THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT

The Nebraska Writing Project is a network of teachers, kindergarten through college, devoted to the improvement of writing and the teaching of writing. Our core beliefs are:

The best teachers of writing are writers themselves.

Teachers provide the best instruction for other teachers.

Anyone, no matter their ability level, can improve their writing in a supportive context with other practicing writers.

True school reform comes through democratic partnerships across grade levels.

Teachers, students and communities benefit when teachers form networks with other teachers and draw on collective expertise.

The mission of NeWP is to improve writing and the teaching of writing throughout Nebraska.

HOW TO APPLY
You will need to complete a two-page letter of application. Please include the following information:

- What Institute you are applying to.
- What you are currently doing with writing in your classroom.
- What you might have to share with other educators about teaching writing in your school and community.
- What you especially want to learn from other educators.
- Provide complete addresses, phone numbers for home and school and a current e-mail address.
- Early admissions applications must be received by November 11th, with notification by December 16th, 2013.
- Open admission applications must be received by March 3rd, 2014 with notification by April 21st, 2014.
- Submit completed application to: Dr. Robert Brooke, Director 202 Andrews Hall, UNL Lincoln, NE 68588-0333 or by Email: rbrooke1@unl.edu (402) 472-1807

**THE NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT**

NeWP is Nebraska’s oldest site of the National Writing Project. Currently, the National Writing Project has nearly 200 sites nation-wide, and generates over 100,000 program hours per year. For more information, visit the National website at: [www.nwp.org](http://www.nwp.org)

**THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT 2014 SUMMER INSTITUTES**

**LINCOLN SUMMER INSTITUTE**

June 9 – July 3  9:00a.m to 3:00p.m

Open to teachers of all grade levels. This is NeWP’s premiere program, following the National Writing Project’s Invitational Institute model. Participants in the institute will:

- participate in their own writing;
- invite participants to share their best teaching practices for writing;
- engage participants in inquiry and research into aspects of writing.

Institute activities include:

- Freewriting from literature
- Writing from, of, and about literature
- Participant-facilitated discussion of questions regarding the relationship between reading and writing
- Small group discussions of participants’ reading and writing
- Shared readings of selected literature and research on teaching literature through writing
- Visits with local experts in teaching writing through literature and vice versa

**FACILITATORS**

Robert Brooke, UNL, Director NeWP
Dr. Sarah Thomas, UNL, TLTE
Amy Tasich, Elkhorn South High, secondary facilitator
Diana Weis, Cather Elementary, Millard, elementary facilitator

**STIPEND**

Nebraska teachers admitted to the Lincoln Summer Institute may qualify for up to $750 stipend which helps offset the cost of 6 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education.

**LITERATURE INSTITUTE**

June 9 – June 27th  1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m

Open to teachers of all grade levels, and is for 3 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education. Past participation in a NeWP Summer or Rural Institute is preferred.

Institute activities include:

- Freewriting from literature
- Writing from, of, and about literature
- Participant-facilitated discussion of questions regarding the relationship between reading and writing
- Small group discussions of participants’ reading and writing
- Shared readings of selected literature and research on teaching literature through writing
- Visits with local experts in teaching writing

**FACILITATORS**

Dr. Lauren Gatti, UNL
Danielle Helzer, Omaha Burke High School, secondary facilitator
Anne Walden, retired gifted facilitator and teacher, Rousseau Elementary, LPS, elementary facilitator

**LOCATION**

Both the 2014 Lincoln Summer and Literature Institutes will be held in Andrews Hall on the UNL city campus.

**Writing is a gateway to students’ emerging role in our nation’s future as participants and decision makers in a democratic society. Because writing can support a high level of learning in all core subjects, it matters in any classroom where inquiry, knowledge and expression are valued and recognized by students and teachers.**

--National Writing Project, Because Writing Matters