

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

SESSION #1 10:00 AM–10:35 AM

Reach Reading Intervention: Struggling Adolescent Readers On the Path to Success

Susan Wanta–Education Technology Partners

Many Wisconsin school districts are faced with the challenge of improving the reading skills of struggling adolescent readers. Closing the reading proficiency gap of these students requires unique strategies and instruction to engage older students. Awareness of adolescent literacy research, applying recommended classroom practices, and implementing research-based reading interventions with fidelity has proven to be the most effective combination to improving adolescent reading proficiency. Attendees of this session will be introduced to Altis Reach, an affordable and effective reading intervention developed by leading literacy experts and researchers specifically for struggling adolescents in grades 4–12.

Heinemann F&P Literacy + Calkins

Marty Dambekaln–Heinemann

Learn about the newest literacy resources from the Fountas & Pinnell Literacy team and Teachers College. Q&A plus resource handouts to take back for your district.

NGSS Resources (10:00 am–12:05 pm)

Karin Strasser–Avilla

Explore the engaging power of technology with two NGSS-aligned resources that truly transform middle and high school science instruction. Bring your own device and curiosity. Interested attendees may secure free 30-day access for their students.

SESSION #2 10:45 AM–11:20 AM

There's No Such Thing as an Average Student

Nancy Flinn–McGraw Hill Education

REDBIRD Math, Language Arts and Writing. Leverage adaptive technology and a student-centered, personalized learning model:

- Engaging
- Adaptive
- Relevant
- Effective

The Matific Approach

Sean Tiernan–Matific

Matific takes a unique approach to teaching K to 6 math using hands-on and interactive mini-games, called episodes. These immersive bite-sized apps for tablets and personal computers are based on a modular and progressive spiral learning system.

Rob Nelson–Thinking Maps

SESSION #3 11:30 AM–12:05 PM

Ignite Student Curiosity in STEM Careers & Financial Education

Lincoln Hughes & Diana Bravo–EVERFI

EVERFI empowers educators to bring critical skills education into their classrooms through no-cost digital resources for teaching financial literacy, STEM exploration, health & wellness, and more. Please bring your laptop so that you will have an opportunity to preview the courses.

Inspire Literacy

Peter Brenner–Pearson

iLit is a comprehensive suite of literacy solutions for intervention, supplemental instruction and English language development. The iLit Suite combines high-interest, standards-aligned digital and print learning experiences that inspire literacy.

Yuval Trachtenberg–Academic Tutoring Center

SESSION #4 12:45 PM -1:20 PM

Code RED Coding Curriculum: Unlocking the Code

Susan Wanta-Education Technology Partners

Created by teachers for teachers, Code RED is a complete STEM K-12 curriculum for your classroom. Studies predict that as early as 2020 we are going to be 1,000,000,000 short of coders. It is imperative that more kids take an interest and learn to code. Code RED provides you with ready-to-use lessons and instructional materials, professional development and all the support you need to effectively teach computer science and coding in the classroom. Attendees will be introduced to Code RED, a flexible, total solution for computer coding project based learning, for any teacher or class of Grades 1-12 students.

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The Write Tool (12:45 pm-2:05 pm)

Karin Strasser-Avilla

Spend more time teaching and less time editing essays. Experience the way technology supports ELA instruction across the curriculum with instant score reports. Designed for students in grades 3-12, bring your own device and see for yourself. Interested attendees may secure free 30-day access for their students.

SESSION #5 1:30 PM-2:05 PM

Heinemann F&P Literacy + Calkins

Marty Dambekaln-Heinemann

See description on page 1.

Rob Nelson-Thinking Maps

SESSION #6 2:15 PM-2:50 PM

The Matific Approach

Sean Tiernan-Matific

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Flex Literacy: Powerful, Flexible and Data-Driven

Nancy Flinn-McGraw Hill Education

- Accelerate learning outcomes for students of all ability levels.
- Implementations that work regardless of class size or schedule.
- Individualized learning through data-driven differentiation and progress monitoring.

SuccessMaker: Teacher Focused, Student Driven Reading & Math Intervention

Peter Brenner-Pearson

SuccessMaker is an adaptive and prescriptive scheduling intervention solution delivering both reading and math. Stealth formative assessments adjust instruction with every click, swipe and student response. There's less frustration and stress for learners. Individual learner paths guide the student to targeted performance goals. Prescriptive scheduling tells you when students will reach key milestones, and dynamic reporting provides data to intervene when it matters most. It's LEARNING LED BY YOU.

