best friend, Josie Cormier, succumbed to peer pressure and now hangs out with the popular crowd that often instigates the harassment. One final incident of bullying sends Peter over the edge and leads him to commit an act of violence that forever changes the lives of Sterling's residents.

Even those who were not inside the school that morning find their lives in an upheaval, including Alex Cormier. The superior court judge assigned to the Houghton case, Alex—whose daughter, Josie, witnessed the events that unfolded—must decide whether or not to step down. She's torn between presiding over the biggest case of her career and knowing that doing so will cause an even wider chasm in her relationship with her emotionally fragile daughter. Josie, meanwhile, claims she can't remember what happened in the last fatal minutes of Peter's rampage. Or can she? And Peter's parents, Lacy and Lewis Houghton, ceaselessly examine the past to see what they might have said or done to compel their son to such extremes. *Nineteen Minutes* also features the return of two of Jodi Picoult's characters—defense attorney Jordan McAfee from *The Pact* and *Salem Falls*, and Patrick DuCharme, the intrepid detective introduced in *Perfect Match*.

Rich with psychological and social insight, *Nineteen Minutes* is a riveting, poignant, and thought-provoking novel that has at its center a haunting question. Do we ever really know someone?