

Motivating the Unmotivated Adolescent Reader

Audiences: Teachers (Grades 5-Adult), Administrators, Literacy Coaches

In a single-day or multiple-day workshop, teachers will read about and discuss trends and strategies used in adolescent literacy education. A key component of the workshop will be strategies to motivate struggling readers, both those “a-literates” who just don’t like to read and those who struggling with decoding and comprehension. Strategies will be divided into those done before, during, and after reading. These strategies are hands-on, and can be implemented quickly and easy in language arts classrooms and across content areas.

Participants will leave the workshop with a thick file of ideas and strategies that should help motivate even the most unmotivated reader. A list of popular new and older Young Adolescent book titles will be shared as well as new multimodal venues for literacy such as fanfiction and video file-sharing sites.