

For the first time ever, OEMA, OLA and ORA are collaborating on a literacy conference, to be held on August 3rd and 4th 2006. The conference, titled "The Oregon Literacy Conference" will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville. We are excited about our keynoters.

On Thursday morning, August 3rd, Nancy Polette, National teaching consultant and author, will be sharing "Reading is a Four Way Stretch" In this keynote, Nancy will share a fun look at four unique thinking processes that help to determine reading preferences. In addition, Nancy will be offering several other workshops over the two days of the conference.

Children's author Deborah Hopkinson will be the keynoter for Friday morning. Deborah Hopkinson's award-winning books include Shutting out the Sky, Apples to Oregon, A Band of Angels, and Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings. Her most recent books are From Slave to Soldier and Billy and the Rebel, books for young readers based on true Civil War incidents and biographies for young readers on Susan B. Anthony, John Adams, and Charles Darwin.

We are planning an exciting social event for Thursday evening. After a day full of interesting presentations, participants can enjoy a tour of the surrounding wine country and wine tasting at selected vineyards, sponsored by Ebsco.

If you are interested in presenting at this exciting conference, there is a presenter's proposal in this issue. Registration information is also included.