

California Library Literacy Services
Regional Library Literacy Network Training

Call for Presenters

Presentation Title: Writing from the Senses

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Experience in Adult Literacy and/or Adult Education:

Kathy taught English as a Second Language in Washington D.C., Chicago and Madison, WI from 1989-1993. Her first work in basic literacy was as the Adult Literacy Assistant Coordinator and then Coordinator at the Blue Gargoyle Youth Services Center in Chicago from 1993-1995. Kathy supervised Read Santa Clara, the literacy program at the Santa Clara Public Library in California, from 1995-2001.

From 2001-2002, Kathy researched grant funding opportunities and wrote grant proposals for Literacy Volunteers of America. She has been a freelance literacy and resource, program and board development consultant since 2002. Since 2003 she has been ProLiteracy America's Southwest Regional Representative working with state organizations and affiliates in six states. From 2004-2006, Kathy was the Project Manager for the Dollar General/ProLiteracy

America Student Expansion Project and managed national research and dissemination projects on reducing student waiting lists and improving community student referral systems. She is ProLiteracy's Regional Institute Coordinator.

Experience as a Presenter:

Kathy's first experience as a presenter was as a tutor trainer in 1993. She presented during dozens of tutor training workshops from 1993-2001. She has developed and presented a variety of conference and in-service workshops for adult basic education and literacy administrators, instructors and learners since 1993. She has presented at the following local, state, regional and national conferences since 2002.

*California Literacy
California Library Association
Read San Diego Tutor Conference
Read Santa Clara Tutor/Learner Conference
New Mexico Adult Education Association
Colorado Adult Education Professional Association
Mountain Plains Adult Education Association
California Council on Adult Education
ProLiteracy*

Presentation Abstract: (Limit 50 words)

In this interactive workshop, participants will experience, discuss and evaluate innovative strategies for encouraging writing by engaging the senses in fun, hands-on activities. Participants will learn how to incorporate sensory writing techniques into individual, small group and classroom instruction for all levels of basic literacy and ESL learners.

Presentation Objectives:

In this interactive workshop participants will:

- *Learn strategies for decreasing the anxiety often associated with writing
- *Use everyday objects to practice writing and pre-writing activities

- *Engage each sense in the writing process
- *Identify which learning styles the activities address
- *Write short texts inspired by sensory experiences

Presentation Content and Main Points: (Tell what you want participants to learn from your presentation. Explain how you will present the information. Will you use handouts? Limit to 300 words. You may attach an additional sheet to this form.)

Writing instruction and practice can be intimidating for many adult learners and instructors. Participants will learn creative strategies for encouraging writing by engaging each of their senses in fun, hands-on activities. Participants will experience and discuss ways to incorporate sensory writing techniques into individual, small group and classroom instruction. The techniques demonstrated in the workshop can be used with all levels of ESL and native English-speaking students. Participants will receive a handout outlining the workshop's agenda and describing the workshop's activities so that they may share the activities with tutors and teachers and replicate them in their own programs.

References: (who has heard you present on this topic that we may contact?) Please provide contact name, phone #, e-mail and when they heard you present.

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