

# Bringing Nonfiction to Life: Reading Nonfiction in Your Reading Workshop Classroom

Reading nonfiction helps students to build their knowledge of the natural and social world and helps them to understand those worlds more fully. Giving students the opportunity to read nonfiction texts allows students to ask questions and learn about their interests. It appeals to readers' preferences and satisfies and broadens their curiosity. Teaching nonfiction in an engaging and effective way is critical as this type of text provides the key to success in later schooling as well as high-stakes tests. This workshop will discuss the need for nonfiction reading in our classrooms and introduce the best ways to present nonfiction reading strategies that make sense to our students as well as excite them.



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**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2010

**Time:** 8:30am - 2:30pm

**Audience:** Gr 2-5 teachers, reading specialists, administrators, special education teachers

**Location:** Western Suffolk BOCES  
Division of Instructional Support Svcs  
31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11798

**Cost:** \$100pp (A506 members)  
\$150pp (non-members)

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### For My Learning Plan Member Districts

If you are a member of My Learning Plan, you will be given a user name and password by your district. To see courses and to register, please do the following:

- ⇒ Log onto [www.mylearningplan.com](http://www.mylearningplan.com)
- ⇒ Click on the Western Suffolk BOCES Catalog link

*If your district does NOT have a link to the WS BOCES catalog,  
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<http://www.wsboces.org/WebReg>

- ⇒ Select the course you'd like to enroll in
- ⇒ When ready, click the "Click to Enroll" button
- ⇒ Click MLP Users (Enter User Name & Password - Log in)
- ⇒ Enter personal registration information
- ⇒ Select payment method; click the "Next" button
- ⇒ Click Terms and Conditions button
- ⇒ Print the confirming enrollment form
- ⇒ Scroll down and read the rest of the information on the final screen
- ⇒ You will receive an email when you are registered

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At the top of the page will be a purple box. The workshops are divided up into programs.

- ⇒ Highlight the program you'd like to search workshops in and "search catalog"
- ⇒ Workshops will be listed in date order
- ⇒ Select the course you would like to enroll in
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