



## WNY SCIENCE OF READING CONFERENCE Buffalo Convention Center

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Start Time	Finish Time	Topic	Room	Speakers
8:45am	9:00am	Opening Remarks	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Tarja Parssinen</b> Founder, WNY Education Alliance
9:00am	10:00am	Literacy as a Civil Right	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Kareem Weaver</b> Co-Founder, Full and Complete Reading is a Universal Mandate (FULCRUM)
10:00am	10:45am	How is Literacy Leadership Tied to Equity & Access For All?	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Dr. Tracy White Weeden</b> President & CEO, Neuhaus Education Center
<b>10:45am 11:00am Break - Natalie Wexler Book Signing in Vendor Room 106 A/D</b>				
11:00am	11:45am	The Other Knowledge Gap: Calling Attention to Educator & Stakeholder Knowledge as the Key to Transforming Reading Outcomes	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Dr. Maria Murray</b> President & CEO, The Reading League
<b>11:45am 12:00pm Break</b>				
12:00pm	1:00pm	Lunch Keynote: The Knowledge Gap - What it is and How to Narrow it	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Natalie Wexler</b> Education Writer
1:00pm	1:45pm	Phonemic Awareness and Proficiency: Sound Instruction Foundational for Skilled Reading	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Dr. Pamela Kastner</b> State Lead Consultant for Literacy, Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network
<b>1:45pm 2:00pm Break - Natalie Wexler Book Signing in Vendor Room 106 A/D</b>				
<b>Afternoon Panel Discussions</b>				
2:00pm	3:00pm	The Science of Reading Transition Across K12 Schools in New York State A Panel Discussion	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Karen Vaites - Moderator</b> Founder, Eduvaites <b>Anne Boticelli</b> Chief Academic Officer, Buffalo Public Schools <b>Dr. Kathleen Chaucer</b> Principal, Milton Terrace Elementary School, Ballston Spa School District <b>Julie Webber</b> Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Medina Central School District
2:00pm	3:00pm	How Can Policy and Advocacy Help Bring the Science of Reading to New York State? - A Panel Discussion	Marquee Room 106 B&C	<b>Jeff Smink - Moderator</b> Deputy Director, Ed Trust - New York <b>Ashara Baker</b> National Parents Union New York State Director <b>Dr. Rebecca Tolson</b> Vice President of Literacy Initiatives for Neuhaus Education Center
3:00pm	4:00pm	Training Teachers in Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: The Role of Higher Education in Improving Literacy Rates	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Dr. Maria Murray - Moderator</b> President & CEO, The Reading League <b>Dr. Katharine Pace Miles</b> Associate Professor, Brooklyn College, CUNY <b>Dr. John Strong</b> Assistant Professor of Literacy Education, University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education <b>Dr. Thea Yurkewecz-Stellato</b> Associate Professor, School of Education, SUNY Geneseo
3:00pm	4:00pm	Addressing the Literacy Crisis and Normalizing Dyslexia	Marquee Room 106 B&C	<b>Debbie Meyer</b> Dyslexia Alliance for Black Children, Board Member Literacy Consultant for NYC Department of Education
4:00pm		Closing Remarks: The Science of Reading Conversation We Haven't Been Having - But Need To	Marquee Ballroom	<b>Dr. Tracy White Weeden and Karen Vaites</b>