

# Advancing Literacy

## YEAR-LONG FAMILY & CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Welcome to our year-long Family & Caregiver Workshops! We created this series to help support the literacy development of your children outside of school. These workshops will provide you essential tips, suggestions, and ideas of ways to work with your child outside of school to become powerful and life-long readers and writers. There will be offerings 1–2 times a month and will range in focus from grades PreK–8. We'll discuss a variety of topics including spelling, punctuation, and grammar; essay writing; AI; ChatGPT; early literacy and reading; STEM; storytelling and oral language; social justice; and more.

### YEAR-LONG WORKSHOPS

- October 4, 2023**  
Grades 1–8  
If Your Children Are Interested in AI, including ChatGPT, How Can You Help Them Embrace the Potential of These Technologies While Also Thinking Critically and Questioning?  
*Presenter: Phil Seyfried*
- October 5, 2023**  
Grades PreK–2  
Ways to Nurture the Early Skills in Reading with Your Youngest Readers to Provide a Strong Foundation and Love of Reading: From Phonemic Awareness Games to Listening Comprehension, Kids Need it All!  
*Presenter: Jessica Sauer*
- November 1, 2023**  
Grades 3–8  
Essay Writing is an All-Important Genre in Upper-Elementary School and Middle School: Get to Know this Genre, and Get Tips for How to Help Kids Succeed as Essayists  
*Presenter: Hannah Kolbo*
- November 2, 2023**  
Grades K–3  
What are Supportive, Reasonable, and Developmentally Appropriate Ways I Can Help My Child with Spelling, Punctuation, and Even Grammar  
*Presenter: Kristi Guinness*



## YEAR-LONG WORKSHOPS

- December 6, 2023** Build and Grow Student Curiosity & Passions about the Natural World and History: Ways to Explore Books, Media, and Other Texts to Grow New Knowledge and Ideas  
Grades 4–8  
*Presenter: Rhea Royster*
- December 7, 2023** Build and Grow Student Curiosity & Passions about the Natural World and History: Ways to Explore Books, Media, and Other Texts to Grow New Knowledge and Ideas  
Grades PreK–3  
*Presenter: Kristi Guinness*
- January 3, 2024** Oral Storytelling is a Key Practice that Builds Language, Early Writing Skills, and Community  
Grades PreK–2  
*Presenter: Jessica Sauer*
- January 4, 2024** What Parents and Caregivers Most Need to Know about Supporting Their Children with Spelling, Grammar and Conventions  
Grades 4–8  
*Presenter: Hannah Kolbo*
- February 7, 2024** 10 New Picture Books, Published in '22-'24, that Will Capture Your Child's Love of Reading and Get Them Talking about Community  
Grades PreK–2  
*Presenter: Jessica Sauer*
- February 8, 2024** Great New Series Books, Published in '22-'24, You and Your Child Should Know and Ways to Create Social Reading Experiences Outside of School  
Grades 1–4  
*Presenter: Rhea Royster*
- March 6, 2024** Key Ways that Reading Can Build Anti-Racist Practices at Home: Ways to Read and Talk about Identities, Differences, and Justice with Your Families  
Grades 4–8  
*Presenters: Katie Even and Alexandra Roman*
- March 7, 2024** Key Ways that Reading Can Build Anti-Racist Practices at Home: Ways to Read and Talk about Identities, Differences, and Justice with Your Families  
Grades PreK–3  
*Presenters: Kristi Guinness and Katy Wischow*



## YEAR-LONG WORKSHOPS

**April 3, 2024**

Grades PreK–6

Play, Songs, and Games that Help Children Learn and Develop Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Vocabulary

*Presenter: Beth Hickey*

**April 4, 2024**

Grades 1–8

Ways to Help Your Children Find Real World Purposes for Writing: Finding Ideas, Projects, and Purposes to Put Their Ideas, Beliefs and Imagination Out in the World to Make a Difference

*Presenter: Hannah Kolbo*

**May 1, 2024**

Grades PreK–3

Gearing Up for Summer Reading and Writing: What You Can Do to Foster Your Children’s Literacy Lives Over the Summer

*Presenter: Beth Hickey*

**May 2, 2024**

Grades 4–8

Gearing Up for Summer Reading and Writing: What You Can Do to Foster Your Children’s Literacy Lives Over the Summer

*Presenter: Rhea Royster*

**June 5, 2024**

Grades PreK–6

Rev Up Your Child’s Summer with Activities, Reading Challenges, Visits to Museums and Libraries, and Other Bookish Events

*Presenter: Beth Hickey*

