

National Writing Project: Mission Statement

The mission of the National Writing Project (NWP) is to improve the teaching of writing and improve learning in the nation's schools. Through its professional development model, the National Writing Project recognizes the primary importance of teacher knowledge, expertise, and leadership.

The National Writing Project believes that access to high-quality educational experiences is a basic right of all learners and a cornerstone of equity. Through its extensive network of teachers, the National Writing Project seeks to promote exemplary instruction of writing in every classroom in America.

The National Writing Project values diversity—our own as well as that of our students, their families, and their communities. We recognize that our lives and practices are enriched when those with whom we interact represent diversities of race, gender, class, ethnicity, and language.

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Invitational Summer Institute (ISI)



ISI participant prepares to share her expertise.

Three RMWP leaders coordinated a four-week long workshop focusing on professional development in writing instruction. Participation for the workshop was by invitation only. Participants were selected following an interview process. Sixteen teachers (or about 25% of applicants) were accepted into the 2009 ISI. The ISI trains future RMWP leaders to organize and teach in our inservice, continuity, and community programs. One hundred plus teachers have matriculated through RMWP since 2004. Deadline for applications is January 29, 2010.



Writing Retreat

Four RMWP leaders conducted a three-day writing retreat at Guntersville State Park where thirty past fellows of RMWP's Invitational Summer Institute wrote together and discussed writing and teaching.

ADAW Preparation

Three RMWP leaders conducted a general session and three breakout workshops preparing 48 teachers for the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing (ADAW) test. This program was co-sponsored by Boyd Rogan, Director of the UAB Inservice Center.



Teachers share ideas after a full day of learning.

Write Now!

Summer Camp

Tonya Perry coordinated, and five RMWP leaders taught, four separate week-long camps (all day, four days per week). Each week focused on a different theme (culture, Birmingham, theatre, media) and culminated in an essay, script, or play that was published in a camp anthology. Over 100 children from all over Jefferson and St. Clair counties participated in this inaugural camp, many returning for multiple weeks.



Writing with the Stars



Leaders prepare for celebration of writers.



Two RMWP leaders organized a celebration of student writing that was held at Aldridge Gardens. Twenty-eight RMWP fellows nominated "star" writers for formal recognition. Parents also attended bringing the total participation to nearly 100.

Open Enrollment Institute

Two RMWP leaders conducted a two-week, day long intensive workshop on writing instruction for seven teachers who identified themselves as struggling with teaching composition.



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