

Hudson Valley Regional Report

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Amy Bull Crist- On Wednesday April 3rd, the ABC Reading Council will host a professional development offering entitled *The Poetry Collaboration: Enriching Your Curriculum with Special Guests You Already Know!* The presenters will talk about their lesson-creation process, the use of mentor texts, their original worksheets, and highlight examples of student work focused on first-person narrator, motivation, and allusion.

Rockland - On February 13th, The Rockland Reading Council held a session entitled *Common Core Standards: Best Practices. Common Core Standards: Implications for Special Education*. On Tuesday, March 19, 2013 they also held a workshop entitled *Roots and Stems: Enriching Vocabulary for Common Core Reading Success* presented by Catherine Hickey from Rockland County BOCES. Their last workshop for this year will be held on April 4th entitled *Fostering Reading Comprehension Strategies in Young Children - Print and Online (Pre K-2)* presented by Cortney Steffens at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Westchester- On March 21st Westchester Reading Council hosted Nathan S. Levy who discussed *Practical Ways To Help Children Improve Critical Thinking and Writing*. Their next event will be held in collaboration with Mercy College on Thursday, April 25th. Mercy College Associate Professors Barbara Keckler and Mi-Hyun Chung will present *Development of Scientific Literacy in shared-Book Experiences*.

Mid-Hudson, Sullivan, Ulster - No news to share at this time.