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# Getting more from Complex Texts: Methods and Strategies for Assessing and Teaching in Fiction and Nonfiction

March 12, 2014 • 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Presenter: Jennifer Serravallo**



### Description:

This will be an interactive workshop to help participants understand how to recognize aspects of text complexity in fiction and nonfiction, how to assess to determine how much students are “getting” from their texts, and how to teach students using a variety of purposefully-chosen methods to access these texts.

### Objectives:

- develop a deeper understanding of how texts become more complex in fiction and nonfiction
- understand key areas for assessment to discover how students grapple with aspects of text complexity
- learn and create strategies for teaching students that align to their independent reading level
- study structures such as conferences, strategy lessons and close reading lessons to help students access on-level and above-level texts.

### About the Presenter:

A literacy consultant, researcher, and author, Jennifer Serravallo worked for eight years as a staff developer and national consultant at the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University. In this capacity, she helped urban, sub-urban, and rural schools implement exceptional literacy instruction through reading and writing workshops. While working toward her MA at Teachers College, Serravallo taught grades 3–5 in two Title I schools with large class sizes, high numbers of ELLs, and an enormous range of learners—an experience that galvanized her to develop a several professional resources for teachers: *Independent Reading Assessment: Fiction* (Scholastic, 2012) and *Nonfiction* (Scholastic, 2013) for grade 3-5 educators, *Teaching Reading in Small Groups* (Heinemann, 2010) and *Conferring with Readers* (Heinemann, 2007).

**Who should attend:** Grade 2-6 teachers, administrators, and literacy coaches.

### Registration Details

- **Date:** March 12, 2014
- **Registration Fee:**
  - ✓ \$145.00 per participant for CESA 6 districts that belong to the Title IIA Consortium; all other school districts-\$195.00 per person.
  - ✓ Fee includes materials, lunch and continental breakfast
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Onsite check-in:** 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- **Location:** CESA 6 Conference Center 2300 State Road 44, Oshkosh WI 54903
- **Registration Deadline:** February 12, 2014
- **Online registration:** [http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/prof\\_dev/](http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/prof_dev/)

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