



Illinois Association  
for Gifted Children

# Creating Challenge for Talented Readers, Writers, and Thinkers

Wednesday

June 21, 2017

**WHEN:** Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Program: 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Roosevelt University 1400  
Roosevelt Blvd.  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

**PDHs/CPDUs: 3**

**COST:** \$125 member/\$155 non-member

**Must sign-up by May 30th**

*ESSA Title I and Title II funding may be used.*

## Targeted Strategies for Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8th

This session focuses on strategies to meet the needs of talented readers, writers and thinkers. Topics to be addressed include traits of talented readers & writers; differentiation of reading and writing instruction; the role of interest assessment; evaluating curriculum materials and books; and creating engaging reading & writing experiences for talented readers with print and electronic materials. We will discuss examples of recommended practices to provide these students with experiences to help them grow as readers and writers as well as how to organize literacy instruction to escalate reading/language arts/English instruction to facilitate rigorous thinking experiences for literacy development for these high-level language users. In addition to strategies to escalate reader responses to literature, examples of strategies to use web-based resources such as used to demonstrate varied strategies to both motivate readers and writers as they respond to literature.

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