



expanding the education  
of our community

December 2013

### RTC Institute Focus of the Month

#### 18th Annual Rockland County Storytelling Festival - A Winner

Over 170 adults and children attended the Rockland County Storytelling Festival on November 17, 2013. This county-wide multicultural event included veteran story tellers Christopher Agostino, Felix Pitre, and Pamela Schembri, as well as tellers from Green Meadow Waldorf School, Lakeland High School, and Story for Kids Club at Clarkstown High School North. Aspira Club volunteers from Suffern High School helped the event run smoothly. Storyteller Elise Krakower worked with Girl Scout Troop #9060 of Haverstraw Center and Story for Kids Club in preparation for the event.

#### A sampling of the reviews:

- From a child: "I love all the ways of telling a story"
- From a high school student: "The stories are very fascinating and really capture the audiences attention, while giving the audience a lesson"
- From a parent: "so important – so much fun"

Rockland Teachers' Center is proud to be a founder and sponsor of the event. The Storytelling Festival promotes literacy, builds community, and teaches the power of the spoken word. The 19th Annual Storytelling Festival is scheduled for November 16, 2014!

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#### SAVE THE DATE

- January 2 • Science Invention Technology (S/I/T) Fair Registration opens
- March 1 • NYSTC Virtual Technology Conference
- March 20 • 6th Annual Transitions Conference for PreK - K educators
- March 30 • Science Invention Technology (S/I/T) Fair
- March 30 • Youthfest

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Hot off the press! \$58,000 in  
additional Title II grant funding!

### For our Educators and Professionals Your resource for reaching your greatest potential

#### NYS Teacher Center Online Academy (OLA)

Winter Session • Feb. 5–Mar. 26, 2014

- Close Reading, One Sentence at a Time
- Language and Literacy in the Early Ed Classroom
- Using Digital Resources to Enhance Reading Comprehension
- Volcano Hunt - The Common Core Way
- Unpacking the ELA Common Core

#### Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Workshops - Free

St. Thomas Aquinas College Library • No pre-registration

- Dec. 9 • 4:30PM–5:30PM • Common Core Standards: Best Practices Poster Session • Presenters: Graduate MS Ed. Literacy Students
- Jan. 30 • 4:30PM–5:45PM • Best Practices to Support Literacy Development, PreK–K, that Create Foundation for Common Core Standards Success in Later Grades • Presenter: Debra Tietze

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### For our Educators and Professionals Become the educator you want to be

#### College of Mt. Saint Vincent Accredited Courses

- Jan. 9–Feb. 20 • Strategies for Curriculum Adaptations and Instruction for All Students
- Jan. 30–Mar. 13 • Power of Formative Assessment
- Feb. 24–Mar. 24 • Curriculum Modifications for Teaching Students with Special Needs
- Feb. 27–Apr. 10 • Differentiated Instruction Meets Understanding by Design

#### CCNY - Approaches to Literacy I for Teachers of Students with Disabilities - Inservice or Graduate Credit

- Jan. 6–Mar. 10 • Grades 1–6
- Jan. 7–Mar. 11 • Grades 7–12

#### NYS Certification Workshop at North Rockland H.S.

- Child Abuse Identification and Reporting Workshop • Date TBA

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#### Intel® Teach Elements Online Courses

- 10 in-service hours • Scholarships available • \$10 registration fee
- Jan. 13–Feb. 17 • Collaboration in the Digital Classroom
- Feb. 24–Mar. 31 • Thinking Critically with Data

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### Starting Spring 2014

City College of New York

Masters in Students with Disabilities

College of Mount St. Vincent

Masters in Teaching English to Speakers of  
Other Languages (TESOL)

Manhattanville College

Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

New York Institute of Technology

Advanced Certificate in Science, Technology,  
Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

State University of New York New Paltz

Masters in Literacy

**For our Community and Students**  
**Making a difference through learning**

**RC School Health and Wellness Coalition Meeting**

- Dec. 12 • 3:00PM–4:30PM • Rockland BOCES, Building 3, Multipurpose Room • Physical Activity in School

**After-School Enrichment Programs**

- American Sign Language - Evans Park School
- Artspiration Cartooning - Lincoln Avenue School, Willow Grove Upper Elementary School
- Artspiration Underwater Discovery Art program - Thiells Elementary School
- Chess - George Grant Mason School, Thiells Elementary School, Willow Grove Upper Elementary School, Viola Elementary School
- Italian - Thiells Elementary School
- Play-Well Teknologies Lego Program - Lincoln Avenue School
- Sewing - George Grant Mason School
- Spanish - Lincoln Avenue School, Thiells Elementary School
- Veggiecation Healthy Cooking - Willow Grove Upper Elementary School

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**Center for Active and Retired Community**

- Dec. 12 • Holiday Party • Clubhouse @ Patriot Hill
- Jan. 8–Feb. 26 • Gentle Yoga
- Jan. 9–Jan. 23 • Taming the Paper Tiger: Organizing Your Home, Medical & Financial Records
- Feb 6 • Bald Eagle Boat Tour with Audubon Naturalist

**Discounts available:**

Air Brook • 5% with code CC6059

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Rockland Teachers' Center/Institute wishes the happiest of holidays to our educators, students and community!



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- The City College of New York
- College of Mount Saint Vincent
- Manhattanville College
- New York Institute of Technology
- NYS Teacher Center Online Academy
- New York Virtual
- PACE University
- SUNY New Paltz

**New York State Teacher Center Partners**



The new Thinkfinity.org combines the instructional resources from its content partners and other features from the original award-winning Thinkfinity website with a new online Professional Learning Community.



Through the Intel® Teach Program, teachers learn from each other how, when, and where to engage students with technology for critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration.



THE POWER TO KNOW.



An online resource for students and teachers, SAS Curriculum Pathways provides standards-based content in all the core disciplines, grades 8-14.



The Professor Garfield Foundation learning portal is a fun interactive online environment where children can safely explore, learn and creatively express themselves.



ThinkQuest Projects provides a flexible

framework for engaging students in exploring curricular topics and developing important 21st century skills.



Google for Educators provides 24/7 access to free search and collaboration tools for teachers.



The Educational Enterprise Zone® of the New York Institute of Technology members work collaboratively to bring content experts into the PreK - 12 classroom through interactive videoconferencing programming.

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