

**Teacher Center  
of Broome County**

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**Winter/Spring 2010  
Course Catalog**



**Office Hours:**

**Mondays –  
Thursdays  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.**

**Fridays  
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

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Due to the fact that the Teacher Center is funded this year (2009-2010) with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds we will not be charging for any Teacher Center workshops that are scheduled from January 2010 through June 2010. No coupon required.

## Registration for all workshops and programs is required.

### Pizza, Pickle, Pumpernickel: Poetry Recitation for Poetry Reading Fluency

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Instructor: Lonna Pierce. Audience: Grades 1-8 teachers and librarians, especially new teachers or those unfamiliar with the Annual County-wide Poetry Recitation for Children. Join, storyteller and librarian, Lonna Pierce, an energetic presenter with a passion for poetry and discover a myriad of ways to integrate poetry painlessly across the curriculum. This workshop is about the joy of oral poetry presentation, not primarily poetry writing. Teachers will receive resources and rationale for using oral poetry recitation to increase their students' reading fluency and comprehension, based on the findings of Timothy V. Rasinski in "The Fluent Reader". Procedure for school participation in the Annual County-wide Poetry Recitation for Children will be explained in detail.

### Listening and Notetaking Skills,

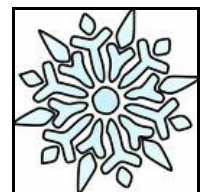
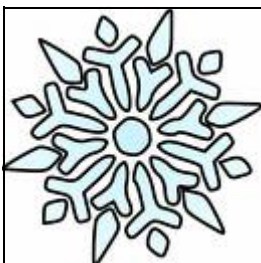
Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Kathy Cornacchio. **Location: Library, Homer Brink Elementary, Endwell.** Audience: Grades 2-6 Reading & Special Education Teachers. Among the competencies expected of NYS students is the ability to listen to text and to take good notes. This workshop will introduce a note-taking approach to use with students that capitalizes upon the common elements of setting, character, beginning, middle and end. Those who attend will practice listening to narrative text followed by note-taking using the proposed format. This workshop will help you instruct students and provide practice in this invaluable skill for school as well as the work place. Please note: this workshop deals with **narrative text** and notes.

### Foreign Language Teachers Network Group

Thursday, February 4, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The Foreign Language Teachers Network group will meet at the Teacher Center on a regular basis to share and brain storm strategies to improve student learning. Facilitated by Cheri Panko, the main focus will be on using technology to support instruction. Group members can also work to resolve a common "problem", modify a thematic unit, explore new teaching strategies, share lessons and ideas, or read and discuss literature. All foreign language teachers are welcome to attend, please register in advance.

**February 4 theme: SMART Notebook and the LOTE Teacher- A Day of Sharing.** Each person should come with a SMART Notebook lesson on a flash drive to share with the group. Discussion will follow each presentation to help all understand the elements used in creating the lesson. All lessons will be placed on the FLSmart Wiki for all to share.



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## [Donors Choose.org: Teachers Ask, Donors Choose, Find Out How!](#)

Monday, February 8, 2010, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Instructor: Mary Ann Karre.

Attend this informational meeting to hear about receiving FREE stuff for your classroom! At this not-for-profit web site, teachers can submit project proposals for materials or experiences that would benefit their students. These ideas become classroom reality when donors choose projects to fund. It's simple, you ask, donors send. The presenter will share her experience with this website and encourage participants to give it a try. This workshop is open to teachers of all levels and subjects. Bring an idea of something that is needed for student learning and fill out an online proposal during the workshop.

## [Smart Board Magic](#)

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Gail Szeliga.

Teachers of any subject or grade level will be amazed at all the features of the Smart Board interactive whiteboard. During this introductory session the fundamental features of the Smart Board and accompanying Smart Notebook software will be demonstrated. Sample interactive lessons pertaining to all subject areas are available online. Please note: This is not a hands on workshop.

## [Teaching the Wong Way: How To Be An Effective Teacher Workshop Series](#)

Wednesdays, February 17; March 3 and 24, 2010. 4:00-6:00 p.m. each day. Instructors: Diane Richards & Diane Sheehan. Audience: Grades K-12 educators. "The Effective Teacher" video series which captures the warmth, humor and enthusiasm of Harry K. Wong will be used during each session.

**February 17:** An introduction to the three fundamentals of Harry's teachings: Positive Expectations, Classroom Management and Lesson Mastery. Part I includes an in-depth look at the impact and integration of positive expectations into the classroom, the "how to" of excellent classroom management and what it takes to be a truly professional educator!

**March 3:** Focus will be on designing lessons that help students reach mastery, as well as establish a cooperative learning environment.

**March 24:** Offers an in-depth look at lesson mastery includes techniques to support students in their learning. Also addressed will be how you can achieve happiness and success in your career.

## [Creating Digital Storybooks with Photostory](#)

Monday, February 22, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Brenda Castellucci. Audience: Grades K-12 teachers. Pre-requisite: Intermediate computer skills.

Microsoft Photo Story 3 for Windows is a free program that makes it easy for you (and your students) to turn photographs or images into digital storybook presentations that include any of the following: text, music, and transition enhancements. You can also add narration, which will require a microphone connected to your computer. Photo Story turns your still pictures and sounds into a video at the end which can be played using the Windows Media Player or any other video player with the capabilities of playing .wmv files. The wizard-driven program is so easy to use.



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## Defensive Driving

Tuesdays, February 23 and March 2, 2010, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Location: Conference Room A, BOCES Instructional Support Area, Glenwood Road, Binghamton. Instructor: John Wiktor. Fee: \$30. Must register through Teacher Center. Fee payable at first class. This workshop will help you reduce your auto insurance premiums and any points you (or family members) may have on your license. Brush up on your knowledge and driving skills in order to make you and your family members safe. Co-sponsored by NYSUT.

## Introduction to Google Earth

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Nancy Coddington

Learn how to use Google Earth in your classroom, applications of Google Earth and how to integrate Google Earth into your curriculum

## BoardMaker: Facilitating Learning

Monday, March 8, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Brenda Castellucci. Audience: K-12 teachers, special education teachers, and others serving special needs. Location: Room 713 PALS Lab, BOCES Education Center. Boardmaker is a popular and easy to use software program that allows staff to create good quality Picture Communication Symbol (PCS) materials quickly and to personalize these to meet individual needs. This workshop will teach you how to use Boardmaker's database of graphics and symbols.



## Quia: Can Help You Teach Almost Any Subject!

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Instructor: Connie Eno. Target audience: Grades 4-12, all subjects. The Shared Activities Bank includes over 100 subjects K-12, including foreign languages. Quia is a web-based tool for educators that allows them to create activities, games, assessments, study materials, and surveys for any classroom setting based on your own lesson plans. Quia also houses shared activities on a variety of content areas. Don't

have time to make your own game or test prep? Look it up in the shared activities section. Topics in the shared activities section include the arts, sciences, languages, history, mathematics, reading, writing, music and much more!

You will be able to try Quia using a 30 day free trial account. Please bring a list of your current textbooks and topics you are currently working on in your classes. The Teacher Center will have a drawing for a one-year account at the end of the class.

## Pixie 2: Engaging Creativity Software for Kids

Thursday, March 18, 2010, 4:00 - 6:0 p.m. Instructor: Beth Sullivan. Audience: Elementary teachers with basic computer skills. Pixie 2 is exciting creativity software and a communication tool for your student's ideas. Find out how students can easily create digital stories with photos, sound, and art using pictures from the sticker library. Pixie also includes a number of curriculum based activities built-in to the software. You will be introduced to the Pixie Activities library which includes over 500 activities. Pixie works GREAT on a SMART Board. Each attendee will receive a copy of the Pixie 2 award winning software.



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## **Research Can Be FUN - Using Voice Thread**

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructors: Mary Ann Karre and Beth Sullivan.  
Audience: Grades 2-6 and upper level special education teachers. Using simple tools and the BIG 6 method, teaching research can be logical and fun! This workshop will demonstrate how fourth graders used folders, note cards and Web 2.0 tools to research and present a project using Voice Thread. Participants will leave with examples, materials and lots of ideas for engaging presentations!

## **Utilizing NASA Resources in the Classroom**

Monday, March 29, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Grades K-8 educators

Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Grades 9-12 educators

Instructor: Sonya Williams, Aerospace Education Specialist, Goddard Space Flight Center.

This workshop will introduce teachers to the numerous NASA educational resources available to them when teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) topics. Learn about the websites, curriculums, DVDs, visual learning aids, Distance Learning opportunities, student NASA opportunities and other exciting and innovative NASA resources available to teachers.

## **Frames: Everyone Has a Story to Tell**

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Instructor: Beth Sullivan.

Come and learn Frames, an award winning educational software for stop-motion animation, claymation, and digital storytelling. Create illustrated animations, movies, and digital stories that engages students in the curriculum, encourages problem solving, promotes creativity, and helps students develop 21st century skills. Frames can be used to create movies, animated GIFs, and Flash animations to share with the world. Class participants will be receiving a copy of the Frames software to use with students.

## **GPS in the Classroom: Connections in the Curriculum**

### **Workshop Series**

Mondays, April 19 & 26, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Nancy Coddington.

Audience: Grades 4th and up classroom, science, phys ed and technology educators.

Learn how to incorporate GPS into your curriculum to increase higher order and critical thinking skills. Join other teachers for an interesting and fact filled two evening sessions which will include an introduction to GPS, cross-curricular curriculum & lesson ideas, web sites and links, and resources. All attendees will participate in an interactive hands on experience using the Teacher Center's set of handheld Garmin GPS 60 units. Discover the exciting world of high tech treasure hunting through an introduction to Geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices! All who attend will be eligible to borrow the GPS handhelds for use in their own classrooms



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## **Writing Workshop for Educators: Developing Sentence Strategies for Essay Writing Workshop Series**

Wednesdays, April 21 & 28, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Katherine Buckley.

Audience: Grades 3,4,5 educators who are expected to prepare students for the ELA Tests and Social Studies DBQ tests, both of which require essay writing.

This workshop will focus on essay writing, taking it a step farther by showing how the process can be turned into a writing tool, for use by all students for most subjects. As students become familiar with the format, they can gradually begin to write their own essays using the strategy. This can be adapted to any ELA or Social Studies material, possibly even to Science material. Use of this strategy will help turn students into independent writers

## **Workshops Just For New Teachers (1-3 years)**

**Co-Sponsored by NYSUT**

### **Classroom Management**

Thursday, February 18, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructors: Kathy Cornacchio and Christina McNeal. **Location: Library, Homer Brink Elementary, Endwell.**

Learn how to establish a framework for developing a personal system of classroom management that includes organizing the classroom to facilitate learning and enhancing the competence of all students. This seminar will model and investigate several conditions that are integral to an effectively managed classroom.

### **Study Skills**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Lida Bassler

Learn how to integrate study skills into specific content areas. Participants engage in hands-on experiences to gain insight into the process(es) of learning study skills and the importance of teaching study skills as part of the curriculum.

### **Creating a Positive Environment**

Monday, March 22, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Kathy Cornacchio and Christina McNeal. **Location: Library, Homer Brink Elementary, Endwell.**

A positive classroom environment is a major ingredient of effective schools. When students are comfortable in a learning situation, the likelihood for success is greatly increased. This seminar will address verbal communication, positive phrasing, motivation theory, and learner needs. Activities will help participants to integrate these topics.

### **Student Success - Find and Play To Their Strengths**

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Instructor: Janice Strauss

Teachers can increase their instructional effectiveness when they have an understanding of how students learn. Seminar activities demonstrate methods of identifying students' learning styles and designing lessons that reach all students.

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**Teacher Center of Broome County  
Winter 2010 Workshop Registration**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL WORKSHOPS**

Register by mail with this registration form  
(Interschool mail: Teacher Center of Broome County, WSKG Studios, BOCES #22  
or 1st class mail: 601 Gates Road, Vestal, NY 13850) or online at  
[www.teachercenter.info](http://www.teachercenter.info), click on "Register Online"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (if read regularly): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (School): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell or Home): \_\_\_\_\_

**List the workshops below for which you are registering.**

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