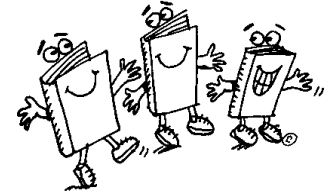


6th Annual



Play with Literacy All Year

PLAY Conference

October 1, 2016

9:00-12:45

(Breakfast and registration begin at 8:00)

Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex (New Venue!)

550 Belsyde Ave E, Fergus, ON

Stick and Stone, Friends Forever: How Literacy and Math come together with Nature

Presented by:



This half-day workshop is a joint community event that focuses on strengthening our understanding of current best practices in early literacy. The focus will be on fun, practical, play-based ideas and activities that early childhood educators can use immediately in their programs.

Wee Read believes that language and literacy are interwoven, and acknowledges that early childhood educators and childcare providers are in a unique position to support early literacy skill development.

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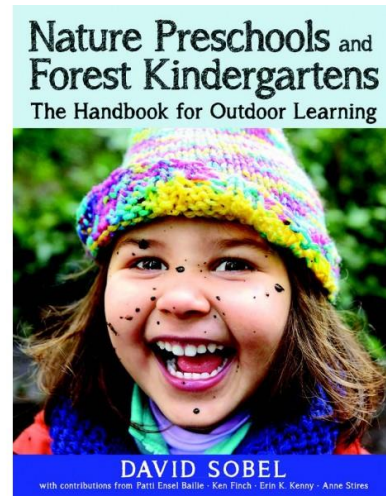
Inspired by the book *Stick and Stone* by Beth Ferry and Tom Lichtenheld, this interactive workshop will demonstrate how literacy and math can come together in a playful way with inspiration from nature.

8:00 – 9:00	Catered Hot Breakfast and Registration
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome
9:05 – 9:15	Preschool Reads! Launch and Book Giveaway
9:15 – 11:15	Diane Kashin
11:15 – 11:30	Break and Networking
11:30 – 12:30	Diane Kashin
12:30 – 12:45	Closing Remarks and Evaluation

Come early and enjoy a hot breakfast catered by Fraberts of Fergus. A variety of gluten free and dairy free options will be available.

The first 40 Childcare or Agency sites to register will receive a free copy of **Nature Preschools and Forest Kindergartens** by David Sobel, so register early!

Participants will receive a bag with resources. There will be draws for door prizes and sets of Preschool Reads! books!



Diane Kashin Ed.D, RECE

Diane is a registered early childhood educator who worked in the sector for a number of years before teaching early childhood education at both the degree and the diploma level. Diane is currently teaching at Ryerson University. Diane earned a Masters and Doctorate of Education from OISE/UofT and her doctoral thesis: *Reaching the Top of the Mountain: The Impact of Emergent Curriculum on the Practice and Self-Image of Early Childhood Educators* was published in 2009. Diane has co-written two textbooks with Pearson Canada. *Playing and Learning in Early Childhood Education* (2012) and *Empowering Pedagogy* (2016). Diane is the chair of the York Region Nature Collaborative and a co-researcher with a Lawson Foundation funded project on outdoor play. Diane authors a blog to support professional learning in early childhood education: <http://tecribresearch.wordpress.com> and is very active on Facebook and Twitter.

PLAY Conference Registration

Mail completed form and payment to register. **All participants from one childcare/agency site can be listed on the same sheet.** You will receive email confirmation once your payment has been received. Space is **limited to 100 participants** so register early. Please type or print clearly.

Wee Read c/o Stacey McNabb
 Groves Memorial Community Hospital
 235 Union St. East,
 Fergus, ON, N1M 1W3

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$20.00 per participant (Before September 2, 2016)

Registration Fee: \$30.00 per participant (After September 2, 2016)

Please make cheque or money order payable to **Groves Memorial Community Hospital**

Number of Participants:		Total fee enclosed:	
Name(s): (If not all names will fit, please attach another sheet)			
Childcare/Agency:			
Childcare/Agency Site Address:			
Email Address:			
Telephone:			

Registration and payments will be accepted until September 23, 2016. No refunds will be available after confirmation has been sent.

For more information, please contact Tina Gute Bowering, SLP at 519-843-5331 x3289 or tbowering@gmch.fergus.net.

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