



Local Staff Development Opportunities

**Thinking Your Way Through Informational Text – Content Literacy
Grade 3-8 Teachers of Science, Social Studies, and ELA
Instructor: Sue Forrest**

This course will focus on instructional practices that support intermediate and middle school students’ meaningful engagement with informational text. Course participants will acquire a range of techniques that promote thinking throughout the content area. They will design a progression of lessons incorporating nonfiction reading and writing strategies into their subject areas.

The goals of the course are:

1. To understand the role of literacy teaching in content instruction.
2. To identify factors which inhibit readers’ comprehension of nonfiction text.
3. To acquire effective instructional methods that engage student thinking and support comprehension.

- ◆ **Course is free if taking for PDPs only (67.5 PDPs)**
- ◆ **Teachers may purchase 3 graduate credits from Salem State College at a rate of \$200.00**
- ◆ **Course will be offered on Monday-Thursday, August 16-19, 2010 (8:30-3:00); with followup dates in the fall after school: Wednesdays, Sept. 15, 29; Oct. 13, 27 (4:00-7:00 p.m.); and Nov. 3 (4:00-5:30 p.m.)**
- ◆ **Location: Ahern Middle School, Room 142, 111 Mechanic St., Foxborough, MA 02035**
- ◆ **Required Texts (both from Heinemann publishing):**
Daniels, H. & Zemelman, S. (2004). *Subjects matter: Every teacher’s guide to content-area reading.*
Daniels, H., Zemelman, S., & Steineke, N. (2007). *Content-area writing: Every teacher’s guide.*
- ◆ **Instructor: Sue Forrest, Middle School Literacy Specialist, Foxborough**
- ◆ **If you need any additional information or have any questions please contact Debbie Spinelli, LSDO representative, at spinellid@foxborough.k12.ma.us**

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To register email this form to:
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Deadline to Register – Friday, May 14, 2010