Early Career Teacher Conference: *Motivating and Engaging Readers*

...features Donalyn Miller, nationally recognized author of *The Book Whisperer* & *Reading in the Wild*. Miller provides a keynote address, interactive workshop, book-signing, and participants will attend two sessions focused on culturally responsive/sustaining approaches to engage and motivate all learners.

**Date and Time:**
October 20, 2017  
8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Cost:**  
$25 per person  
Lunch will be provided

**Location:**  
1920 Sangren Hall  
Western Michigan University

**Parking:**  
Lot 41 – Free parking all day  
(the lot next to Sangren Hall)

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**BREAKOUT SESSION PRESENTATIONS**

- **Best Practices for English Learners in Elementary (2nd session Secondary),** Kelly Alvarez, EL Consultant with MDE
- **Prepare Instead of Repair: Invoking, Evoking and Provoking Intentional Connections with Youth,** Marcy L. Peake, Director of Diversity and Community
- **Kids Need Diverse Books,** Kala Luzia and Bill Caskey, Kalamazoo Public Library
- **Sharing the Work of Reading Now Network and the Essential Practices in Early Literacy,** Chris Martin, ELA Consultant from Berrien RESA & Geanice Miller, Early Literacy Coach from Van Buren ISD
- **Using MeL Resources in Your Classroom: Grades PreK – 5 (2nd session Grades 6 – 12),** Christine Schneider, K-12 Education Specialist with Michigan eLibrary (MeL)
- **Engaging Students and Families in Early Literacy,** Lisa Fransisco, Consultant for MDE, Lisa Brown, Consultant for MDE, & Noel Kelty, Early Literacy and Family Engagement Specialist, MDE
- **No More Reading for Junk: Best Practices for Motivating Readers,** Suzy Coffman, Early Literacy Coach and Educational Consultant, St. Joseph County ISD & Carla Osborn, Early Childhood Administrator, Kalamazoo RESA
- **Strategies for Building Learners’ Background, Interest, and Purpose for Academic Reading,** Lauren Freedman, Professor Emerita, Literacy Studies, WMU
- **Disciplinary Literacy: Reading Comprehension Strategies for Secondary Teachers in the Content Areas,** Rebecca Miles, Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach, Decatur Public Schools & Nikki Meachum, Literacy & Instruction Coach, Hartford Public Schools

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**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

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