

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

NYS Seal of Biliteracy by Maria Fenton, Mid-State RBERN

The New York State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes students who have studied and attained a high level of proficiency in two or more languages, one of which must be English, by high school graduation. The intent of the Seal of Biliteracy is to: encourage the study of languages, identify high school graduates with language and biliteracy skills for employers, provide universities with additional information about applicants seeking admission, prepare students with twenty-first century skills, and affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual and global society. Participants will learn how to implement and sustain a vibrant Seal of Biliteracy program in their respective districts.

Using Stories in the WL Classroom by Amy St. John, North Syracuse CSD

Always wanted to try storytelling, but not sure how to begin? This workshop explores two models of storytelling: traditional TPRS and Ben Slavic's student-created stories. We will focus on simple steps to implement story asking and telling in your classroom.

Animated Short Films in the Language Classroom by Diane Tyminski, West Genesee CSD

Have you ever wondered how to use short films in your classroom in a way that fosters communication...even when the film has no dialogue? In this workshop, we will look at interpretive, interpersonal and presentational mode activities centered around animated short films. Each film that we will look at is an authentic Spanish resource but could easily be used in any language classroom!

Passionate Pedagogy: Level Up Your Teaching Game by Michelle Walpole, Penfield CSD

No matter what methods or style of teaching we have, most of us came into this profession for a similar reason: to teach about a language and culture we love. In this session, I will provide some ways to get students engaged and communicating despite barriers we may have as teachers in departments with set curriculum or exams. Participants will walk away from this session with some tips and tricks to feel recharged and excited for Monday!