



Iowa Reading Conference  
Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa  
June 27-28, 2017  
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**Lori Oczkus**

Lori's book Reciprocal Teaching at Work: Powerful Strategies and Lessons for Improving Reading Comprehension, Second Edition has been chosen for the 2016-2017 Iowa Reading statewide book study. Lori is a literacy coach, author, and speaker.



**Steven Layne, Ed. D.**

Thanks to 2016 conference attendee request, we are excited to welcome Dr. Steven Layne back to the 2017 Iowa Reading Conference. As requested, his book In Defense of Read Alouds, has been chosen for the 2016-2017 Iowa Reading Association statewide book study. Layne is a professor, author of 27 books, and an international speaker.



**Danny Brassell, Ph.D.**

Danny is a nationally recognized speaker, top-selling author, trainer, and coach. For the past two decades, Dr. Danny Brassell has served as an educational advisor to students ranging from preschoolers to rocket scientists. While he has held a variety of titles and worked with leaders from a variety of fields and disciplines, Danny has always considered himself first and foremost a teacher.



**Donald Bear, Ph. D.**

Dr. Bear is a professor, ILA Board member and author of 14 books, including Words Their Way, Words Their Way With English Learners, Vocabulary Their Way, and Words Their Way With Struggling Readers. His research literacy focuses on the study of how students learn about words, phonics, vocabulary, and spelling in English and in other languages.



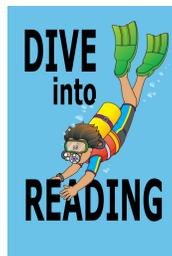
**Tim Green**

Tim is a former NFL player turned lawyer and author. He is on the board of the National Writing Project and has visited over 1,000 schools and spoken to nearly a half million students across the U.S. about the importance of education and character, in addition to the joys and benefits of reading. After writing books for adults, Tim used his own experiences as an athlete and coach and began writing a series of novels for young readers set in a world of sports.



**Pernille Ripp**

Pernille is a 7th grade teacher in Oregon, Wisconsin, and author of Passionate Learners, How to Engage and Empower Your Students and Empowered Schools, Empowered Students- Creating Connected and Invested Learners. Pernille is also the creator of the Global Read Aloud Project and travels the country teaching others how to empower their students and staff, how to give students a voice, and how to ignite a passion for reading.



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### Caroline Starr Rose

Caroline is a former social studies and English teacher, turned award-winning middle grade and picture book author. Caroline's titles include Blue Birds, Over in the Wetlands, Been There, Done That, and May B. Her new book Jasper and the Riddle of Riley's Mine is available now. Through book discussions via Skype, teacher inservices, library talks, and classroom visits, Caroline engages even the most reluctant readers and writers.



### Mike Graf

Mike is a former elementary school teacher turned author and weathercaster. His national park adventure series, *The Adventures with the Parkers* has received national attention, awards, and excellent reviews. Mike has also written over 70 books for children, including realistic fiction books on caving, dinosaur digs, whale rescues, ghost towns, and animal encounters.



### Jim Gill

Jim is a musician and author with a graduate degree in child development from the Erickson Institute of Chicago. Each of Jim's six award-winning CDs and two books were created as an opportunity for playful interactions between a child and a caring adult. Jim speaks across the country about his expertise on the benefits of music, play and literacy.



### Roland Smith

Roland is a zookeeper turned award winning children's author. His picture books, novels, and nonfiction books have captured the attention of elementary, middle school, and high school readers. Roland grew up wanting to be a writer, and uses his travel and experiences in the field as the inspiration for his books.



### Cynthia Lord

Cynthia is a former elementary and middle school teacher whose debut novel, Rules, won a 2007 Newbery Honor. Cynthia followed up her debut novel with TouchBlue, Half a Chance, A Handful of Stars, the *Hot Rod Hamster* series, and the *Shelter Pet Squad* series.



### Jon Smith

Jon is a Technology Integration Specialist for Alliance City Schools in Alliance, Ohio. His class eBooks project and The World is My Audience project have attracted attention for their global reach and practical approaches to integrating transliteracy practices into the classroom.

**New addition to the 2017 Conference: Booktalks sponsored by Book Source! Ken Stamatis will be sharing Book Talks during every concurrent session on June 27, 2017!**

### Featured Iowa Speakers

Andy Allen	Carol Gorman
Meribeth Boelts	Scott Slechta
Vicki Myron	Michelle Eastman
Jacqueline Briggs Martin	