

Professional Learning Opportunities



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Second Semester 2011-2012

Office of Professional Learning

Linda Rader Staff Development Center



Welcome to the Gaston County Schools' Office of Professional Learning Course Catalogue:

Professional Learning Opportunities

Our goal is to provide quality professional opportunities that will meet the needs of all Gaston County employees; will support our belief in the importance of life-long learning; and will enhance the Gaston County Schools' goal to "Provide professional learning opportunities in every school where employees receive high quality, ongoing training in best practices."

The workshops offered will enable certified employees to earn CEU credits for certification renewal, to aid in fulfilling their NC Teacher Evaluation Professional Development Plan requirements for professional growth, and to assist in implementing School Improvement Plans. These sessions are appropriate for all GCS employees including those seeking GCAEOP non-sponsored credit.

The contents of the catalogue include –

- *Being a Kid in the 21st Century*
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- Frequently Asked Questions

The staff at the Office of Professional Learning is committed to serving the professional learning needs of all Gaston County Schools' employees. We invite each of you to take advantage of the opportunities provided and encourage you to contact us with any additional learning needs you may have.

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Being a Kid in the 21st Century

Course Description: Minicomputers, Wii, Smartphones, Xbox...all “fun” trends for kids in the 21st century. But as we all know, in real life, everything is not always “fun.” As professionals in education, it is important that we are aware of signs about problems that may exist. Join us for an eye-opening series on the “not so fun” issues that some kids face in the 21st century. These sessions are perfect for those seeking GCAEOP non-sponsored credit!

Target Group: Certified and non-certified employees

Renewal Credit: Certified – .75CEUs/7.5 hours
 Supports Standard II of the NC Teacher Evaluation
 Non-certified – PSP 7.5 clock hours

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Being a Kid in the 21st Century

Registration Deadline: February 6, 2012

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
<p>“Darkness into Light Part I” Series is based on Stewards of Children, a proven national program for adults who care about the protection of children from child sexual abuse.</p>	2/6/12	3:30-5:00	Rader Center
<p>“Darkness into Light Part II” – Prerequisite Part I Two part series topics about child sexual abuse include facts, types, situations, protection strategies, prevention conversations with children and adults, and the signs to help with identification and intervention.</p>	2/16/12	3:30-5:00	Rader Center
<p>“No Place to Call Home” In 2010-11, nearly 500 GCS students were identified as homeless; numbers are projected to increase. Learn “who is homeless,” best practices in homeless education, and what all school district employees should know about the physical, educational, social, and emotional needs of homeless children.</p>	3/15/12	3:30-5:00	Rader Center

<p>“I Need to Belong ...”</p> <p>An overview of street gangs in Gaston County: gang knowledge and intervention strategies as well as school policies and contracts regarding gang activity. Please note that this session contains graphic and violent language and images.</p>	3/29/12	3:30-5:00	Rader Center
<p>“ Drug Awareness in the 21st Century”</p> <p>Learn about new drug trends, how to identify various street drugs, drug-related behaviors, and school policies related to drug use and possession.</p>	4/19/12	3:30-5:00	Rader Center

Everyone is a Reading Teacher!

Course Description: Reading is a breeze, right?? ... Not for every child, not at every level. As teachers, we must be prepared to help our students with reading by preparing explicit instruction for elementary students or by incorporating literary instruction within the content areas for middle and high school students. Learn a variety of literacy strategies that will enable you to help your students to read better and to improve student learning.

Target Group: All educators

Renewal Credit: 1.0 CEUs/10 hours

Highly Qualified and Literacy CEU credit

Supports Standard III of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online:

GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System

<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>

Everyone is a Reading Teacher!

Registration Deadline: January 30, 2012

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
<p>“The Five Domains of Reading” While there are no easy answers or quick solutions for optimizing reading achievement, an extensive knowledge base now exists to show us the skills children must learn in order to read well and to help prevent the predictable consequences of reading failure. This session will explore the research and instructional practice of the 5 domains of reading: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension, in an effort to help students become more successful readers.</p>	1/30/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“Literacy Skills and Strategies” Literacy skills are the key to unlocking the challenge of teaching literacy. Walk away with a collection of literacy strategies to add variety to your instruction and to help to facilitate learning for your students.</p>	2/20/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“Content Literacy” With the implementation of the Common Core Standards, the importance of teaching literacy will be shared by all educators. Skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language provide the</p>	3/6/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center

<p>foundation and are prerequisites for all forms of 21st Century Literacy including informational, media, technology, visual, civic, financial, health, and environment. What do the standards say, and how will you integrate them into your content area?</p>			
<p>“Technology and Reading” Do your students love to use technology? Then this is the perfect workshop for you and them. Learn some specific technology project ideas that will integrate the Five Domains of Reading.</p>	4/3/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“Reading Aloud” Reading aloud is a commercial for reading...Think of it this way: McDonald’s doesn’t stop advertising just because the vast majority of Americans know about its restaurants. Each year it spends more money on ads to remind people how good its products taste. Don’t cut your reading advertisement budget as children grow older. Join us as we discover or for some, rediscover, the values of reading aloud at any age!</p>	4/26/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center

Going Global in GCS

Course Description: In GCS, we are committed to producing “...globally competitive students” and for “student success in the new global economy.” Here are some resources and strategies for creating lessons that will support the challenge of meeting these goals. These sessions are perfect for those seeking GCAEOP non-sponsored credit.

Target Group: Certified and non-certified employees

Renewal Credit: Certified – 1.0 CEUs/10 hours
Supports Standards II and III of the NC Teacher Evaluation
Non-certified – PSP 10 clock hours

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Going Global in GCS

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2012

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
<p>“World View”</p> <p>Learn how to implement a world view action plan into your classroom or school. Using community and state resources, our classrooms have more opportunity for global integration than ever. World View, a program of UNC-Chapel Hill, helps educators to develop a greater understanding of world religions, cultures, and global issues and aims to integrate a global perspective into every subject at every grade level.</p>	2/7/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“The Confucius Classroom”</p> <p>Four Gaston County high schools now host a Confucius Classroom where Mandarin Chinese and Chinese Culture are taught by a visiting Chinese teacher. In addition, each school has a sister school in China which has hosted visiting GCS educators. Learn about the Chinese culture and education from both perspectives: those who have visited China and from those Chinese teachers who are currently teaching in GCS.</p>	2/28/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center

<p>“Sister Cities” and “Pulse on Global Business/Politics”</p> <p>*Learn about the program that has been sending students to Sister Cities in Germany and Peru in hopes to find “Peace through People.” It is a real world experience to meet global neighbors and cross cultural bridges. Learn ways to connect your classroom from the elementary to high school level.</p> <p>*Explore how to build global business and political actions into your curriculum and to help students understand that our decisions and actions have a global impact. Hear from local political and business leaders who have international ties.</p>	3/19/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“Global Integration in the Classroom”</p> <p>Want to integrate the world into your lessons, but don’t know how? Learn about web-based resources available to you to help you bring the world to your students! Resources include curriculum and project based global links, game experiences related to global issues like poverty and war, and communication links to others around the world. A global community service connection will also be covered.</p>	4/3/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center
<p>“Global Awareness in Action”</p> <p>Drawing from the <i>Going Global in GCS</i> workshops, bring the best example of your global integration in the classroom. Share your lesson plan, successes, and challenges so that we can all learn, and so that all of our students can benefit and become more “globally competitive”!</p>	4/24/2012	3:30-5:30	Rader Center

Hey! I am a GCS/State Employee!!

Course Description: Some say that “Money isn’t everything.” However, as GCS/State employees, we do have several benefits that are “Worth their weight in gold” to help make our lives a little better. Please join us for sessions about some wonderful, money saving benefits that we can take advantage of as GCS/State employees! These sessions are perfect for those seeking GCAEOP non-sponsored credit.

Target Group: Certified and non-certified employees

Renewal Credit: Certified – 4.5 CEUs/4.5 hours
Non-certified – PSP 4.5 clock hours

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>

Hey! I am a GCS/State Employee!!

Registration Deadline: January 26, 2012

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
<p>“Where the Money is...”</p> <p>Want to take advantage of some great money saving opportunities? Then the State Employees’ Credit Union is the place to go in today’s continuing uncertain economic times. Hear about the low-cost services and equitable treatment from a trusted provider with a “People Helping People” philosophy. Join us for an in-depth look at online services and many other thoughtful, convenient, and safe ways to make your money go further!</p>	1/26/2012	3:30-5:00	Rader Center
<p>“Best Deals and Discounts!!”</p> <p>Did you know that as a state employee, you can get a discount at many major hotels? Learn about this and the many other discounts and deals you can receive just because you are a GCS or state employee. Sometimes it really does pay to be in education!!</p>	3/8/2012	3:30-5:00	Rader Center
<p>“You Work Hard for Your Money...”</p> <p>So that you can enjoy a fulfilling retirement. Whether your retirement is 20 or 30 years away, this seminar provides important information you need to know about the State Teachers’ Retirement System. Learn about retirement benefits, how your retirement income is determined, and ask questions. It’s your future; be prepared!</p>	3/27/2012	6:00-8:00	Rader Center

Copyright 101

Course Description: This is an online course. This course will lead you to a better understanding of the laws and guidelines surrounding copyright. Participants will research copyright laws, the Fair Use argument and the Classroom Exemption impacting our courses. While participants must be aware of all of the rules surrounding the topic, we will also introduce the Creative Commons community as a vital and emerging resource for licensed content. Throughout the course, participants will pause to reflect on various discussion topics in order to apply learning to their course(s) and their entire campus.

Target Group: K-12 Classroom Teachers
Renewal Credit: 2.0 CEUs (0.5 Technology, 0.5 Academic, and 1.0 General)
 Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation
Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Copyright 101- April 2012
Registration Deadline: April 4th, 2012

The below are due dates of each portion of the course.

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
Introduction Discussion Pre-Assessment	4/16-4/21	N/A	ONLINE
The Law: Copyright Basics	4/24	N/A	ONLINE
Fair Use: Lesson Plans	4/27	N/A	ONLINE
Classroom Exemption: Discussion	5/1	N/A	ONLINE
Creative Commons: Discussion	5/3	N/A	ONLINE
Code of Best Practices for Fair Use in Media Literacy Education: Case Study	5/5	N/A	ONLINE
Application: Fair(y) Use Tale Discussion	5/8	N/A	ONLINE
Application: Implementation Plans	5/10	N/A	ONLINE

Google Calendar 101

Course Description: Gaston County is going Google! As part of this exciting new venture, all employees have access to Google Calendar, a way to create calendars that can easily be shared, collaborative, or embedded on your website. After taking this course, you will have the skills needed to use Google Calendar to your advantage. Although each section offered will be open for 4 weeks, you will have 1 hour of work to complete, which can be completed at any time during the 4 week time span.

Pre-requisite: You must have completed Google Docs training at your school.

Target Group: All GCS educators
Renewal Credit: .1 CEUs/1 hour
Technology Credit
Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Google Calendar 101

Registration Deadline: **For January course: January 27**
For March Course: March 16

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
Google Calendar 101- January	January 30 - February 24	Online	Online
Google Calendar 101- March	March 19 - April 20	Online	Online

Google Calendar 102

Course Description: Gaston County is going Google! As part of this exciting new venture, all employees have access to Google Calendar, a way to create calendars that can easily be shared, collaborative, or embedded on your website. If you've had previous experience using Google Calendar or want to learn some advanced skills, this is the course for you! During the course, you will learn how to use Google Calendar to the best of your advantage. We will learn about creating collaborating, adding events, sharing, embedding, and more. You can expect to spend approximately an hour per week on course work.

Pre-requisite: You must have completed Google Docs training at your school.

Target Group: All GCS educators
Renewal Credit: .5 CEUs / 5 hours
Technology Credit
Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Google Calendar 102

Registration Deadline: **For February course: February 24**
For April Course: March 30

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
Google Calendar 101- January	February 27 - March 30	Online	Online
Google Calendar 101- April	April 2 - May 11	Online	Online

Google Forms - Online

Course Description: Gaston County is going Google! As part of this exciting new venture, all employees have access to Google Forms, a way to create free online surveys and quizzes that can easily be shared or embedded on your website. After taking this course, you will have the skills needed to use Google Forms to your advantage. Each section offered will be open for 4 weeks. You will have two assignments to complete and you must participate in two discussions.

Pre-requisite: You must have completed Google Docs training at your school.

Target Group: All educators
Renewal Credit: .4 CEUS/4 hours
Technology Credit
Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
Google Forms - Online

Registration Deadline: **For January course: January 23**
For March course: March 12
(Please note that this course is offered twice)

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
Google Forms	January 30	Online	Online
Google Forms	March 19	Online	Online

Lunch and Learns

Course Description: As Central Office Administrators, Staff, and Administrative Assistants, it is important to keep growing professionally. Lunch and Learns provide you with an opportunity to learn new skills during your lunch hour and stay abreast of current topics in the school district. Come to one session or come to them all. These sessions are perfect for those seeking GCAEOP non-sponsored credit!

Target Group: Central Office Administrators, Staff and Administrative Assistants

Renewal Credit: Certified - 1.0 CEUs each/10 hour
Technology credit/Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation
Non-certified – PSP 1.0 clock hour per session

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
Lunch and Learn – See workshop titles below

Registration Deadline: 1 week prior to the workshop date listed.

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
Google Forms (Prereq- Google Docs 1 and 2) Google Forms, a part of Google Docs, allows you the ability to get timely feedback and information by creating surveys, questionnaires, or quizzes. Let Google do the work for you as it automatically compiles data and gives you a summary of results.	January 10	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
Google Forms (Repeat Session) Prereq- Google Docs 1 and 2 Google Forms, a part of Google Docs, allows you the ability to get timely feedback and information by creating surveys, questionnaires, or quizzes. Let Google do the work for you as it automatically compiles data and gives you a summary of results.	January 24	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
Google Calendar Need to keep up with your calendar as well as everyone else's? Join us for a session about Google Calendar, and we will help you set up your calendar. We will learn how to add/delete/edit events, share your calendar with others, view your calendar in different modes, and how to print it out for a hard copy.	February 14	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
Google Calendar (Repeat Session) Need to keep up with your calendar as well as everyone else's? Join us for a session about	February 22	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab

<p>Google Calendar, and we will help you set up your calendar. We will learn how to add/delete/edit events, share your calendar with others, view your calendar in different modes, and how to print it out for a hard copy.</p>			
<p>Google Sites If you want a spot on the web that is all yours, Google Sites can be your answer! Learn how to create a collaborative place to share information and documents with the rest of the county- or just your department.</p>	March 13	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>Google Sites (Repeat Session) If you want a spot on the web that is all yours, Google Sites can be your answer! Learn how to create a collaborative place to share information and documents with the rest of the county- or just your department.</p>	March 20	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>Google Docs 1 - An introduction to online collaborative documents including word processing and spreadsheet. This session will deal with creating, sharing and managing documents.</p>	April 3	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>Prezi Presentations for the 21st century. Create “visually captivating presentations that lead your audience down a path of discovery.” No software needed, the entire presentation is created and viewed on the Internet.</p>	April 20	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>Google Docs 2 (Prereq Google Docs 1) This portion of Docs training will deal with presentations and with additional ways to manage, find and share documents with coworkers.</p>	May 8	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>SMART Notebook 1- What’s All the Hype about SMART Boards? In this session you will be introduced to the SMART Board, the Pen Tray, and the Notebook Software.</p>	May 11	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
<p>SMART Notebook 2 (Prereq SMART Notebook 1) OK, so you know what a SMART Board is; in this session you will learn how to use its interactive capability.</p>	June 1	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab

Google Forms (Prereq- Google Docs 1 and 2) Google Forms, a part of Google Docs, allows you the ability to get timely feedback and information by creating surveys, questionnaires, or quizzes. Let Google do the work for you as it automatically compiles data and gives you a summary of results.	June 6	12:00 – 1:00 PM	TSS Lab
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SMART 101- Online Elementary

Course Description: As part of the SMART Initiative in Gaston County, a SMART Board is being placed in every classroom. Have you been to training at your school, but still need a little extra guidance when it comes to creating lessons or ways to use your Board with students interactively? If so, this is the course for you. This 4 week course will be conducted completely online in our virtual learning environment. You will receive instructions on how to log-in and begin after you have registered, before the first day of the course. Completion of all assignments is required for credit.

Pre-requisite: You must have completed SMART Developing training at your school site (SMART Level 1)

Target Group: All educators
Renewal Credit: .8 CEUs/8 hours
 Technology Credit
 Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
SMART 101 – On line - Elementary

Registration Deadline: **For January course: January 6**
For February course: February 3
For March Course: March 2
For April Course: March 30

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
SMART 101- Elementary January	January 9 - February 3	Online	Online
SMART 101- Elementary February	February 6 - March 2	Online	Online
SMART 101- Elementary March	March 5 - March 30	Online	Online
SMART 101- Elementary April	April 2 - May 4	Online	Online

SMART 101- Online Secondary

Course Description: As part of the SMART Initiative in Gaston County, a SMART Board is being placed in every classroom. Have you been to training at your school, but still need a little extra guidance when it comes to creating lessons or ways to use your Board with students interactively? If so, this is the course for you. This 4 week course will be conducted completely online in our virtual learning environment. You will receive instructions on how to log-in and begin after you have registered, before the first day of the course. Completion of all assignments is required for credit.

Pre-requisite: You must have completed SMART Developing training at your school site (SMART Level 1)

Target Group: All educators
Renewal Credit: .8 CEUs/8 hours
Technology Credit
Supports Standard IV of the NC Teacher Evaluation

Register Online: **GCS Workshop and Conference Registration System**
<https://gcsiapps.gaston.k12.nc.us/gaston/wrkshpreg.nsf>
SMART 101 – Online – Secondary

Registration Deadline: **For January course: January 6**
For February course: February 3
For March Course: March 2
For April Course: March 30

Session Title	Date	Time	Location
SMART 101- Secondary January - Jason Mammano	January 9 - February 3	Online	Online
SMART 101- Secondary February - Chris Goodson	February 6 - March 2	Online	Online
SMART 101- Secondary March- Anna Czekaj	March 5 - March 30	Online	Online
SMART 101- Secondary April--Debby Ray	April 2 - May 4	Online	Online



TEACHING & Learning CONFERENCE



Who?

Gaston County Schools and Gaston College

What?

2012 Teaching & Learning Conference

When?

August 8 & 9, 2012

Where?

Gaston College
201 Hwy. 321 South
Dallas, NC 28034

Why?

Professional growth to impact student learning; earn teacher renewal credits

Questions?

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Call for Session Proposals

Teaching & Learning Conference



August 8 & 9, 2012

Call for Presentation Proposals –

The 2012 Gaston County Schools Teaching & Learning Conference (T&LC) will be held August 8 and 9 at Gaston College. This annual conference, held since 2004, is a forum to network and exchange information about effective teaching and learning strategies. The T&LC emphasizes timely topics of particular interest to all education professionals from effective best practices to emerging technologies.

We are encouraging interested Gaston County Schools' educators to submit proposals sharing experiences with teaching and learning in the 21st century through thought-provoking presentations, active demonstrations, and engaging conversations. We enthusiastically invite submissions that showcase teachers who would like to share their knowledge and expertise with colleagues.

Please complete and submit the proposal application on the following page to Marilyn Dedmon at the Rader Center or by email at mdedmon@gaston.k12.nc.us by February 10, 2012. All educators submitting proposals will be notified of their status by February 20, 2012.



Call for Session Proposals
Teaching & Learning Conference
August 8 & 9, 2012

Name:

School:

Grade:

Email Address:

Subjects Taught:

Session Title:

90 minute Session Description:

Targeted Audience:

NC Teacher Evaluation Standard(s) Addressed:

Primary Presenter and Contact Person:

Secondary Presenter(s): (if applicable)

Principal Signature:



Please send completed proposal to Marilyn Dedmon at mdedmon@gaston.k12.nc.us by February 10, 2012.



Gaston County Schools

Office of Professional Learning Presents:

PLC Cohort IV Training



Join us for a dynamic PLC presentation by Kenneth Williams, a former teacher, assistant principal, and principal, as he shares his experience and expertise as a recognized trainer, speaker, coach, and consultant in education and leadership. Ken has been instrumental in the GCS PLC initiative as he has served as the primary facilitator for Cohorts I, II, III.

Professional Learning Communities

March 9, 2012

Linda Rader Staff Development Center

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Professional Learning Communities continue to provide the foundation for success in all of our schools, and providing PLC Training to all employees is a top priority. As a part of the Cohort IV initiative, this training is first being offered to a targeted group. If additional seats become available, we would like to invite any teacher who has not received training from Solution Tree consultant, Ken Williams, to submit his/her name to Marilyn Dedmon at mdedmon@gaston.k12.nc.us



Curriculum & Instruction

Common Core Calendars

The following pages include Common Core Professional Development Calendars for all elementary and secondary subject areas. If you have any questions regarding any of the calendars, please contact the appropriate Executive Director.

- Carrie Minnich – Executive Director - Elementary Instruction – 704-866-6204
- Denise McLean – Executive Director - Middle School Instruction – 704-866-6235
- Brent Boone – Executive Director – High School Instruction – 704-810-7311



ELEMENTARY COMMON CORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012 PRINCIPAL'S OVERVIEW AT A GLANCE FOR TEACHERS

Elementary Common Core for ALL Teachers	
DATE	PD SESSION
August 22 or 23 @ Hawks Nest & school site	Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan. Complete module: <i>Call For Change</i> .
October 14 @ school site	Overview of Common Core for ELA and Math. Complete module: <i>Understanding the Standards</i> . To be led by the ELT school site representative.
Oct 19: K Oct 25: 1 st Oct 26: 2 nd Oct 27: 3 rd Nov 7: 4 th @ Rader Center 3:00-5:30	Common Core and the connection to Balanced Literacy and Balanced Active Math To be led by the Curriculum Facilitators.
Dec 12: 5 th @ Hawks Nest 3:00-5:30	Common Core and the connection to Balanced Literacy and Balanced Active Math To be led by the Curriculum Facilitators.
By December 16 @ school site	Complete module: <i>Understanding the Standards for Science and Social Studies</i> . Complete ITSS training. To be led by the ELT school site representative.
Mar 5: K Mar 14: 1 st Mar 21 : 2 nd : Mar 28: 3 rd Apr 2: 4 th Apr 3: 5 th @Rader Center 3:00-5:30	Unpacking the Common Core and Crosswalks for ELA and Math. To be led by the Curriculum Facilitators.
March 16 @ school site	Complete module: <i>Revised Bloom's Taxonomy</i> . To be led by the ELT school site representative.
By May 18 @ school site	Complete module: <i>Developing Local Curricular</i> . Review new pacing guides. To be led by the ELT school site representative.
By June 12 @ school site	Complete module: <i>NC Professional Teaching Standards</i> . To be led by principals through-out second semester. Common Core Training Day to be led by Principals on the 2012-2013 pacing guides.

Highlight indicates a change.

Elementary Common Core Professional Development and Essential Standards Plan

Participants	Leadership Team	Directors	EC Teachers	AIG Teachers	Pre-K Teachers	Itinerant Teachers	NCDPI Module Timeline	5 Common Core PD days
DATES/FOCUS			August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Complete Call for Change</i>	August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Complete Call for Change</i>	August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Complete Call for Change</i>	August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Complete Call for Change</i>	A Call For Change Complete by August 23	August 22 & 23 All Teachers <i>Overview of PD plan for Common Core Complete Call for Change</i>
	October 7 <i>Common Core Training</i>	October 7 <i>Common Core Training</i>	October 14 <i>Common Core Training</i>	October 14 <i>Common Core Training</i>	October 14 <i>Common Core Training</i>	October 14 <i>Common Core Training</i>	Understanding the Standards Complete by November 1	October 14 All Teachers <i>Common Core Training</i>
	November 4 <i>Understanding the Standards</i>	November 4 <i>Understanding the Standards</i>	October 19- November 7 <i>Connecting to Balanced Literacy & Balanced Active Math</i>	October 19- November 7 <i>Connecting to Balanced Literacy & Balanced Active Math</i>	October 19- November 7 <i>Connecting to Balanced Literacy & Balanced Active Math</i>	October 19-November 7 <i>Connecting to Balanced Literacy & Balanced Active Math</i>	Revised Bloom's Taxonomy Complete by December 1	
			March 5-April 3 <i>Unpacking the Common Core for Math</i>	March 5-April 3 <i>Unpacking the Common Core for Math</i>	March 5-April 3 <i>Unpacking the Common Core for Art, Music and PE</i>	March 5-April 3 <i>Unpacking the Common Core for Art, Music and PE</i>	Developing Local Curricula March 16	March 16 All Teachers <i>Module Developing Local Curricular</i>
	January 6 <i>Revised Bloom's Taxonomy</i>	January 6 <i>Revised Bloom's Taxonomy</i>	May-June <i>Unpacking and Crosswalks for Language Arts</i>	May-June <i>Unpacking and Crosswalks for Language Arts</i>	May-June <i>Unpacking and Crosswalks for Art, Music and PE</i>	May-June <i>Unpacking and Crosswalks for Art, Music and PE</i>		
	May 29 <i>Common Core and the Curriculum</i>	June 7 <i>Common Core and the Curriculum</i>	June 11 All Teachers <i>Training on new pacing guides for 2012-2013 as aligned to Common Core & Essential Standards</i>	June 11 All Teachers <i>Training on new pacing guides for 2012-2013 as aligned to Common Core & Essential Standards</i>	June 11 All Teachers <i>Training on new pacing guides for 2012-2013 as aligned to Common Core & Essential Standards</i>	June 11 All Teachers <i>Training on new pacing guides for 2012-2013 as aligned to Common Core & Essential Standards</i>	NC Professional Teaching Standards Complete by June 12	June 11 All Teachers <i>Training on new pacing guides for 2012-2013 as aligned to Common Core & Essential Standards</i>

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SECONDARY ELA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012

ELA Common Core Teacher Leader Team (TLT) *Meetings at TRC, 8:30-3:30 unless otherwise noted		ELA Common Core Mandatory Training for All Secondary Teachers		ELA Department Meetings “Make-Take-Share” *All meetings 3:30-5:00	
Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
August 22 12:30-2:30 @Schiele <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22 12:30-2:30 @Schiele <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 23, 12:30-3:00 @ Ashbrook High <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22, 8:30-11:00 @ Ashbrook High <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	September 22 @ Rader Center <i>Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Strategies</i>	September 26 @ Rader Center <i>Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Strategies</i>
September 14 <i>Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	September 15 <i>Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	October 14, 12:30-3:30 @ Ashbrook High <i>Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	October 14, 8:30-11:30 @ Ashbrook High <i>Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	October 27 6th and 7th GRADE ONLY @TRC <i>Writing Test Updates</i>	September 29 @ Ashbrook 10th GRADE ONLY <i>Writing Test Updates- First Semester</i>
November 9 <i>Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing</i>	November 4 <i>Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing</i>	March 16, 12:30-3:30 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16</i>	March 16, 8:30-11:30 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16</i>	December 5 @ Rader Center <i>Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Strategies</i>	November 29 @ Rader Center <i>Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Strategies</i>
February 8 <i>Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release</i>	February 9 <i>Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release</i>	June 11 <i>School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents</i>	June 11 <i>School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents</i>	February 23 @ TRC <i>EOG Review Strategies</i>	January 5 @ Rader Center 10th GRADE ONLY <i>Writing Test Updates- Second Semester</i>
April 23 <i>Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release</i>	April 24 <i>Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release</i>				May 10 @ TRC 9th GRADE ONLY <i>EOC Review Strategies</i>

SECONDARY MATH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012

Math Common Core Teacher Leader Team (TLT) *All meetings at TRC, 8-3 unless otherwise specified.		Math Common Core Mandatory Training for ALL Secondary Teachers		Math Department Meetings “Make-Take-Share” *All meetings at Rader Center, 3:30-5:00 PM	
Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
August 22, 12:30-3:00 @ Schiele Museum Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 22, 12:30-3:00 @ Schiele Museum Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 22, 9:00-11:30 @ Schiele Museum Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 23, 12:30-3:00 @ Highland Tech Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	September 26 Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Activities, and Strategies.	September 27 Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Activities, and Strategies.
September 21 Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	September 22 Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	October 14, 9:00-11:30 @ Highland Tech Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	October 14, 12:30-3:00 @ Highland Tech Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	December 6 Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Activities, and Strategies.	December 7 HS Algebra 1 ONLY EOC Review Strategies
November 10 Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing	November 17 Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing	March 16, 9:00-11:30 @ Highland Tech Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16	March 16, 12:30-3:00 @ Highland Tech Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16	February 27 Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Activities, and Strategies.	February 23 Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Activities, and Strategies.
February 14 Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release	February 15 Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release	June 11 School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents	June 11 School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents	March 27 EOG Review Strategies Algebra 1 EOC Review	
April 30 Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release	May 1 Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release				May 8 HS Algebra 1 ONLY EOC Review Strategies

SECONDARY SCIENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012

Science Essential Standards Teacher Leader Team (TLT) *All meetings at RADER CENTER , 8:00-3:00 (with exception to August 22)		Science Essential Standards Mandatory Training for All Secondary Teachers *All meetings at Holbrook Middle School (with exception to June 11)		Science Department Meetings “Make-Take-Share” *All meetings at Rader Center, 3:30-5:00	
Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
August 22, 12:30-3:00 @ Schiele Museum Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 22, 12:30-3:00 @ Schiele Museum Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 23, 12:30-3:00 Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	August 22, 9:00-11:30 Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan	September 12 Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Labs	September 19 Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Labs
September 12 Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	September 13 Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	October 14, 12:30-3:00 Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing	October 14, 8:30-11:00 Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing		December 6 BIOLOGY ONLY EOC Review Strategies
October 31 Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing	November 1 Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing	March 16, 12:30-3:00 Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by TLT; Feedback Due by April 16	March 16, 8:30-11:00 Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by TLT; Feedback Due by April 16	February 27 Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Labs	February 23 Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Centers, and Labs
February 3 Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release	February 6 Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release	June 11 School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents	June 11 School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents	March 29 8TH GRADE ONLY EOG Review Strategies	
April 20 Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release	May 2 Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release				May 1 BIOLOGY ONLY EOC Review Strategies

SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2011-2012

Social Studies Essential Standards Teacher Leader Team (TLT) <i>*All meetings at TRC, 8:00-3:00</i>		Social Studies Essential Standards Mandatory Training for All Secondary Teachers		Social Studies Department Meetings UPDATES! <i>*All meetings held from 3:30-5:00</i>	
Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School	Middle School	High School
August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22, 8:30-11:00 @ Ashbrook Seminar Room <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 23, 12:30-3:00 @ Ashbrook Seminar Room <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	September 29, 2011 @ Gaston County Museum <i>Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Resources, Benchmark info.</i>	December 8, 2011 @ Gaston County Museum <i>Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Resources, Exam Review</i>
September 16 <i>Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	September 19 <i>Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	October 14, 8:00-11:30 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	October 14, 12:30-3:00 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Copy of Standards, Crosswalks, Unpacking & Module Debriefing</i>	February 16, 2012 @ Rader Center <i>Grades 6-8 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Resources, Benchmark info.</i>	May 17, 2012 @ TRC Meeting Room <i>Grades 9-12 County-wide PLC; Sharing Smart Lessons, Resources, Exam Review</i>
November 7 <i>Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing</i>	November 8 <i>Develop Pacing Guides and Module Debriefing</i>	March 16, 8:00-11:30 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16</i>	March 16, 12:30-3:00 @ Rader Center <i>Provide Subject and Grade Specific Documents Created by Teacher Leader Team; Feedback Due by April 16</i>		
February 10 <i>Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release</i>	February 13 <i>Develop Pacing and Curriculum Guides & Module Debriefing; Prepare for Document Draft Release</i>	June 11 <i>School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents</i>	June 11 <i>School Site PLC and Faculty Meetings for Distribution of Final County Documents</i>		
April 26 <i>Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release</i>	April 27 <i>Review Feedback and Revise Guides; Finalize Drafts for Release</i>				

Secondary Common Core Professional Development and Essential Standards Plan

Participants	Cabinet/ Leadership	Directors	Secondary Principals	Secondary Assistant Principals	Teacher Leadership Team & Academic Coaches	All Secondary Teachers (ELA, math, science, social studies, fine arts, CTE, foreign language, EC and PE)	NCDPI Module Timeline (tentative dates)
DATES/FOCUS	August 17 Overview and Call for Change Module		August 9 <i>Provide PD Plan for Common Core and Essential standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 9 <i>Provide PDD Plan for Common Core and Essential standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	August 22 & 23 <i>Provide PD plan for Common Core and Essential Standards Roll Out & Module Plan</i>	A Call For Change August 22
		October 7 Common Core Training	October 5 <i>Common Core live documents & Teaching Standards Module feedback</i>	October 18/20 <i>Common Core live documents & Teaching Standards Module feedback</i>	September 12-22 <i>Standards, Crosswalks and Unpacking & module debriefing</i>	October 14 <i>Provide copy of Standards, Crosswalks and Unpacked Content & module debriefing</i>	NC Professional Teaching Standards September 9
	October 18 Understanding the Standards	November 4 Understanding the Standards	November 2 <i>Understanding the Standards Module and Unpacked Content and Crosswalks document</i>	December 13/15 <i>Understanding the Standards and Developing Local Curricula Modules</i>	October 31 - November 14 <i>Develop pacing guides & module debriefing</i>	March 16 <i>Provide subject and grade specific documents created by Teacher Leader Team; feedback due by April 16</i>	Understanding the Standards October 7
			December 7 <i>Developing Local Curricula Module and update on draft resources</i>	March 20/22 <i>Preview of curriculum guides and resources</i>	February 3-15 <i>Develop pacing and curriculum guides & module debriefing: Prepare for document draft release</i>	June 11 <i>School-site PLC and faculty meetings for distribution of final county documents</i>	Developing Local Curricula October 28
	January 3 Revised Bloom's Taxonomy	January 6 Revised Bloom's Taxonomy	February 1 <i>Common Core live documents Revised Bloom's Module and activities</i>		April 20 - May 2 <i>Review feedback and revise guides; finalize all resources and documents</i>		Revised Bloom's Taxonomy February 1
			March 7 <i>Preview of curriculum guides and resources</i>		Summer 2012 <i>Design benchmarks and common assessments aligned with new standards</i>		
	June 12 Common Core and the Curriculum	June 7 Common Core and the Curriculum	April 4 <i>Principal feedback from school based administrative team and teachers</i>				

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Calendars
Second Semester
2012

TIPS

TIPS - 2

TIPS - 3





PLC Facilitators

National Board Support





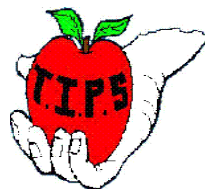
Second Semester TIPS Calendar 2012

-  Tuesday, January 10th
-  Monday, February 13th
-  Tuesday, March 13th
-  Tuesday, April 17th

All support sessions will be held at the Linda Rader Staff Development Center. Sessions will begin at 3:45 pm and conclude at 5:45 pm. For additional information contact:

Marilyn Dedmon
704.824.1640
mdedmon@gaston.k12.nc.us

Linda Rader Staff Development Center
240 Eighth Avenue
Cramerton, NC 28032
704.824.1640



2011-2012 TIPS-2 Schedules Required Meetings for BT-2s (2nd Year Teachers)



To provide on-going support during the school year, I have scheduled two required meetings for 2nd year teachers. The meetings will focus on refining your teaching craft as reflected in the NC Professional Teaching Standards. A portion of each session will be devoted to recognizing successes and seeking help for specific issues. The meetings will be held in January and March. You will **not need** to go on-line and register for these sessions. I will give you credit at the end of the year for your attendance.

January Meeting: Pick one session to attend

Rader Center

Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
Thursday, January 5, 2012

3:45 to 5:45

March Meeting: Pick one session to attend

Rader Center

Tuesday, March 6, 2012
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Thursday, March 8, 2012

3:45 to 5:45

Charlotte Friday

Mentor & Beginning Teacher Support Specialist
704-810-7281
chfriday@gaston.k12.nc.us

2011-2012 TIPS-3 Schedules Required Assignments for BT-3s (3rd Year Teachers)



To provide on-going support during the school year, I have scheduled two required discussion questions for 3rd year teachers. These questions will be located on Gaston Digital and will focus on topics that encourage teachers to evaluate themselves and reflect on their teaching careers thus far. These discussions will be held in January and March. I will send directions on how to connect to this website. I will give you credit at the end of the year for your participation in these discussions. You **will not** need to go on-line to register for credit.

January Discussion:

Gaston Digital

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Anytime

Must be completed by Friday, January 6, 2012
at 5:00 PM

March Discussion:

Gaston Digital

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Anytime

Must be completed by Friday, March 9, 2012
at 5:00 PM

Charlotte Friday

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704-810-7281

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Second Semester



PLC Facilitator Calendar

- Tuesday, January 17, 2012 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

- Tuesday, February 21, 2012 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

- Monday, March 12, 2012 Noon-5:00 PM
 - Half Day (Noon–5:00 PM) Electronic Sub Form – Fund Manager, Joan McCarver

- April, 2012
 - PLC Showcase – TBA

All meetings will be held at the Linda Rader Staff Development Center

Select Central Office personnel will monitor PLC's with school visits. These visits will be announced and unannounced. Please let your teams know that if they change dates or times to let you know so you can contact Marilyn Dedmon.



NBPTS

National Board for
Professional Teaching Standards

*Gaston County Schools Professional Learning Department
Presents:*

NATIONAL BOARD SUPPORT

Second Semester 2012

Who: *National Board Initial, Advanced, and Renewal
Candidates*

What: *National Board Support Sessions*

When: *Saturday, January 21, 2012 9-noon*

Saturday, February 18, 2012 9-noon

Saturday, March 17, 2012 9-2

Where: *Rader Center for Professional Learning*

Why: *To give support to GCS teachers wanting to earn or
to renew National Board Certification*

Email: *Contact Debbie Dunlap for information*

704-824-2828

dldunlap@gaston.k12.nc.us

GASTON'S GOT IT ALL...



Gaston County Community Resources

Gaston County Schools is proud of our community and the many fine opportunities that it offers to our students, parents, and to us. Gaston County is the home of several excellent resources for Professional Learning for Gaston County School Employees. Participate in many of the learning opportunities provided by the Gaston County Police Department, the Gaston County Museum, the Gaston County Public Library, the Schiele Museum of Natural History, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, or Gaston College in partnership with the American Heart Association and then apply for CEU credit through the GCS Office of Professional Learning.

Follow the directions on the next page in order to apply for CEU credits through the Gaston County Schools' Office of Professional Learning.

Directions for Applying for Outside Credit

Attended a conference, college course, or other outside of GCS workshop? Want to earn CEU credits towards your license renewal? Just follow the steps below to earn the credit that you deserve.

1. Visit *the Gaston County Schools Homepage*
2. Go to "Employee Links."
3. Choose the "Workshop Conference Registration" link.
4. If a page opens up with this... X There is a problem with this website's security certificate
5. Click on - **Continue to this website** (not recommended)
6. Fill in Server Login information.
7. When you arrive at the workshop registration site go to "Workshops."
8. Then go to "Outside Courses."
9. Click on "Apply for Credit for Outside Courses."
10. Fill out a "Renewal Credit for Outside Courses" request form for each class that you want to get credit for.
11. Print
12. Now click the submit button.
13. Send a copy of the "Renewal Credit for Outside Courses" request form along with a copy of your workshop certificate/transcript to the Rader Staff Development Center.
14. You will receive an e-mail confirmation once the class has been approved. Within 24 hours of your workshop being approved your credits will appear on your credit history report.



GASTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Professional Learning on Drug Recognition and Identification for Educators

The Gaston County Police Department has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on drug recognition and identification for use by Gaston County School staff members. This PowerPoint presentation is available on the following quick place sites:

Safety and Security
Principals' Quickplace

This PowerPoint presentation can be used by school principals to complete the school staff trainings required by the Safety and Security Department of Gaston County Schools. The workshop facilitator at each school should generate a workshop proposal and submit this to the GCS Office of Professional Learning for approval. The workshop facilitator for each school will be responsible for handling attendance and credit.

The Gaston County Police Department will also be happy to have an officer present this information to your faculty and staff. In order to schedule this program or for more information on this topic, please contact Sgt. J.D. Hamlin, Supervisor, Educational Services Unit @ 704-862-6332 or jhamlin@gcps.org. Credit can be requested using the same process as above.



For information regarding any of these programs, please contact
Jeff Pruett at 704-922-7681 #105

Current Exhibits

Exhibit – Patriots or Traitors: North Carolina’s Civil War

Currently open and running through March 10, 2012 at the Gaston County Museum is *Patriots or Traitors: North Carolina’s Civil War*. The Gaston County Museum is excited to launch an exhibit portraying North Carolina’s involvement in the Civil War. With 2011 being the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War, the museum wants to tell the local story of this monumental event in our nation’s history.

To help illustrate what life would have been like for everyone involved in the war, the visitors will be following five different characters throughout the exhibit – an enlisted soldier, an officer, a slave, a woman and a child. Each character will tell about a unique aspect of the war that affected them; some will be based on actual people from North Carolina, while others will be a representation.

Throughout the exhibit, there will be hands on activities for adults and children to participate in – they can sign an oath of service to the Confederacy, they can huddle down in the trenches and dress up like a North Carolina soldier, they can prepare a campsite and learn about what type of food soldiers and their families would eat, and much more. We hope you will come and experience this exciting, interactive new exhibit.

Exhibit – The Spinning Yarns: Artwork by Renee Matthews & Shirley Williams

Currently open and running through January 15, 2012 at the Gaston County Museum’s bull pen is *The Spinning Yarns: Artwork by Renee Matthews & Shirley Williams*. This is the sixth and final show of the 2011 Gaston College Solo Show Series that features eight artists throughout the year.

The Spinning Yarns: Textile Stories in Painting series, originally created by Shirley Calhoun Williams, now deceased, and Renee Calhoun Matthews, began while researching their family history after the passing of their father. They decided to preserve the childhood memories they both shared as a textile worker’s daughter and to honor all textile workers in our area. Their mother, who began working in the cotton mills at the age of fourteen and continued working for nearly fifty years, is represented in many of the pieces.

To better understand the way of life for generations before their mother, they studied many historical events of the cotton mills locally, including the Loray Mill Strike of 1929.

Artist’s Statement:

The inspiration for my work comes from many sources; the marvelous wonders of Mother Earth, family, and history. Subject matter for this series stems from my childhood memories, events in history, as well as stories I heard from textile workers. My mother worked in the textile industry starting at the age of 14, and her stories reveal themselves through this body of work.

Ongoing Weekly and Monthly Events

Coffee with the Curator



**February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1 –
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM – FREE**

Curator, Stephanie Elliott identifies objects and provides preservation assistance on pieces brought to the museum. If objects are too large please bring photographs. Object donations to the museum will also be considered. No appointment needed. Three item limit per person, and no monetary appraisals at this program.

Terrific Toddler Tuesday

10 AM – 11 AM – Free to members; all others \$2 per child

This program is geared towards preschoolers ages 1-4. Programs will vary each month (always occurring the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December) but will always relate back to art or history and may include a story, art project, craft, song, or tour of a part of the museum. Parents, grandparents and others are invited to stay with their youngster and enjoy time in the museum as well.

Monthly Topics: January 24 – Groundhog's Shadow, February 28 – African Traditions & Folklore, March 27 – Eggs! Eggs! Eggs! April 24 – Little Artists, May 22 – Teddy Bears Come out to Play! June 26 – Patriotic Party, July 24 – Cool Cotton, August 28 – Sculpting Sculptures

Scheduled Events for January-July 2012

January 17 – March 31, 2012 – Paul Culver Photography exhibit

Saturday, January 21, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.

(Inclement weather date - January 28, 2012 at 1:00 PM)

The Divided Mind of Civil War North Carolina with Dr. Richard D. Starnes

Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Museum of Art & History and Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. Reservations suggested for seating to Jeff Pruett at 704.922.7681 x101.

Confederate North Carolina was a complex and contradictory place. Among the last to secede, the state ultimately provided more soldiers than any other to the Confederate Army. Governor Zebulon Vance was an outspoken proponent of secession, but constantly battled the central government over issues of states' rights. Vance also faced various degrees of Unionism within his own state. In this program, Dr. Richard Starnes explores the complex way North Carolinians from all stations of society viewed the Civil War, and examines the roots of these divisions. Dr. Richard Starnes is the Sossomon Associate Professor and Head of the Department of History at Western Carolina University. His books include *Creating the Land of the Sky: Tourism and Society in Western North Carolina*. He is also the founder of the Western North Carolina Oral History Project, which seeks to record the memories and experiences of the region's history for future generations.

Music at the Depot: Winter Acoustic Series – February 10 & March 9

February 11 – Featuring Michael Reno Harrell & March 9 – Featuring The David Childers Trio – 6:30 – 8:30 PM – \$10 in advance/\$15 day of the show – Contact Jeff Pruett – 704.922.7681 x101



February 11 – Michael Reno Harrell – Michael Reno Harrell is an award winning songwriter, as well as a veteran storyteller and entertainer, and he’s from the South... the Southern Appalachian Mountains to hone it a bit finer. Michael's recordings top the Americana Music Association charts year after year. His original songs and stories have been described as “Appalachian grit and wit” but, as his writing shows, Michael’s awareness is much broader than the bounds of his boyhood home or even the Southern Experience. Having toured throughout the British Isles and much of Europe, as well as most of the US, the songs he writes and the stories he creates reflect an insight into people’s experiences that catch the ear like an old friend's voice.

Michael's natural knack for storytelling, in print, song and spoken word has earned him praise from not only the music community but from the literary and storytelling worlds as well, having had the honor of being a Featured Teller at the National Storytelling Festival and to be Teller In Residence at the International Storytelling Center, as well as performing at major music events like Merle Fest and the Walnut Valley Festival. His humor and wit, as well as the emotional depth of his work, keep his fan base growing and staying tuned in for whatever comes next. Don’t miss the chance to experience what those faithful fans keep returning again and again to enjoy.



March 9 – The David Childers Trio – David Childers, Robert Childers, and Randy Saxon began playing together in 2003 in David Childers and The Modern Don Juans, a bar band well known in the area for putting on high energy shows that filled dance floors. Along with former bassist Mark Lynch, they played venues from New York City to Atlanta on a regular basis, appeared on Mountain Stage, a prestigious radio show out of West Virginia, did 2 successful music tours of The Netherlands, had 3 Number One Americana albums in Europe; and were named one of the 10 best bands in the Southeast by Creative Loafing in 2007. As good as that sounds, it never translated into the kind of success bands need to survive.

The trio developed from a desire to find new songs, dig up old songs, and nurture spontaneity. Childers stated, “With the trio, I can throw anything out, and Robert and Randy know what to do. Simplicity. I need it. Robert is my son and he grew up playing with me or hearing me play. It’s a biological connection. From the first time I ever played with Randy I was impressed with his ability to grab songs on the fly. He’s a kind of weird genius when it comes to knowing what to play. It’s a happy place for our music and for me.”

February 11 – Exhibit – Chasing Fireflies: The Art of our Friends & Families – ends today

This new exhibit showcases the art and talent of Museum staff members, their friends and their families. A lunchtime conversation observed that while the Museum staff frequently demonstrates their talent in other exhibits, the pieces they do outside of the Museum are rarely exhibited. Furthermore, many of their friends and family are excellent artists and craftsmen in their own right. Thus, the idea for a friends and family exhibit was born. Fifteen artists are represented, ranging from world renowned travel photographers to talented high school artists. The exhibit is an eclectic, spontaneous collection of ideas and mediums that explores not only the realms of the artwork itself, but also the familial ties of the artists themselves.

**February 16 – Family Fun Night – Civil War Focus –
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – \$5 per child, children under 2 – free**

Kids, ever wonder what a Civil War soldier's life was like. Then join us from 5:30 – 7:30 PM for our special Civil War Family Fun Night. During this program, for \$5 per child (under 3 & adults – free, unless eating, then \$1) visitors to the museum will enjoy a pizza dinner beginning at 5:30 PM, learn period military marching drills, and observe firing demonstrations. After this, kids will learn about communication during the Civil War and create their own copy book to take home. **PLEASE NOTE, RSVP'S ARE REQUIRED BY February 14 to LYNN DUNCAN AT 704.922.7681 x106.** Come join us!

**Saturday, February 18, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
(Inclement weather date – February 25, 2012 at 1:00 pm)**

William Henry Singleton's Recollections of My Slavery Days: A North Carolina Slave's View of the Civil War and Its Legacies with **Dr. Katherine Mellen Charron**. Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Museum of Art & History and Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. Reservations suggested for seating – Jeff Pruett – 704.922.7681 x101

In 1922, the former slave and Union Army veteran William Henry Singleton published an autobiography that provides a fascinating glimpse of life in a North Carolina coastal city and rural neighborhood. His *Recollections of My Slavery Days* vividly reminds us how slavery impacted black and white families, the church, and the marketplace in the antebellum South as well as the upheaval that accompanied the Civil War. The talk explores what Singleton's narrative reveals about a place and the people in it, about slavery and freedom, and the bridge between the two. For Singleton, that bridge was built in the crucible of the Civil War and rested on the militant black political self-assertion that emerged early in the war in coastal North Carolina. Considering the fifty-seven years between the war's end and Singleton's writing, this talk also takes up the question of memory, of what we choose to remember, how we remember it, and why that matters.

February 18 – April 14, 2012 – Tapestry Weavers Exhibit



**February 25 – Civil War Teacher Workshop – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM –
\$25 per person (lunch included) – Teacher Renewal Credits Available**

This special workshop will introduce teachers and educators to Civil War related primary sources, activities, and on-line resources to integrate into the classroom. Teachers will also be introduced to opportunities that the Gaston County Museum offers relating to school programs and the Civil War. Contact Jeff Pruett at 704.922.7681 x101 for more information or to register.

Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 1:00 pm
(Inclement weather date – March 24, 2012 at 1:00 PM)

Bryan Grimes: Soldier and Citizen with Dr. John R. Peacock III.

Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Museum of Art & History and Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. Reservations suggested for seating – Jeff Pruett – 704.922.7681 x110.

In a people's war, such as the American Civil War, many men with no professional military training rose to positions of high command. Many of these so-called citizen soldiers did not measure up to the challenges of command. One who did was Bryan Grimes of North Carolina. Grimes rose from the rank of major to major general and fought with distinction in many of the foremost battles in the Eastern theatre of war. This program highlights the evolving leadership of Bryan Grimes. Dr. John R. Peacock lives in Wilson, North Carolina and teaches History and Geography at Nash Community College in Rocky Mount. A native of High Point, he received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He taught previously at Louisiana State University and Texas A&M University.

March 31 – May 12, 2012

Through an Artist's Eyes: Gaston County Schools Annual Art Show



April 3 – June 2, 2012 – Josh Haney Art Exhibit

April 1 – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:30 PM – Free Event

In partnership with The Town of Dallas, join us for a free children's Easter Egg Hunt on the Historic Square Lawn across from the museum. This family fun Easter Egg Hunt (for ages 10 and under) will begin promptly at 1:30 PM. Kids – bring your basket and come for an exciting afternoon! After the egg hunt, there will be crafts, games, and activities to follow until 3:00 PM.

April 21 – June 30, 2012 – Gaston College Visual & Performing Art Club's Annual Art Exhibit

May 12 – Mother/Daughter Tea – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 2 PM – 3 PM – \$10 per person – limited to 25 per session

The Gaston County Museum will be hosting a Mother-Daughter Tea for ages 6-up. Come learn about Victorian etiquette, manners, and the history of tea in America. At the end of the program, participants will partake in a tea party complete with fresh brewed tea, lemonade, pastries, whipped cream, and other traditional offerings. While dressing up is not required, it is encouraged! Ladies can also wear their favorite hat this day too!

May 12 – The Civil War (living history program with C.H.A.M.P.S.) – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Interested in learning more about the Civil War? During this program, The Confederate History and Monument Preservation Society who portrays Company H of the 23rd NC troops will have a display to view, be on hand to answer questions about the Civil War, and give firing and drilling demonstrations. In honor of North Carolina Confederate Memorial Day at 1:00 PM, there will be a wreath laying ceremony on the Confederate Marker in Dallas, NC. Come join us for this unique free program!

May 11, June 10, July 13, and August 10 – 14th Annual Blues out Back Concert Series – 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Artists to be announced

May 16 – Home School Living History Day – 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – \$3 per child

May 26 – August 25 – *Rudy Rudisill Art Show*

May 26 – 8th Annual Family Fun Day – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19 – Drop-In Day Camp – 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – FREE



July 31 – August 18 – *Costner Bible Display*



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Please note that some events may require registration.

Advance reservations are required for all organized groups to insure available seating.

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Tuesday, January 10, 201 at 6:30 pm

Jonas Library Book Club organizational meeting: Light refreshments will be served. Charles R. Jonas Library, 306 West Main Street, Lincolnton - Information: 704-735-8044.

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: Illegal (psychological thriller - Belgium - 2010). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 2:00 pm

(Inclement weather date - January 28, 2012 at 2:00 pm)

O Brother What Next: Making Sense of the Folk Fad with **Dr. Benjamin Filene**. Free multimedia public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164/ Dial 4.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: The Human Resources Manager (drama / comedy – Israel - 2010). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.



Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1:00 pm

(Inclement weather date - January 28, 2012 at 1:00 pm)

The Divided Mind of Civil War North Carolina with **Dr. Richard D. Starnes**: Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Museum of Art & History and Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. Reservations suggested for seating. Gaston County Museum of Art & History, 131 West Main Street, Dallas - Information: 704-922-7681.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: The Trap (thriller – Serbia - 2007). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: Bad Day to Go Fishing (drama / comedy – Uruguay - 2009). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 2:00 pm

(Inclement weather date – February 18, 2012 at 2:00 pm)

Trumpet and Cornet: Influences on Jazz with **Douglas Jackson**. Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: For My Father (drama – Israel - 2008). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm



Frederick Douglass with **Bright Star Theatre** - free live public performance for youth in grades 3 through 12 and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 /Dial 4.

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: 1981: The Year I Became a Liar (comedy – Canada - 2009). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 1:00 pm

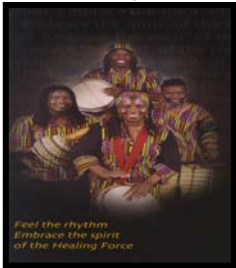
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Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm



The Rhythm of the Drum with The Healing Force - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164/Dial 4.

Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 6:30 pm

2012 For-Adults Film Series: The Colors of the Mountain (drama – Colombia - 2010). Free public full-length showings of award-winning foreign and independent films. Appropriate for adults and teens 17 and older. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 2:00 pm

(Inclement weather date – March 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm)

God in Southern Story and Song: Spirituality and Music in the Literature of the American South with **Susan Ketchin**. Free multi-media public presentation appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library in conjunction with the North Carolina Humanities Council's **Road Scholars Speakers Series**. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Willie Dixon: I Am the Blues – film showing and discussion of the life and art of blues legend Willie Dixon, presented by George and Sharon Roberts in conjunction with the Willie Dixon Blues Heaven Foundation. Free public event appropriate for adults and high school students presented by the Gaston County Public Library in partnership with the Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

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Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Touring the Carolinas' Civil War Sites (second edition – John F. Blair, Publisher, 2011) – multi-media presentation and discussion by author Clint Johnson, life-long Civil War buff and history enthusiast. Free public event appropriate for adults and teens presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Mike Strauss / In Concert - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 2:00 pm



Blue and Gray in Black and White – a concert of Civil War music and storytelling by Sparky and Rhonda Rucker appropriate for adults and teens presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History, Gaston County Public Library, and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Following the presentation, light refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm

The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic (Candlewick Press, October 2011) – live performance by award-winning author Allan Wolf retelling the tragic story of the 1912 sinking of the Titanic. Free public event for students grades 6 through 12 and adults presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Titanic! History / Tragedy / Discovery – an overview of the history of RSM Titanic, which sank on April 15, 1911, and the 1985 discovery of the wreck's location, presented by Dr. Melinda Ratchford, educator and Titanic enthusiast. Free public event for students grades 6 through 12 and adults presented by the Gaston County Public Library and Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. No reservations required for individuals and families. Advance reservations required for organized groups. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.



2012 BOOK SALE

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 pm

Friday, April 27, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm

Annual **Book Sale** featuring thousands of bargain-priced books, audio-visual materials, magazines, collectibles, and more, conducted by the Friends of the Gaston County Public Library. Free admission. Open to the public. Materials sold on a first-come basis. All profits benefit public library system. Auditorium and Conference Room - Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina. Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Roots of Rock / One World with **Toni and Billy Stevens** - free live public performance for adults and teens presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Aesop's Fables with **Red Herring Puppets** - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 2:00 pm

Birds of a Feather with **Touring Theatre of North Carolina** - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina - Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.



Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 10:30 am

A Show of Virtues with **Grey Seal Puppets** - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 2:00 pm

The Emperor's New Clothes with **Grey Seal Puppets** - free live public performance for school-age youth and adults presented by Gaston County Public Library in partnership with Friends of the Gaston County Public Library as part of the 2011 / 2012 **Live @ Your Library** family performing arts series. Auditorium – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Boulevard, Gastonia, North Carolina Information: 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

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Project Learning Tree

Monday, Feb 20

9 AM – 4 PM

Project Learning Tree is a teacher workshop for educators based on the philosophy of teaching students *how* to think not *what* to think. This workshop provides a PreK-8 Guide with 96 activities– each one tailored to specific grade levels and learning objectives. Each activity is filled with opportunities to build critical thinking skills, incorporate technology, and use differentiated instruction. Teacher CEU's and NC EE Certification Criteria I credits available.

\$10.00 Members / \$12 Nonmembers

To register call 704-854-6676



Southeastern River Cane Arrows

Saturday, February 25

9 AM – 4 PM

After examining the historic and ethnographic records related to Southeastern Native American arrows, participants will manufacture river cane examples in two styles. Self and composite shaft construction will be taught, along with two-types of fletching and aboriginal hafting of both stone and bone points.

\$50 Members / \$55 Non-members

Registration deadline is January 31

Call 704-866-6912 to register

The Braided Sling

Sunday, February 25, 2012

9am-4pm

Slings have been used by cultures around the world as a both a weapon of war and the hunt. In this course, participants will manufacture a split-pouch sling in a South American Indian style utilizing both flat and round braiding techniques. Ammunition choice and sling firing techniques will also be taught.

\$50 Members / \$55 Non-members

Registration deadline is January 31

Call 704-866-6912 to register.

Summer Field Experiences

Explore the West with staff from the Schiele Museum! Call 704-854-6676 for details about these upcoming trips for summer 2012.

Cowboy Up

Ride the range on a real cattle ranch on the Great Plains. This trip is for 8 days and 7 nights. For adults and children ages 12 and up if accompanied by a parent. Call 704-866-6919 for more information.



Jurassic Expedition

Dig Jurassic dinosaur fossils in the high deserts of Wyoming! Trip is for 8 days / 7 nights. This trip is for adults and children ages 14 and up. Call 704-866-6919 for more information.



Visit the gem of Gaston County, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, to earn CEU renewal credit. This beautiful facility hosts workshops with topics such as horticulture, wildlife, conservation, photography, fine arts, floral design, and much more. Program formats include classes, tours, lectures, symposiums, workshops, and events.

For further information call the Reservation Coordinator at 704-829-1252

or

<http://www.dsbg.org/index.php>



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The National Endowment for the Humanities
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a 2012 Summer Institute
for School Teachers

American Frontiers in Global Perspective
June 24 through July 14, 2012

The very word “frontier” calls out historical and mythic images for Americans and people around the world. The U.S. story undoubtedly is unique in its own ways, and it often has overshadowed similar stories from other parts of the world in popular culture. But have frontiers made U.S. history exceptional and beyond comparison, as Frederick Jackson Turner claimed in his famous “frontier thesis”? This institute focuses on reconsidering the uniqueness and nature of U.S. frontiers and closely associated ideas of American “exceptionalism.” We will look at colonial North American and U.S. frontiers both on their own terms and from global and comparative perspectives. We think this approach will offer you dynamic new material for your social studies and U.S. and world history classes.

This history is not just for scholars. As teachers we can better meet our goal of educating the next generation—as Americans, world “citizens,” and participants in a global economy—if our students learn about U.S. history in a global context and see how world history relates to that of their own nation. Many students in U.S. schools are themselves immigrants (or their children), and they can more easily see how their experiences fit into the U.S. story when it is taught in ways shaped by global perspectives.

Our three-week institute will be held at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It will host 25 NEH Summer Scholars with a \$2700 stipend to help defray costs. Topics and events will include:

- Turner’s “frontier thesis” and alternative approaches from around the world.
- The mythology of the American frontier and its influence on American identity.
- Frontiers in the Midwest, South, and far West.
- A fieldtrip to Lowell, Michigan, to explore the history of its logging frontier.
- Native peoples as settlers, notably the Cherokee in the Oklahoma Territory.
- The “Indian Wars” and comparisons to wars in Canada, Mexico and South Africa.
- Is the cowboy “American”? Cattle workers and ranching from Argentina to Canada.
- Gold rushes from California to British Columbia, the Yukon, and Australia.
- Frontiers and overseas empires—similar forms of expansion or essential different?
- The impact of frontier era land law on the U.S. West in the twentieth century.

In addition to studying these topics together with an eye to how to teach them in the school classroom, participants will develop curricular materials and share their work with each other, bringing home a body of classroom appropriate material. We encourage you to consider topics that we have not been able to fit in the institute schedule.

We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

William Katerberg, Director

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Calvin College

In my capacity as the director of Calvin College's Western American Studies Program, I'll lead the institute. But, really, it's a team effort. Carol has taught at Davidson College and the U.N.C. Charlotte. We have organized conferences together, co-written a textbook on the American West, and co-edited a textbook series on the region. We have both taught and published comparative history about frontiers. Bob and I have worked with a generation of Calvin College graduates who are social studies and history teachers around the country. Bob was a high school teacher for more than 25 years in Minnesota. He teaches pedagogy courses for our department, supervises student teacher interns, and does research on immigration, including immigrant colonies in the upper Midwest during the frontier era.

All of us do research and are working on publications. But we're all teachers first. We teach undergraduate students and understand the challenges, joys, and intense day-to-day pace of the classroom. We've succeeded (and sometimes failed) in translating our passions and interests into material that works well with students coming from diverse backgrounds and with very different levels of academic preparation. We're eager to work with you as fellow teachers and NEH Summer Scholars, hoping to offer some of our expertise about the history of American and global frontiers and learn from you as fellow teachers.

Visiting Faculty

Andrew Graybill (S.M.U.) is a historian of the American West with an interest in expansion, borders, race, violence, and the environment. His books include *Policing the Great Plains: Rangers, Mounties, and the North American Frontier, 1875-1910* (2007).

Jamie Skillen (Calvin College) teaches environment studies. His most recent book is *The Nation's Largest Landlord: The Bureau of Land Management in the American West* (2009).

Richard Slatta (N. C. State) interests in comparative frontiers have taken him around the world. He's been a leading proponent of teach world history and is best known for his work on cowboys, notably *Cowboys of the Americas* (1990).

William Van Vugt (Calvin College) is a historian of British immigration to America, including the Midwest. His books include *British Buckeyes: the English, Scots, and Welsh in Ohio, 1700-1900* (2006).

For More Information and Application Material

go to <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/history/katerbergneh/>

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Frequently Asked Questions



Workshop Registration System

1. How do I register for Professional Learning in Gaston County?

You must register for professional learning using Gaston County Schools Workshop and Conference Registration System.

2. What is the Workshop and Conference Registration System?

The Workshop and Conference Registration System is a program that Gaston County Schools use to register for workshops.

3. How do I access the Workshop and Conference Registration System?

Go to the *Gaston County Schools Homepage*; click on **Employees**, then on **Workshop and Conference Registration**. Click on **Continue to Website**.

4. The Workshop and Conference Registration page is protected; how do I access it?

You can access this program by using your Lotus Notes Email username and password. Once you are on the registration page, the easiest way to find a specific workshop is to click on the **Workshop Calendar**, go to the date of the workshop, find the title, and double click on it. This will take you to the registration page where you can fill in the requested information, then submit. You will receive a registration confirmation by email the same day.

5. How do I receive workshop credit for my license?

After you have registered for and attended a workshop, you must complete an online evaluation of the workshop using the workshop registration system within 10 days.

6. When do I complete an evaluation of a workshop?

The facilitator of the workshop must mark attendance and credit before evaluations can be completed. After taking the workshop, give the facilitator a few days to mark attendance and credit. If after that time you cannot complete the evaluation, contact the facilitator of that workshop to alert him/her to your problem.

7. I can't do an evaluation of a workshop that I recently took; what is the problem?

Most likely, the facilitator of the workshop has not marked your attendance. Contact the facilitator to alert him or her of your problem. If problems persist, contact the Office of Professional Learning at 704-824-2285.

8. How do I cancel a workshop for which I am registered?

Go to the **Workshop and Conference Registration System** as you did to register. Once there, choose **My Registrations**, put in your social security number, select the workshop you need to cancel, and once it is up, click on **Cancel Workshop** located at the top of the page.

9. How do I receive credit for taking a college course, attending a conference or workshop outside of Gaston County Schools?

- Go to the **Workshop and Conference Registration System** located on the *Gaston County Homepage*. When you arrive at the workshop registration site, go to **Workshops**, to **Outside Workshops**, then to **Credit for Outside Courses**.
- Fill out a **Renewal Credit for Outside Courses** request form for each course for which you want to get credit. Print a copy, then hit the **Submit** button.
- Send a copy of the form along with a copy of your workshop certificate/transcript to the Rader Staff Development Center. (Be sure to save a copy for yourself!)
- You will receive an email confirmation once the class has been approved. The workshop credits will appear on your credit history report within 24 hours.

10. How do I locate my CEU/renewal history?

Go to the *Gaston County Homepage*, hover over **Employees**, and select **MY GCS Portal**. Sign in with your Novell login, then check the box that says **Sign Me in Automatically**. Once you are in the portal, go to **Professional Resources**, then **CEU Lookup**. You can only access this feature at school.

Teaching & Learning Conference

1. What is the Gaston County Schools Teaching & Learning Conference?

The **Teaching & Learning Conference** is an opportunity for educators in Gaston County to participate in professional learning to positively impact student achievement.

2. Who can attend the conference?

All educators in Gaston County Schools, retired educators who need to keep their license updated, Title II Grant participants, and others for a small fee.

3. How do I register for the conference?

If you are a member of Gaston County Schools, you will go to the *GCS Homepage* and click on **Workshop and Conference Registration**. This will take you to the server login page for the **Workshop and Conference Registration System**. You can access this by using your Lotus Notes username and password.

4. If I am not employed by Gaston County Schools, can I still attend the conference?

Yes, please contact the Office of Professional Learning for information. 704-824-2285

5. When and where is the conference held?

This year's T&L Conference will be held on August 8 and 9, 2012, at the Dallas campus of Gaston College.

6. How can I become a presenter at the Teaching & Learning Conference?

Contact the Office of Professional Learning 704-824-2285

Teacher Induction Program for Success

1. *What does TIPS stand for?*

Teacher Induction Program for Success

2. *What is the purpose of TIPS?*

TIPS is aimed at improving the overall effectiveness and success of teachers new to the school district.

3. *Do I have to go to TIPS?*

If you are a first year teacher or an experienced teacher new to Gaston County Schools, you are required to attend TIPS.

4. *When do I go to TIPS?*

Each year the TIPS dates are different, based on the calendar, but for beginning teachers, TIPS is always held for three days at the Linda Rader Staff Development Center during the week prior to the beginning of school. New teachers will continue to have monthly support sessions throughout the year. Experienced teachers new to Gaston County will have a TIPS meeting during one of the workdays prior to the start of school.

5. *When and where are the monthly support sessions?*

Monthly support sessions are held at the Rader Center from 3:45-5:45. A TIPS Monthly Support Calendar is given to all participants stating the dates of the monthly sessions. Each year the dates are different, but there is a support session each month.

6. *What do I do if I am a beginning teacher who was unable to attend the TIPS sessions prior to the beginning of school?*

If you were unable to attend the three TIPS sessions prior to the beginning of school, you will attend three TIPS make-up sessions on a Saturday in December, January, and February. A TIPS make-up calendar with specific dates will be given to make-up participants. All sessions will be at the Rader Center.

7. *Do I have to register for TIPS using the Workshop and Conference Registration System?*

You do not need to register for these sessions using the workshop registration system. These sessions will be added to your continuing education units' history report by Marilyn Dedmon.

8. *Do I need to contact anyone to let them know that I will be attending TIPS?*

Both the principal and the new teacher should contact TIPS Coordinator, Marilyn Dedmon, Office of Professional Learning, 704-824-1640, immediately upon being hired.

9. *If I would like additional information about TIPS, whom do I contact?*

Contact TIPS Coordinator, Marilyn Dedmon, at the Office of Professional Learning, 704-824-1640.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

1. *What is National Board Certification?*

National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential. It complements, but does not replace, a state's teacher license. It is valid for 10 years, and renewal candidates must begin the renewal process during their eighth or ninth years as NBCTs.

2. *Why should I consider becoming a National Board Certified teacher?*

National Board Certification has a positive effect on you as a professional because it validates your teaching practice, advances your career, increases financial opportunities, provides a portable teaching license in most states, and contributes to CEU re-certification requirements. Because National Board Certification is based on "Five Core Propositions" of what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, it is a quality professional development that has a positive impact on students as it fosters a deeper understanding of content, improves student learning and achievement, and prepares future ready students.

3. *What are the fees for National Board Certification?*

A nonrefundable \$65 processing charge is required when you submit your application. However, your candidacy will not officially start until you submit a nonrefundable \$500 initial fee, which will be applied to the \$2,500 assessment fee. Once the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) receives your application processing charge and \$500 initial fee payment, you will be sent a verification packet and portfolio materials.

4. *Is there financial aid available for those seeking National Board Certification?*

North Carolina offers its NBPTS candidates a 12 month, interest free repayment deferment loan, and three years thereafter to repay. In addition NBPTS has an extended payment plan available, and there are also some Federal Subsidy Funds available.

5. *What areas are available to earn National Board Certification?*

There are 25 certification areas covering 16 content areas, 7 developmental levels, and apply to more than 95% of teachers.

6. *How do I know if I qualify?*

NBPTS Eligibility Requirements

- At least 3 years experience as a pre-K-12 classroom teacher or school counselor in a public or private school
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- A valid teaching or school counselor license

North Carolina Loan Eligibility Requirements

- Teacher to be paid entirely from state funds
- Three full years of teaching in the North Carolina Public Schools
- A Standard Professional II NC License
- No previous use of state funds for the NBC process
- Engagement in direct classroom instruction, library/media, or school counseling for 70% of the time over the course of a school year

7. How do I apply for National Board?

- Apply to NBPTS at <http://www.nbpts.org/> , pay you \$65.00 non-refundable fee, and download your materials.
- Release your name to a third party.
- Apply to North Carolina to determine eligibility. <http://nbpts.dpi.state.nc.us>
- Apply for the loan through the State Education Assistance Authority

8. How do I get specific answers about the different sections of my portfolio?

The NBPTS website has a section called “For Candidates” that will provide information about your portfolio and other FAQs.

9. Does Gaston County Schools provide support for candidates?

Yes, we have monthly support meetings for candidates. These dates are included in this publication, plus are available on our district National Board website.

10. If I don't pass my National Board, what is the procedure for retakes?

The National Board website has detailed information about procedures for Advanced (retake) Candidates. In addition, Advanced Candidates are welcome to attend the NBPTS Support Sessions offered through the GCS Office of Professional Learning.

11. How does the state and our county support NBPTS candidates?

In addition to the low interest loan, North Carolina also offers candidates three days of professional leave to work on the certification process, 7.5 continuing education units upon completion of the process, and a 12% pay increase. In addition, Gaston County Schools may give a one- time bonus in the fall of the year after NBPTS certification is awarded, provided that funds are available and that the individual is still employed with GCS.

12. How does a NBPTS candidate receive the CEUs?

Credit for NBC is entered by the Professional Learning staff. Proof of certification should be sent to the Office of Professional Learning with a request to use the credit for a particular renewal date. If a person is awarded NBC in November of 2011, that certification is good through 2021. If the person's license renews in 2014, he may use the credit for the 2014 renewal period, or he can bank it and use it for the next renewal period in 2019.

13. When do I receive my 12% increase and bonus? Do I need to do anything to activate either?

Once the letter of congratulations is received, immediately forward a copy to the Licensure Specialist in HR, Beth Suber. This step will activate the processing for both the increase, effective the start date of that particular school year, as well as the bonus. The one-time bonus is given in the fall of the year after NBC is awarded, provided that funds are available and that the individual is still a GCS employee.

14. Whom can I contact if I have further questions about National Board Certification?

GCS NBPTS Coordinator Debbie Dunlap dldunlap@gaston.k12.nc.us 704-824-2828