

**RAN Workshop**  
**November 1, 2019**  
**Seward Memorial Library**

8:00-8:45	Registration, Donuts & Coffee <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
8:45-9:00	Welcome <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
9:00-9:45	Keynote: Lauren Baratz-Logsted, Author - I Love You, Michael Collins (Skype) <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
9:45-10:00	Break		
10:00-10:45	Alan Bartels, Author - What's Going Down in Prairie Dog Town? <b>Main Level Conference Room</b>	Carla Ketner - Picture Book Read Alouds <b>Lower Level Conference Room</b>	Elaine Batenhorst - Kearney Literacy Council & Partnerships <b>Computer Lab</b>
10:45-11:00	Break		
11:00-11:45	Keynote: Cyndi Giorgis, updated Jim Trelease's Read-Aloud Handbook <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
11:45-12:30	Lunch provided to us by Runza <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
12:30-1:15	Matt Mason - Nebraska State Poet Read-Aloud Poetry for All Ages <b>Main Level Conference Room</b>	Cyndi Giorgis- What's New in Read Aloud? <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>	Marissa Payzant - Nebraska Reading Improvement Act <b>Computer Lab</b>
1:15-1:30	Break		
1:30-2:15	Mike McGuffee, Unite for Literacy <b>Main Level Conference Room</b>	Sandy Wallick - Beginning Readers and Early Chapter Read Alouds <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>	Sydney Jensen, Nebraska Teacher of the Year <b>Computer Lab</b>
2:15-3:00	Keynote: Megan Cox Gurdon (Skype), Author - The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Distraction <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		
3:00-3:15	Book Signing Opportunities <b>Lower Level Conference Center</b>		

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Session	Description
Lauren Baratz-Logsted I Love You, Michael Collins	With I LOVE YOU, MICHAEL COLLINS, Lauren Baratz-Logsted has created a heartwarming story about family and being true to yourself.
Alan Bartels What's Going Down in Prairie Dog Town?	"Prairie dog towns are marvelous magnets of life in the Great Plains, but so much of the magic happens out of sight, at night, and underground." Alan will share a reading of his book and answer questions of the audience.
Carla Ketner Picture Book Read Alouds	Reading aloud is widely recognized as the single most important activity leading to language development. Among other things, reading aloud builds word-sound awareness in children, a potent predictor of reading success. Carla will share picture books that are great for reading aloud.
Elaine Batenhorst Kearney Lit Council Can Do	Elaine and Luzy will speak about the many ventures the Kearney Literacy Council has taken through the years with the assistance of partnerships.
Cyndi Giorgis Read Aloud: Open a World of Possibilities	Reading aloud has the potential to expand the horizons of every child. Through books, children are offered the opportunity to explore new vistas and visions; gain knowledge and understandings; and experience pleasure and empathy. As author Katherine Paterson states, "Read it to me is a test. Let me read it to you is a gift." This keynote will present the research and rationale for why we read aloud to children of all ages and how it opens a world possibilities for them.
Matt Mason - Nebraska State Poet Read-Aloud Poetry for All Ages	This session discusses how important it is to bring poetry to life by how it is presented when reading a poem out loud. The audience has one chance to understand the poem that way, so it's especially important to incorporate a little emotion and liveliness so that listeners can connect. Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason will lead a discussion on poetry presentation as well as read poems of his own and others.
Cyndi Giorgis What's New in Read Aloud?	<i>Jim Trelease's Read-Aloud Handbook</i> has been in print since 1982. The 8 <sup>th</sup> edition of this well-known resource was published in fall 2019 and contains updated research as well as an extensive list of recommended books for reading aloud.
Marissa Payzant Nebraska Reading Improvement Act	This session will provide an overview of the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act, which brings a renewed emphasis to early literacy across the state. Participants will learn about the major requirements of the law including early screening, parental notification, individualized reading improvement plans, implementation of evidence-based interventions, and summer learning.
Mike McGuffee Unite for Literacy	At Unite for Literacy, we picture a world where all children have access to an abundance of books that celebrate their languages and cultures and cultivate a lifelong love of reading. Mike deeply believes that all children have a right to experience the joy of reading, and that technology holds the key to book abundance for everyone.
Sydney Jensen Building Relationships Through Books	This session highlights the ways teachers can use books to bring a learning community together through shared interests, discussion, and engagement. When our students feel represented in our curriculum, they are more likely to engage as readers and learners.
Sandy Wallick Beginning Readers and Early Chapter book Read Alouds	Reading aloud builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. It helps children cope during times of stress or anxiety. Take children to places and times they have never been - enlarging and enhancing their worlds. Sandy will share with you her favorite books for reading aloud to children.
Megan Cox Gurdon (Skype) The Enchanted Hour	Why Reading Aloud in the Classroom is Risky... in the Best Possible Way. Meghan Cox Gurdon shows how reading out loud offers a refreshing, fast-working antidote to the fractured attention spans, atomized families, and unfulfilling distractions of the tech era.