## 2017 Fall RAN Workshop Reading Aloud Musical Fun

Sometimes, to teach reading, we need to provide unique opportunities that expand knowledge base. Often song lyrics are a perfect stepping-stone to reading and making meaning. This session will demonstrate how empowering students to text can be accomplished through music.

Bill Harp (1988) states, "Music and reading go together because singing is a celebration of language. Using songs to teach reading is consistent with the nature and purposes of language and puts readers in touch with satisfying meanings." (p. 326).

John A. Smith (2000) validates the use of song lyrics to teach basic literacy.

Rasinski, Homan, and Biggs (2009) explain the connection between song lyrics and fluency.

Song lyrics are regarded as appropriate instructional text vehicles, when establishing a foundation of critical awareness (Alvermann, 2002;

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