



“We See You:” Supporting the Practices of All Readers
and Literacy Leaders

Oklahoma City, OK

November 6-8, 2025

Event Agenda

2025 Association of Literacy Educators & Researchers Annual Conference

Thursday, November 06, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **TERSG-Pre-Conference Collaborations and Conversations**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Courtney Shimeck, Roya Scales, Elizabeth Bemiss
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM** **ALER Executive Committee**
Location: Pearl Mesta
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **ALER Board of Directors**
Location: Venetian Room
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM** **ALER Conference Registration**
Location: Coat Room-2nd Floor
- 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM** **Reading Room**
Location: Layton Room
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM** **Keynote Speaker-Richard Blanco**
Location: Continental Room
- 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM** **Welcome Reception**
Location: Crystal Room

Friday, November 07, 2025

- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Registration**
Location: Coat Room-2nd Floor
- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Reading Room**
Location: Layton Room
- 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM** **Continental Breakfast**
Location: Near Registration
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Statewide Collaboration: Transitioning Teacher Prep to Align With Today's Standards**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Bethanie Pletcher, Stephanie Grote-Garcia, Roberta Raymond
- 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM** **What does handwriting have to do with reading?**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Teachers' Knowledge of Morphology and Instruction: A Thirty-Year Literature Review**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Joanna Newton
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **"Banned" Words in Literacy Instruction: Supporting Changes in Literacy Word Learning Lessons**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Susan Morrison, Maribeth Nottingham, Chaehyun Lee, Kalya McAlester
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Journaling's Impact on Writing Attitudes in Math & Science in a 5th Grade Classroom**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Angela Falter Thomas

- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Rewriting the Playbook: Transforming Teacher Preparation in the Era of Science of Reading Mandates**
 Location: Balinese Ballroom
 Speakers: Elizabeth Bemiss, Catherine McGeehan, Sehyun Yun, Brie Johnson, Jennifer Barrett-Tatum, Melissa Stinnet
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **High Impact Literacy Tutoring with Kindergarteners: Intervening Early – Intervening Often**
 Location: Grand Ballroom A
 Speaker: Heather D. Young
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Pre-service Elementary Teacher Perspectives: Reflections on a Diverse Urban Literacy Field Experience**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speakers: Beth Gregory, Alicia Kershaw
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Talk the Talk: The Influence of Facilitated Discussions Beyond the Curricula on Student Academic Achievement and Social Behavior**
 Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
 Speaker: Chelsea Looper
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Disrupting Spatial Norms and Boundaries: Reimagining Literacy Grants and Programs Through Community Cultural Knowledge**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speaker: John Williams
- 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM** **BIG WORDS: Strategies and resources for Reading and Spelling ready to use in your classroom!**
 Location: Founders Room
 Speaker: Zoi A. Traga Philippakos
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **The Embodied, Poetic Literacies in Shakespeare's Plays**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speakers: Julianna Kershen, Crag Hill
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **ALER SIG-TEPL**
 Location: Continental Room
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Exploring the Impact of Consensus Mapping as a Formative Assessment on Instructional Decisions in a Literacy Course for Pre-Service Teachers**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speaker: Ashleigh Pelafigue
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Best Practices for Oral Language Development**
 Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
 Speaker: Jennifer Lakas
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Designing a Family Literacy Program in a Post-Pandemic World**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speakers: Julia-Kate Bentley Rabitaille, Lauren Berlingo-Tapp, Holly Hilboldt Swain
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **A Comparison of In-Person and Online Clinical Experiences in University Reading Method Courses: The Impact of Reading Teaching Outcome Expectancy**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speakers: Stephan Sargent, Jennifer Oswald, Meagan Moreland
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Unlocking Language: The Power of Morphemic Awareness**
 Location: Grand Ballroom B
 Speaker: Susan Gapp
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Where Has All the Reading Gone? Findings from an Analysis of a State-Approved High-Quality Instructional Material Reading Curriculum**
 Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
 Speakers: Lacy Brice, Marjorie Rowe, Roya Scales
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Drilling Down on the "What's Hot in Literacy" Survey: A State Analysis**
 Location: Balinese Ballroom
 Speakers: Canyon Lohnas, Aimee Morewood, Allison Swan Dagen

- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Mediating Uncertainty: Setting Conditions for using AI in Writing Instruction**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Laura Slay, Carol Revelle
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Making the Difference: What Drives Early Career Educators' Literacy Evolution?**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Lexi Woodward
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **The Effects of Coaching Writing Instruction using the Gradual Increase of Responsibility (GIR) Model**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Vicki Collet ; Co-speaker: Amanda Leggett
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Bridging Cultures: Cultivating Culturally Relevant Literacy in the Elementary Classroom**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Tami Morton ; Co-speaker: Sophia Brown
- 8:50 AM - 9:40 AM** **S.O.S: Simple On-point Strategies! Aumentando los logros en la lectura dual**
Location: Founders Room
Speaker: Viviana Hall
- 8:50 AM - 9:40 AM** **We See You: Adapting Online Instruction for Equitable Learning**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Sheri Vasinda, Amy Dunn, Ashley Valencia Pate, Shawna Hight
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **BLOOM Mentorship Presents: Examining Identity and Narrative: A Content Analysis of Race Representation in the 2024 Newberry Award Winners**
Location: Grand Ballroom F
Speakers: Tami Morton, Suling Yang
- 9:00 AM - 10:30 PM** **College and Adult Division**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
- 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **A Comparative View of Current Trends in Teacher Education: "The Times They are A-Changin"**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speakers: Ellen Kaiden, Dr. Debra Coffey, Stephan Sargent, Michelle Lenarz
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Structures of Support: Developing an Ecosystem of Early Elementary Literacy Leaders**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Courtney Shimek, Aimee Morewood, Allison Swan Dagen
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Navigating Book Bans: Understanding the Laws, Policy, & Advocacy in K-12 Classrooms**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Tiffany Larson, Katie Loomis
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Stories of Resilience: International Children's Books about the Holocaust**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Jan Lacina
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Showing-Up for Students in a Trauma-Sensitive Writing Classroom**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Amanda Leggett
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Critical Content Analysis to Explore Supplemental Children's English Literature in Postcolonial Pakistani Schools**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Farheen Mahmood
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Lessons Beyond the Storm: A Trauma-Informed Book Study for Compassionate Literacy Practices**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Leslee Tarbett, Nancy Franklin Hulan

- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Supporting Preservice Teachers as they become Literacy Leaders: Insights from a School-Based Literacy Methods Course and Intervention Field Experience**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Ashley Pennell, Kristen Evans, Jenny McCourry, Angie Harris
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Making Instructional Coaching Count: Building Better Classrooms Together**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Wendy Moncak, Elizabeth Brickner
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Supporting Graduate Students as Strategic Readers: Insights from Six Iterations of a Multi-Institutional Study**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Nance Wilson ; Co-speaker: Jennie Baumann, Tess Dussling, Elizabeth Stevens
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Digital Literacies: Creating Connected and Engaged Learners and Leaders Through the Alignment of ISTE Standards**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Jodi Pilgrim, Peggy Lisenbee, Sheri Vasinda
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Exploring the Impact of Academic Vocabulary Instruction on English Language Learners in Middle School**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Qiuying Wang, Samantha Crofford
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Case Studies: An Engaging Tool for Literacy Education**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Andy Gavalis
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Digital literacies for Disciplinary Learning: Theoretical Convergences and Methodological Expansions**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Michael Manderino, Jill Castek
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **We see and hear you: Understanding the local literacy environment to support current and future teachers**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Jennifer Smith, Robin Griffith
- 9:50 AM - 10:40 AM** **Equipping Teachers: Practical Strategies for Literacy Instruction for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Bronwyn Harris
- 9:50 AM - 10:40 AM** **Beyond Words: Adapting Literacy Assessments for Students with Autism and Complex Communication Needs**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Bronwyn Harris, Tonya Moore, Ashley Pennell
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Exploring Teacher Efficacy in Providing Support for Diverse Learners within a Scripted Curriculum Framework**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Ashleigh Pelafigue, Larkin Page
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Interactive Writing in a First Grade Classroom: A Mixed Methods Study**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Bethanie Pletcher
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Polyphonic dreaming: Composing selves and worlds through music**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Michael Manderino, Tori Flint
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **An Exploration of Feedback during Oral Reading: The Read to Me Checklist**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Julie Ankrum, Karianne Megard Grønli, Bente Walgermo, Chin-Yi Huang, Kara Ratai, Tina Moss

10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>Voices: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Multilingual Learners and English Acquisition</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom B Speaker: Lisa Dornan</p>
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>Shaping Young Minds: Teachers' Perspectives on Storybooks and Media in Early Childhood Social-Emotional Learning</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom B Speaker: Lawrence Izuagie</p>
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>What is Effective Reading Instruction? A Current Literature Review of Effective Teaching Practices in Reading Education</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom B Speakers: Amanda Wall, Jennifer Barrett-Tatum, Sehyun Yun, Lacy Brice, Roya Scales, Linda Smetana, Elizabeth Stevens</p>
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>Are You Smarter Than AI? Perspectives and Practices of Teacher Candidates in Literacy Planning</p> <p>Location: Centennial Ballroom 3 Speakers: Kathleen Crawford, Heather Huling</p>
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>Literacy Tutoring in an Evolving World</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom B Speakers: Meagan Moreland, Charlene Martin</p>
10:15 AM - 10:40 AM	<p>Exploring Game Literacies in Immigrant Families: A Gateway to Cultural Preservation and Literacy Development</p> <p>Location: Centennial Ballroom 2 Speakers: Jin Kyeong Jung, Bhawana Thapa</p>
10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	<p>ALER 2025 Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom F</p>
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	<p>2024 Laurette Award Address</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom F</p>
12:15 PM - 1:50 PM	<p>Early Childhood and Elementary Division</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom D-E</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>Modalities Matter: Children's Physical and Mental Reactions to Print v. Digital Texts</p> <p>Location: Centennial Ballroom 1 Speakers: Jennifer Barrett-Tatum, Megan McNairy</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>Who Gets to Choose? Teacher Autonomy to Select Texts in Elementary Reading Instruction</p> <p>Location: Centennial Ballroom 3 Speakers: Allison Ward Parsons, Leslie LaCroix, Holly Klee, Margaret Vaughn</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>"Enhancing Dyslexia Interventions through the MOSAIC Framework: A Theoretical Integration of Schema, Dual Coding, and VR"</p> <p>Location: Balinese Ballroom Speakers: Lawrence Izuagie, Valadez Corinne, Aurelia O'Neil</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>Utilizing an Online Platform to Critically Examine Scientific Content in Children's Picture Books</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom A Speaker: Nedra Cossa</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>Supporting Readers and Literacy Leaders: Key Insights from the 2025 What's Hot in Literacy Survey</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom C Speakers: Stephanie Grote-Garcia, Evan Ortlieb, Matthew Panozzo</p>
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM	<p>KAPOW! Understanding Text Complexity in Graphic Novels for the 4th-8th Grade Classroom</p> <p>Location: Founders Room Speakers: Morgan Blanton, Jason DeHart, Shuai Zhang</p>

- 12:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Middle Grades Division Meeting**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
- 12:35 PM - 1:00 PM** **'Kitty Litter-ature': The Literacy Potentials of Children Reading with Shelter Cats**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Tori Flint
- 12:40 PM - 1:25 PM** **ALER Award Winners**
Location: Grand Ballroom F
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Understanding the Contextual Factors that Influence the Tasks Performed by Literacy Coaches in the United States**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Adam Brieske-Ulenski, Jacy Ippolito, Aimee Morewood, Rita Bean
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Towards "Trans" Perspectives and Trans-Inclusive Pedagogy in Diverse Classroom**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Chaehyun Lee
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Science discourse in teaching reading: Examining ideological influences of education policy through teacher narratives**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Michael Young
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Following the Money: A Look at Literacy Research Funding Over the Last Five Years**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Canyon Lohnas
- 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM** **Understanding EFL Students' Perceptions of AI Note-taking for Academic English Studies: A Mixed Methods Study**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Yimeng Zhu, Congzhi Ma, Liang Li, Joe Terantino
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Examining a Literacy Initiative Through a Systems Perspective**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Aimee Morewood, Melissa Calabrese
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **"I have to be careful about which books I choose": Exploring the Role of Children's Literature in First-Year Teachers' Social Justice Advocacy**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Jodi Welsch, Kristine McGee
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Incorporating Counter-Narratives into Social Justice-Oriented Practices**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Chaehyun Lee
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Just Sounds, Just Letters, or Sounds and Letters? Untangling Misinterpretations of the NRP's (2000) Recommendations for Phonemic Awareness Instruction**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speaker: David Paige
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Improving Phonics Skills for First Grade Students with Take-Home Decodable Book Bags: A Case Study of Teacher and Parent Perceptions**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Renee Cowan
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Comprehension: Now We See It – Now We Don't**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Leslie LaCroix; Co-speaker: Marjorie Rowe, Catherine McGeehan, Roya Scales
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Specilaized Literacy Professionals-SIG**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Ungrading: A More Equitable Approach to Literacy Teacher Education**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Divonna Stebick, Jonathan Hart

- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Understanding Teachers' Knowledge of Vocabulary Development and Practices for Teaching Vocabulary: A Mixed Methods Approach to Replication**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Adria Waters, Cherrynn Kast Black
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **We See You: Empowering Literacy Professors with AI to Support their Research and Instruction**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Kris McGee, Jodi Welsch
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Highlighting Literacy Leaders Across an Appalachian State: A Resource for Practicing Teachers**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Aimee Morewood, Courtney Shimek, Allison Dagen
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Development and Evaluation of Online, Asynchronous Professional Development for Upper Elementary Teachers: What Works and What Doesn't Work**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Zoi A. Traga Philippakos, Margaret Quinn, Katherine Blake, Kate Bentley
- 2:10 PM - 3:00 PM** **Current Motivation Research in Reading and Writing Across Grade Levels and Contexts**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Leslie Roberts-Chala, Katherine Wright, Allison Ward Parsons, Lindsey Wiggins
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Multimodal texts across the disciplines: Disciplinary literacy practices in special education classrooms**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speaker: Kara Kennedy
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Korean College ESL Students' Perceptions and Experiences with AI in Academic Learning**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Kay Hong-Nam, Laura Slay
- 2:10 PM - 3:10 PM** **Specialized Literacy Professionals SIG**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speaker: Patricia Durham
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Exploring Literacy Professionals' Perspectives on Reading Instruction: A Research-Based Approach**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Karen McLaughlin
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **The Climb Model of Reading: Expanding Skill and Strategy Instruction Beyond the Rope**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Nance Wilson, Brittany Adams, Karyn Allee
- 2:10 PM - 3:45 PM** **Perceptions of Evidence-Based Literacy: Attitudes of Education Professionals Impacting Teacher Candidates' Readiness to Teach Reading**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Theresa Magpuri-Lavell, Grant Smith, Cynthia Bolton-Gary
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Building "Creativity" and "Voice" through Newspapers**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Nabanita Baruah
- 2:45 PM - 3:35 PM** **Raise Your Voice, Exceed the Standards: How Social Metacognition Supports Literacy Learning**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Jennie Baumann
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Effects of Use of the Gradual Increase of Responsibility Model for Mentoring Student Teachers**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Vicki Collet

- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **“It Drives me to Engage More with my Students”: Examining the Preparation of Literacy Leaders in a Master’s Degree Program**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Mellinee Lesley
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Literacy and Artificial Intelligence: Leveraging Artistic Citizenship to Develop Digital Literacy**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Victor Lozada
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Supporting Technology Integration Practices in Literacy Programs**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Joan Rhodes, Tammy Milby, Sheri Vasinda
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Aligning Teacher Preparation with State Literacy Plans: Course Revision Strategies**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Samantha Caesar
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Promoting Student Success with Cinematography and High-Impact Multimodal Strategies**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Debra Coffey
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **The Embodied, Poetic Literacies in Shakespeare’s Plays**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Crag Hill, Julianna Kershen
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Literacy as a Foundation: Preparing Preservice Teachers for Diverse Classrooms through Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Shuling Yang, Aniyah Davis-Hilton
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Sneaker Breaks: Sneaking in a Reading Break to Boost Stamina and Deepen Comprehension**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Sharnaz Givens-Williams
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Promoting Antiracist Pedagogies and Interdisciplinary Practices: Teaching Math through Inclusion-focused Children’s Picture Books**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Carley Fisher-Maltese
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Nurturing “Literacy Leaders” through Book Clubs**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Nabanita Baruah
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Preparing Teachers to Celebrate Culture in the Literacy Classroom in Unprecedented Times**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Alicia Leggett, Nisreen Daoud
- 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM** **GenAI in Academic Writing- Empowering Learners or Redefining Traditional Pedagogical Practices?**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Congzhi Ma, Yimeng Zhu, Sidra Zaheer
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **Supporting Beginning Readers’ Comprehension: An Examination of Early Reading Instruction**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Nicole Martin
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **Being Seen: Continued Efforts to Support Teachers Using Graphic Novels**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Barbara McClanahan, Maribeth Nottingham, Katheryn Shannon
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **Readability and AI-Exploring Literacy Beyond K-12 Settings**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Aimee Morewood, Canyon Lohnas

- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **Early childhood teachers' literacy perspectives and practices with young children**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Sehyun Yun, Angela Stefanski, Linda Taylor
- 3:55 PM - 4:20 PM** **Engaging Teacher Candidates as Critical Readers: Considerations for their Future Teaching**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Elizabeth Bemiss, Courtney Shimek, Roya Scales, Marliese Peltier, Ann Van Wig, Stephanie Davis
- 3:55 PM - 4:20 PM** **Validating a System of Leveled Books as a Scale for Meaningful Reading Assessment**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Connie Briggs, Jerome D'Agostino, Betsy Kaye
- 3:55 PM - 4:20 PM** **Student Discussion Techniques for Enhancing Reading Comprehension**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Andy Gavalis, Shawn Watkins
- 3:55 PM - 4:20 PM** **Improving Literacy for All: A Conceptual Framework**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speaker: Daniel Hammond
- 3:55 PM - 4:20 PM** **Supporting The Literacy Practices of Educators and the Success of All English Learners in VPK-Grade 3: Results from a Yearlong Professional Learning Project**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Vassiliki Zygouris-Coe, Marjorie Ceballos, Florin Mihai, Leslie Dugger Carvajal
- 4:25 PM - 4:50 PM** **Having a Voice as a Research Assistant at an R1 University**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Elizabeth Stewart
- 4:25 PM - 4:50 PM** **Out of whack? The entanglements of DEI, science of reading, and dyslexia for literacy learning and their implications for reading**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Mary Roe
- 4:25 PM - 5:25 PM** **Writing Instruction: Supporting Teachers' Use of Artificial Intelligence Tools in the Context of Teaching Writing**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Zoi A. Traga Philippakos
- 4:25 PM - 5:15 PM** **Using Nearpod Choice Boards when teaching Science of Reading concepts**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Debra Knaebel, Kathryn Bauserman, Joy Mascari
- 4:25 PM - 5:15 PM** **Snap, Draw, Write: Tech Tools for Creative Literacy Teaching**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Heather Huling, Kathleen Crawford
- 4:25 PM - 4:50 PM** **Culturally relevant reading comprehension passages for Alaska Native Languages**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Katherine Wright, Gina Biancarosa, Naakil.aan Hans Chester, Janice George
- 5:00 PM - 5:25 PM** **Graduate Student Poster**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM** **ALER New Member Meet and Greet**
Location: Venetian Room

Saturday, November 08, 2025

- 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM** **Saturday Registration**
Location: Coat Room-2nd Floor
- 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM** **Reading Room**
Location: Layton Room

- 7:45 AM - 9:45 AM** **ALER Editorial Breakfast**
Location: Crystal Room
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **AI Prompt Playlists: Empowering Inquiry and Equity in Literacy Instruction**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Eric Junco
- 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM** **Multisensory Handwriting Activities to Support Literacy Development**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speaker: Sandra Dallon
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Teacher Education for Social Science: A Comparative Study of Policies and Practices**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Rizwan Shaikh
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 AM** **Elevating Learning: Integrating Multimedia Resources in Education**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Dr. Libby Adjei, Dr. Carolyn Stubbs, Dr. Evie Lindberg
- 8:00 AM - 8:25 PM** **Yearlong Examination of Writing Quality and Self-Efficacy Across Genres f**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Zoi A. Traga Philippakos
- 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM** **Literacy Education for All: Prek State Standards Literacy Learning Across the United States**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Jennifer Barrett-Tatum ; Co-speaker: Leslie LaCroix, Sehyun Yun, Melissa Stinnett
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Centering Reflexive Discourse and Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Pedagogy in the Re(Imagination) of ELA Instruction through English Studies and Teacher Education**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Shalander Samuels, Sharon Leathers
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **"I really want my kids to love reading": The role of the classroom library in elementary students' literacy experiences.**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Jodi Welsch, Virginia Massaro, Valerie Robnolt
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **A Step On the Journey To Becoming A Reflective Literacy Teacher: An Interplay of Belief and Skepticism**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Taylor Webb, Roya Scales
- 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM** **Supporting Proficiency and Engagement in English Communication with Multimodal Generative AI Help: A Qualitative Study on Chinese High School Students' Perceptions**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Yimeng Zhu, Congzhi Ma, Ran Gao, Bekti Febriati
- 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM** **The Confusabet: Building Empathy and Understanding in Preservice Elementary Teachers**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Jennifer Alexander
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Bridging Authentic Science Experiences, Children's Literature, and State Standards in Teacher Preparation Programs**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Nedra Cossa
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Literacy Specialists as a model of collaborative leadership**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speakers: Pamela Sullivan, Tabitha Coates
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Seeing the Potential in All Students**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Tara Wilson
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Preparing Pre-service Teachers for Writing and Writing Instruction: A Systematic Review**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Lindsey Wiggins, Katherine Wright

- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Competence and Confidence for ALL: Using Practice-Based Pedagogy to Support Pre-Service Teachers in a Content Literacy Course**
Location: Grand Ballroom B
Speaker: Shelly Landreth
- 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM** **Thinking Teachers: Cultivating Responsive Teaching in Scripted Literacy Programs**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Taylor Weber, Kate Bentley, Amanda Rigell
- 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM** **How Can ALER Support Literacy Educators in Unprecedented Times?**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Seth Parsons, Julie Ankrum, Ashlee Horton, Catherine McGeehan
- 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Division of Literacy Intervention**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speakers: Joyce Farrow, Debra Coffey, Brie Johnson
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **The Impact of State Legislation on Elementary Stakeholders**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Valerie Robnolt, Joan Rhodes, Lisa Cipolletti, Allison Yandle
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Students Seeing Themselves and Honoring Their Multiple Identities in Award-Winning Multicultural Literature**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Michelle Lenarz, Eugenia Johnson-Whitt
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Step Right Up! Engaging Pre-Service Teachers in Phonological and Phonemic Awareness with Thematic Instruction**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Kathleen Crawford, Heather Huling
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Deconstructing Privilege: Preservice Teachers' Reflections on Teaching to Learn in Belize**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Gina Doepker, Joanna Neel
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Online Multimodal Reading Strategy: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How To Teach It**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Hyoju Ahn
- 9:05 AM - 9:30 AM** **Implementing the Science of Reading State Law Requirements in Undergraduate and Graduate Courses: Planning, Executing, and Modifying for Success**
Speaker: Larkin Page
- 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM** **Factors Affecting Literacy Within Rural Elementary Schools**
Location: Founders Room
Speaker: Adalea Davis ; Co-speaker: Zoi Traga Philippakos
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Expanding the Lens: Preparing Preservice Teachers to Support Diverse Reading Profiles**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Kristin Webber
- 9:40 AM - 10:30 AM** **"We See You": Looking at the Reading Foundation Standards in Middle and Secondary Grades**
Location: Continental Room
Speakers: Leslie Roberts-Chala, Mary Roe, Karen McLaughlin, Amanda Wall
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Summer Stories: Our Experiences Taking Literacy Adventures to Rural Communities**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Amy Dunn, Suzii Parsons
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **LEAP into Literacy: Tailored Tutoring Instruction for Thriving English Learners**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Lily LePelch, Allison Ward Parsons, Seth Parsons, Samantha Ives
- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Supporting Early Literacy Through Culturally Responsive Practices**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Taylor Weber, Emily Holtz

- 9:40 AM - 10:05 AM** **Emerging theoretical perspectives on the literacies of generative AI use as a planning tool for preservice teachers**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Jacqueline Ingram, Jill Pagels
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **A Roast of the Reading Wars - For Two**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Chase Young, Bethanie Pletcher
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Bridging Disciplines: Unveiling the Impact of Integrating Writing and Science Methods on Preservice Teachers' Confidence and Perceptions**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Cortney Dilgard, Amanda Cramer
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Staying the course(s): The evolution of culturally relevant early literacy methods courses with a structured literacy twist**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Michelle Sobolak, Katrina Bartow Jacobs
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Feeding Two Birds with One Scone: Planning Integrated Read-Alouds that Teach Historical Thinking and Literacy Skills**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Morgan Blanton, Elizabeth Bellows
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **What makes it readable?: Middle grade students' predictions of comprehension with readability levels versus challenging vocabulary**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Christine Pinney, Katherine Wright
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Innovative Active Learning and Instructional Coaching Motivates and Prepares Preservice Teachers**
Location: Founders Room
Speakers: Lisa Polk, Kristin Morgan
- 10:15 AM - 10:40 AM** **Teachers as Motivational Catalysts: Reimagining TESOL Training for Resource-Limited Contexts**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Christian Andrade
- 10:40 AM - 11:40 AM** **Keynote**
Location: GB & CB Foyer
- 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM** **ALER Business Meeting**
Location: GB & CB Foyer
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Bridging Perceptions: Exploring the Evolution of Expectations in a Pen Pal-Based Partnership**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Angela Curfman, Aimee Morewood
- 1:00 PM - 1:25 PM** **Reading for Pleasure Pedagogy in a Teacher Education Curriculum: A Re-envisioning**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Sue Parsons, Amy Dunn, Donita Shaw, Sheri Vasinda
- 1:35 PM - 2:35 PM** **Three Sides to Every Story: Enhancing Comprehension and Engagement Through Reflective Visible Thinking**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Laura Lee Delay
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **An In-depth and Personal Exploration of the Science of Reading**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Michelle Ciminelli
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Voices: Understanding the Lived Experiences of Multilingual Learners and English Acquisition**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Lisa Dornan

- 1:35 PM - 2:25 PM** **Remixing reality: Critical media literacy for modern classrooms**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speaker: Elizabeth Joslin
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Writing Strategies in the Reading Clinic – What Works and What Doesn't : Phase 2**
Location: Continental Room
Speakers: Stephan Sargent, Hiawatha Smith
- 1:35 PM - 2:00 PM** **Using Causation Analysis to Understand Shifts in Early Childhood Teachers' Practices During COVID-19**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speakers: Leslie LaCroix, Allison Ward Parsons, Sehyun Yun, Holly Klee
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Integrating AI in Literacy Education: Graduate Students' Perspectives on Designing Research-Based Instruction"**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Angela Curfman
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Writing the Path to Reading: Handwriting Instruction as a Key to Literacy Achievement**
Location: Continental Room
Speakers: Ingrid Massey, Tobi Thompson
- 1:35 PM - 2:25 PM** **Unpacking Oracy: Enhancing Literacy Practices through Intentional Implementation**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speaker: Kari Pawl
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Read-alouds and Stress**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Sarah Tham
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **The Coaching Connection: From Theory to Reality**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Stephanie Alexander
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **The Science of Reading in Action: Using Frameworks to Support the Practices of all Readers and Educators**
Location: Continental Room
Speakers: Monica Riley, April Evans
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Teaching with Multicultural Literature in Troubling Times: A Community Engaged Learning Project**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Marilyn Nicol
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **VR Gallery Walk: Pre-service Teachers' Reflections of Banned Books in Secondary English**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Kelli Bippert
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Project PD-LIST: Empowering Educators with Literacy, Inquiry, Social Justice, and AI-Technology**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Eric Junco
- 1:35 PM - 2:25 PM** **"We See You: Using Representative Literature to Promote Inclusive Literacy Practices for Students of ALL Populations**
Location: Founders Room
Speaker: Melissa Saphos
- 1:35 PM - 2:25 PM** **Equitable Literacy Instruction for Immigrant and Refugee Students**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speakers: Doris Walker-Dalhouse, Victoria Risko
- 1:35 PM - 3:05 PM** **Literacy Unleashed: Supporting Adult Learners on Their College Journey**
Location: Continental Room
Speaker: Lisa Landry

- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Metacognition: Are we really 'seeing' the reader? Trends in research related to self-regulated literacy practices**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 1
Speaker: Patricia Durham
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Access Granted: Reimagining Universal Design for Learning**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speakers: Sheri Vasinda, Jodi Pilgrim
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Developing Critical Visual Literacy through Historical Fiction/Nonfiction Texts Sets**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speakers: Julianna Kershen, Kristy Brugar
- 2:10 PM - 2:35 PM** **Taking an Active Role in PRES: Mentorship & Collaboration for a More Diverse ALER**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Nisreen Daoud, Alicia Leggett, Tori Flint
- 2:35 PM - 3:25 PM** **Unlocking Literacy Success: Orton-Gillingham Strategies for the Classroom**
Location: Grand Ballroom D-E
Speaker: Sandra Dallon
- 2:35 PM - 3:00 PM** **Examining Self Efficacy, Anxiety, and Affect in Multisyllabic Decoding and Encoding**
Speaker: Zoi A. Traga Philippakos
- 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM** **The Emotion Commotion Workshop" Using Literacy for Social Emotional Learning**
Location: Grand Ballroom A
Speaker: Valerie Williams-Sanchez
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **Beyond the Page: Integrating Technology into Literacy Education**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 2
Speaker: Dr. Joy Wilson
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **"Make Reading Interesting": Teachers Share How They Support Their Readers in Literacy Instruction**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speakers: Valerie Robnolt, Jodi Welsch, Virginia Massaro
- 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM** **One Teach/One Observe: Leveraging the Apprenticeship Model to Support Mentor Teachers with Effective Literacy Coaching**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speaker: Robin Pizzitola
- 2:45 PM - 3:35 PM** **Changing the Narrative: History of Well-Prepared Teachers in Oklahoma**
Location: Grand Ballroom C
Speakers: Dana Oliver, Sheri Vasinda
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **'Seeing' the Way Readers Understand Metacognition**
Location: Centennial Ballroom 3
Speaker: Patricia Durham
- 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM** **Creating A Phenomenological Tool— For Foreign Language Teachers and District Coordinators to See Themselves and Others Through the Essence of Efficient Teaching, Within a Literacy Approach.**
Location: Balinese Ballroom
Speaker: Laura Hartman
- 4:10 PM - 5:10 PM** **ALER President**
Location: GB & CB Foyer
- 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM** **Honoring President**
Location: Crystal Room