



**NCTE 5.5**

## Resources for Professional Development

NCTE offers a wide range of professional development resources, including consultants, web-seminars, virtual conferences, and summer institutes. You can register for conferences and web-based seminars or access newsletters, lesson plans, and worksheets at [www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org).

### **NWP: National Writing Project**

The National Writing Project offers tools for professional development, including Summer Institutes, reading resources, and information on school partnerships. To browse through the tools offered, click here.

<http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/doc/resources/topics.csp>

### **State Departments of Education**

Most state departments of education offer a range of possibilities for professional development. Check your state's department of education website for information about on-site and web-based professional development resources.

### **Local Universities**

The Education department of a local state college or university may be a great place to look for on-site or online professional development events. Contact the department of education to find out what events or resources are available to local teachers.

### **National Institute for Literacy**

The National Institute for Literacy offers training and workshops on a wide-range of literacy topics, including childhood, adolescent, and adult reading and writing, assessment strategies, working with ESL/ELL learners, and students with learning disabilities. For more information about the Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) at the National Institute for Literacy, click here.

<http://www.nifl.gov/pd/professionaldev.html>

### **IRA: International Reading Association**

The International Reading Association offers a range of professional communities, special interest groups, books, lesson plans, and events to facilitate reading instruction. To look through IRA's online resources, click here.

<http://www.reading.org/Resources/ProfessionalDevelopment.aspx>

### **The Literacy Coaching Clearinghouse**

The Literacy Coaching Clearinghouse offers centralized space for sharing teacher development resources. The tools page offers a range of lesson plans, checklists, calendars and record sheets to facilitate teacher interaction and professional development. To browse the website online, click here.

[www.literacycoachingonline.org](http://www.literacycoachingonline.org)

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