



Wisconsin Title One Association

Spring Conference April 8 and 9, 2027

Wilderness Resort - Glacier Canyon Conference Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Thursday, April 8, 2027

7:30 CHECK-IN, COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST, EXHIBIT TABLES OPEN

Time	Presenter	Topic
8:15 - 8:30 AM	WT1A: Co-Presidents Laura Rhode and Amy Treptow	Welcome/Announcements
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Donna Hejtmanek	Turning Resistance into Resilience: A Title I Journey Toward Literacy for Wisconsin
9:00- 10:00 AM	Jake Daggett Elementary Focus	The Audacity of Joy: Unpacking Direct Instruction in Literacy
	Jeanne Schopf Middle/Secondary Level	Instruction is the Key, Comprehension is the Outcome
10:00 - 10:15 AM - Break and Snacks		
10:15 - 11:30 AM	Jake Daggett Elementary Focus	The Audacity of Joy: Unpacking Direct Instruction in Literacy
	Jeanne Schopf Middle/Secondary Level	Instruction is the Key, Comprehension is the Outcome
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Complimentary Lunch & Exhibit Hall		
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Jake Daggett Elementary Focus	The Audacity of Joy: Unpacking Direct Instruction in Literacy
	Jeanne Schopf Middle/Secondary Level	Instruction is the Key, Comprehension is the Outcome
2:00 - 2:30 PM Snack & Exhibits Exhibit Hall		
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Jake Daggett Elementary Focus	The Audacity of Joy: Unpacking Direct Instruction in Literacy
	Jeanne Schopf Middle/Secondary Level	Instruction is the Key, Comprehension is the Outcome

Friday, April 9, 2027

Time	Presenter	Topic
7:15 AM- 8:30 AM Complimentary Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 AM - WT1A Board Meeting		
8:30 - 10:00 AM	Angie Hanlin	Proficiency for ALL Learners: It's Possible!
10:00 - 10:15 AM - Break		
10:15 - 11:30 AM	Angie Hanlin	Proficiency for ALL Learners: It's Possible!
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Complimentary Lunch		
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Donna Hejtmanek: *Turning Resistance into Resilience: A Title I Journey Toward Literacy for Wisconsin*

Donna retired after 41 years of teaching special education and serving as a reading specialist/ interventionist. She served as president of the **Literacy Task Force of Northern Wisconsin**, was appointed by Gov. Scott Walker in 2014 to **Wisconsin's Read to Lead Literacy Council**, served as the legislative chair of the International Dyslexia Association, and served on the Legislative Council Study Committee on the Identification and Management of Dyslexia in 2018, resulting in Wisconsin's first dyslexia bill, Act 86, and Act 20 2023. Hejtmanek is co-founder of Credentials Unlimited and is a worldwide literacy advocate on her **Science of Reading-What I Should Have Learned in College Facebook group**, creating various **professional development opportunities** for the thousands of teachers worldwide. The need for professional development aligned with evidence-based practices is critical to improving outcomes for students and teachers. This is why she continues her work in the education field and finds joy in helping others and their students.

Jake Daggett: *The Audacity of Joy: Unpacking Direct Instruction in Literacy*

Jake is an Ohio native who began his teaching career in Milwaukee, WI in 2015. Specializing in literacy instruction, Jake built a social media following for his engaging, rhythmic phonics lessons and evidence-based structured literacy practices, which even landed him on The Kelly Clarkson Show in January 2024. Throughout his career, Jake has taught Pre-K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades and now serves as a **Literacy Director** for a school in Milwaukee, WI. In his role, Jake supports a team of kindergarten through fifth-grade teachers in implementing the science of reading. Recently, Jake has entered into a partnership with **Heggerty's Bridge to Writing** and will document his elementary team's experience in training and implementing explicit writing instruction throughout the 2026-2027 school year.



In his spare time, Jake presents nationally at conferences and school districts. Plain Talk About Literacy and Learning, the Mississippi Literacy Association, and the Illinois Reading Council are some of his recent appearances, and he visits school districts across the country to model lessons and work with teachers. Recently, Jake announced his very **first book deal with Express Readers, Inc**, which will focus on spelling instruction. He is thrilled to be presenting in his home state and to be joining the Wisconsin Title 1 Association family!



Jeanne Schopf: *Instruction is the Key, Comprehension is the Outcome*

Jeanne A. Schopf, MEd, NBCT, C-SLDI, is a nationally recognized literacy specialist, presenter, and structured literacy trainer with more than 30 years of experience in K–12 education. Her work focuses on the science of reading, structured literacy, explicit instruction, secondary literacy, dyslexia intervention, and multitiered systems of support.

Jeanne is a certified structured **literacy dyslexia interventionist**, an explicit instruction trainer of trainers, a National Board-certified teacher, and a **certified John Maxwell speaker, coach, and trainer**. She serves on the board of **The Reading League Wisconsin** and leads a statewide science-of-reading community that provides resources and professional learning to thousands of educators.

She has presented for The Reading League National, the Big Sky Literacy Summit, state departments of education, and other national organizations. Her writing has appeared in The Reading League Journal, the Lexia® blog, and additional literacy publications. Co-author of **Reading Isn't Optional**.

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Angie Hanlin: *Proficiency for ALL Learners: It's Possible!*

Angela Hanlin is a literacy consultant and instructional leader with nearly 30 years of experience as a teacher, **instructional coach**, principal, and superintendent. Her work is grounded in the belief that every child can learn to read proficiently.

Known for translating literacy research into practical, actionable strategies, Angela partners with schools, educators, leaders, and school boards to strengthen instruction, leadership, and sustainable literacy systems. Her work empowers educators to improve reading outcomes while building a thriving schoolwide culture of literacy.

Angela leads the growing national **All Means ALL!** movement, which challenges educators to ensure every student has access to high-quality instruction and the opportunity to succeed. She also co-hosts the ***Grit & Grace: A Literacy Journey*** podcast and co-authored **It's Possible! A Leadership Plan for Implementing Quality Reading Instruction and Ensuring Literacy for All**, with lead author Pati Montgomery.

