

A NOVEL APPROACH

Whole—Class Novels, Student—Centered Teaching, and Choice

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As an English teacher, Kate Roberts has seen the power of whole-class novels to build community in her classroom. But she's also seen too many kids struggle too much to read them--and consequently, check out of reading altogether. Kate's had better success getting kids to actually read – and enjoy it—when they choose their own books within a workshop model. “And yet,” she says, “I missed my whole-class novels.”

In this workshop, based on Kate's book, [A Novel Approach](#), she will take us on a deep dive into the troubles and triumphs of both whole-class novels and independent reading. She will help us to find a student-centered, balanced approach to teaching reading. Kate will offer a practical framework for creating units that join both teaching methods together.

OBJECTIVES

- Identify the skills your students need to learn
- Choose whole-class texts that will be most relevant to your students
- Map out the timing of a unit and the strategies you'll teach
- Learn to meet individual needs while teaching whole novels
- Guide students to choice books and book clubs that build on skills being taught

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Grades 6-12 teachers (classroom, special education, EL, support specialists), reading specialists, and literacy and instructional leaders, such as coaches and principals.

DETAILS

Register online: www.cesa6.org/professional-development (scroll to July 30, 2019)

Registration fee: \$225 per participant

- Early Bird: \$25 discount if registered before June 15, 2019 **-OR-**
- Team rate: \$25 discount per person for 3 or more from the same school / district

Location: Oshkosh Convention Center, 2 N. Main Street, Oshkosh

Lodging: [CESA 6 block rate] \$90/evening for Mon., July 29th

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center

1 N. Main Street, Oshkosh | (920) 230-1900

Cut-off date: June 30, 2019

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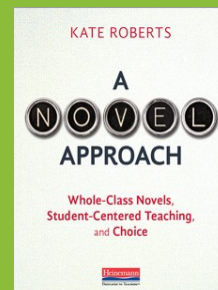


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"By making sure that our classes are structured in a way that really sees students and strives to

meet their needs," she argues, "we can keep reaching for the dream of a class where no student is unmoved, no reader unchanged by the end of the year."

KATE ROBERTS is a national literacy consultant, top-selling author, and popular keynote speaker. She taught reading and writing in Brooklyn, NY and worked as a literacy coach before joining the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in 2005, where she worked as a Lead Staff Developer for 11 years. Kate is the co-author of *Falling in Love with Close Reading* (with Christopher Lehman), *DIY Literacy* (with Maggie Beattie Roberts), and she co-wrote two Units of Study books on Literary Essay. Her work with students across the country has led to her belief that all kids can be insightful, academic thinkers when the work is demystified, broken down and made engaging. To this end, Kate has worked nationally and internationally to help teachers, schools, and districts develop and implement strong teaching practices and curriculum.



Kate's latest book, *A Novel Approach*, asks how we can teach whole class novels while still holding onto student centered practices like readers workshop.