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INCLUDED: Attendance List

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Nationally Known Reading Expert Speaks at ESU

Over 175 educators from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Nebraska gathered to hear a professor speak about his investigations on how children are taught to read at a recent conference at Emporia State University.

Peter Johnston, a professor at the University at Albany-SUNY, was the keynote speaker at the ninth annual Kansas Reading Recovery® and Early Literacy Conference held February 26.

Johnston's current work investigates literacy assessment, the consequences of teaching practices for the kind of literacy children acquire, how teachers and students build productive learning communities, and the process of building critical inquiry into literacy teacher education. He was recently elected to the International Reading Association's Reading Hall of Fame.

His speech, titled "Talking Kids into Literacy," addressed the use of language used in the classroom and its affects on children's learning.

The Reading Recovery conference was sponsored by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence. The conference offered educators the opportunity to network and attend sessions led by reading instruction experts from across the country, including:

- Jane Kurtz, Children's Book Author
- Billie Askew, Professor Emerita, Texas Woman's University
- Blair Koefoed, Reading Recovery Trainer, Auckland, New Zealand
- Bob Schwartz, Reading Recovery Trainer, Oakland University

The Kansas Regional Reading Recovery Training Center currently oversees five Teacher Leaders and 138 Reading Recovery Teachers and Teacher Leaders serving 105 schools in 66 state school systems/USDs.

For more information about registration for the conference, or about the Reading Recovery program at ESU, contact the Jones Institute at 620-341-5372, toll free 877-378-5433, or e-mail Toni Bowling at mbowling@emporia.edu.

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Educators in attendance at the conference included:

USD 102, Cimarron-Ensign – Stevie Coles, Anita Ewart

USD 202, Turner-Kansas City – Jenny Lowery, Julie Maxwell, Dale Meditz, Angel Obersteadt, Cara Pack, Sally Stone

USD 226, Meade – Susan Hartnett

USD 233, Olathe – Janell Azwell, Bethany Good, Ann Pecaut, Joy Rider, Stacy Shipley, Rebecca Stephens, Jamie Tomlinson, Cassandra Uhl, Hallie Young

USD 234, Fort Scott – Sheryl Bloomfield, Michelle Defebaugh, Janet Irvin, Anna Portwood, Becky Tinker

USD 243, Lebo-Waverly – Linda Born, Cindy Hevel, Nancy Johansen, Stacey Kraus, Tamera Krause

USD 244, Burlington – Michelle Fiedler, Denise Herder

USD 252, Southern Lyon County – Donna Arndt, Jane Schneider

USD 259, Wichita – Jane Dooley, Michele Loeb, Beth Naparstek

USD 284, Chase County – Cathy Schlup

USD 287, West Franklin – Nancy Baker, Beverly Bird, Joyce Bradford, Heather Conway, Sheri Gloss, Eric B. Koppes, Cynthia O'Bryhim, Cherry A. Stevens, JoAnn Stigall, Susan Wildeman, Elise Woodbury

USD 288, Central Heights – Katherine Austin

USD 290, Ottawa – June Erisman, Lynn Ferguson, Sharon Underwood, Eileen Wiltse

USD 300, Comanche County – Elaine Moody

USD 305, Salina – Stephanie Becker, Judith Farris, Leslie Hoffman, Janelle Shaw

USD 320, Wamego – Deb Long, Cheryl Stallard

USD 323, Rock Creek – Bridget Troyer

USD 341, Oskaloosa – Peggy Reiling

USD 348, Baldwin City – Laurie Temple

USD 353, Wellington – Sandra Brinkmeyer, Julie Carey, Dee Ginn, Carol Hadorn, Lisa Huck

USD 362, Prairie View – Janette Bennett, Tally Butler, Meg Holt

USD 364, Marysville – Carol Huntsman, Debra Stohs

USD 365, Garnett – Betsy Bunnel, Sheli DeVolder, Jacqueline Fursman, Krista Hedrick, Judy King, Sandy Lewis, Carolyn Smith, Susan Stanton

USD 368, Paola – Rosemary Long, Patt Ludwick, Gayle Plummer, Beth Slawson

USD 373, Newton – Rita M. Gritmacker, Laura Pyle, Ellen Regier, Kent Rychener, Marsha Schmidt, Pam Trussell, Deb Unruh, Naomi J. Wiebe, Renee Wiens-Evangelista

USD 374, Sublette – Becky Brungardt

USD 377, Atchison County – Alison Ostertag

USD 378, Riley County – Debbie Conrad, Jeni Vansickle

USD 380, Vermillion – Ruth Ann Pralle, Marsha Walters

USD 384, Blue Valley – Diana Hargrave

USD 387, Altoona-Midway – Cheryl Landwehr

USD 389, Eureka – Kathy Jackson

USD 405, Lyons – Teri Dwyer, Jean Lattin, Dee Orth

USD 413, Chanute – Matt Koester, Julie Shaw, Karen Vallier

USD 428, Great Bend – Patti Atkinson

USD 441, Sabetha – Cheri Felton, Brenda Meyer

USD 445, Coffeyville – Carol L. Barnes

USD 454 Burlingame – Kim Peterson, Linda White

USD 456, Marais des Cygnes Valley – Marueen Warner

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USD 464, Tonganoxie – Jill Conrad, Spencer Dale, Reann French, Brenda Frost, Terri McAlister, Debbie Williams

USD 471, Dexter – Dustin Atkins, Tina Gage, Trina Kuntz, Amanda Mugler

USD 475, Geary County – Heather Hagstrum-Caswell

USD 480, Liberal – Kristen Classen, Ernestine Duran, Connie Hale, Gretna Rice, Gilberto Rito, Stephanie St. John, Jennifer Workman

USD 484, Fredonia – Gerald Scott, Sherryl Weber

USD 489, Hays – Laura Gaughan, P. Jo Ann Jennings

USD 493, Columbus – Kathy D. Murray, Janet Peterson, Maggie Pillar, Marta Shanks

USD 507, Satanta – Marceil Jones Cloud

USD 498, Valley Heights – Laura Musil, Tish Havel, Rhonda Trimble, Marlene Tryon

St. Mary, Newton – Amanda Ostmeyer, Cindy Nicholson

Emporia State University – Lori Mann, Joyce Clark, Ashlie R. Barth, Jean Morrow, Lendi Bland, Tara Azwell, Ashli Gorrell, Amy Horstick, Susan Grimmett

Southwest Plains Regional Service Center – Mischel Miller

Educational Service Unit 9, Red Cloud, NE – Lois Goosic

Amazonia, MO – Theresa Pieters, Antoinette Svuba

Jasper, MO – Connie Wine

King City, MO – Kacie Washburn

Polo R-VII School District, MO – Lori Hicks

Bartlesville, OK – Tammy Headley, Terri Melton, Linda Dean

Other Attendees: Alicia Fricke, Rita Gib, Pam Gleason

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