



# Expanding Comprehension With Multigenre Text Sets

## Presenter: Maria Nichols

**November 30, 2011**

**LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh**

### About the Presenter:

Maria Nichols is a Literacy Staff Developer, working in urban public schools in San Diego, California. She is the author of *Expanding Comprehension With Multigenre Text Sets* (Scholastic 2009), *Talking About Text: Guiding Students to Increase Comprehension Through Purposeful Talk* (Shell 2008), and *Comprehension Through Conversation: The Power of Purposeful Talk in the Reading Workshop* (Heinemann 2006), as well as numerous articles in the *California Reader*. Additionally, Maria is a co-author of *Teaching Literacy in First Grade* (Guilford, 2005).

Maria draws from 20 plus years of classroom teaching, demonstration teaching, and coaching experience as she works nationally with teachers, literacy coaches, administrators and district leadership to expand their understanding of strong instructional practices, the designs of thoughtful curriculum, and the literacy abilities students will need to succeed in the 21st century. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, and is the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Elementary Educator Award from the San Diego chapter of Phi Delta Kappa and the Outstanding Achievement in Literacy Award from the Greater San Diego Reading Council of the California Reading Association (1998)

### Description:

This workshop will offer participants an opportunity to explore the power of purposeful talk and the importance of pursuing complex ideas among multiple sources of information. We will define purposeful talk and consider its importance in the world today. Strategies for encouraging the use of purposeful talk to pursue big ideas across multiple sources of information in a range of genre and media forms will be discussed.

**Date:** November 30, 2011; 8:30 AM—3:00 PM; **Location:** LaSure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn Street, Oshkosh

**Audience:** Teachers, Administrators, Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists

**Cost:** Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. CESA 6 Title II-A ESEA School Districts \$145; All other school districts \$195 per person.

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