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Autumn Assembly 2009: Many Voices, Many Literacies

October 30, 2009 | Lexington Hotel, Lansing

Critically Acclaimed Speakers



Jacqueline Woodson is an award-winning author of young adult

books. Raised and educated in Greenville, South Carolina, and Brooklyn, New York, Woodson graduated from college with a B.A. in English, and then worked in New York City as a drama therapist for runaways and homeless children. She now writes full-time in Brooklyn.



George Ella Lyon is the winner of the Appalachian Book of the Year Award for

her poetry collection *Catalpa*. She is also the author of three novels for young readers, nineteen picture books, and an autobiography. Many teachers throughout Michigan have used Lyon's work to inspire and engage their developing writers.



Constance Weaver is Heckert Professor of Reading and Writing at

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Her classic text *Reading Process* has just been updated with an introduction discussing DIBELS and what led up to it.

Informative Breakout Sessions

- LOL, ILY, TTYL, &BRB: Reading and Writing for 21st Century Learners
- Civic Engagement through Media Production Finding the Literate in Graphic Novels
- Engaging Unengaged Males—What Works?
- Rethinking Technology in the Multimodal Classroom
- The Teaching of Grammar: Toolbox to Treasure Box
- Oral Histories: A Pathway to Authentic Learning
- We Are a Family of Books: How to Create a Community of Readers
- Young Writers Craft with Picture Book Mentor Texts
- Engaging Students in the Obama Era Classroom
- Hip Hop as a Tool for Engagement in Composition Classrooms

Pre-Conference Workshop: Reading Like a Writer

In this K-8 workshop, Participants will explore the strategies of using mentor texts to teach reading, craft, vocabulary, and conventions in a seamless writing workshop classroom inspired by the work of Katie Wood Ray and Lisa Cleaveland. Friday, October 29. Register online—spaces are limited.