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Subject: Message #128: Introducing...the THEATRE!

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To: ccss@list.state.ar.us

From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Educators,

Middle and high school ELA and theatre teachers and teaching artists will enjoy professional development designed to get students in the ELA classroom on their feet, studying literature from a new perspective and getting excited about the study of theatre arts. **Introducing...the THEATRE!** offers two opportunities for six hours (each) of professional development: **Shakespeare in Motion** and **Teaching Creative Writing Creatively**. In both workshops, guidance will be provided in embedding Arkansas Academic Standards for theater into the ELA curriculum as well as in implementing new theatre offerings both in the classroom and in afterschool programs. **Introducing...the THEATRE!** sessions will be co-presented by a classroom teacher and a theatre teaching artist and are open to anyone interested in theatre education. This workshop series is the result of a partnership between the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas Arts Council, and Arkansans for the Arts.

Registration for all sessions will open April 7 through this link: <http://tinyurl.com/introtheatre>

For further information, contact ADE Fine Arts Program Advisor Lana Hallmark at 501-682-7590 or lane.hallmark@arkansas.gov

Introducing...the THEATRE! Shakespeare in Motion

Presenters: Christy Armbrust and hal evans

Shakespeare in Motion will be presented by theatre teacher Christy Armbrust and teaching artist hal evans of Troupe d'Jour and the Arkansas Arts Council Arts in Education program. The session will include theater strategies to support the study of the classics of the Elizabethan stage and other ELA content in English classes.

South West Co-op	Hope	Monday, July 17	9am – 4pm
South East Co-op	Monticello	Tuesday, July 18	9am-4pm
Great Rivers Co-op	Helena	Thursday, July 20	9am-4pm
Arch Ford Co-op	Plumerville	Friday, July 21	8:30am-3:30pm

Introducing.....the THEATRE! Teaching Creative Writing Creatively

Presenters: John O’Berski and April Gentry Sutterfield

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Teaching Creative Writing Creatively will be presented by theater teacher and Arkansas A+ fellow John O’Berski and teaching artist April Gentry Sutterfield of the Arkansas Arts Council Arts in Education program. The session will include theater strategies to support the study of creative writing and a variety of texts such as *War News*, Dorothea Lange photography, the U.S. Constitution, and Edgar Lee Masters’ *Spoon River Anthology*.

North Central Co-op	Melbourne	Monday, June 5	9am – 4pm
O.U.R. Co-op	Harrison	Tuesday, June 6	9am – 4pm
DeQueen Mena Co-op	Gillam	Monday, July 24	9am – 4pm
Arkansas River Co-op	Pine Bluff	Tuesday, July 25	9am – 4pm

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