

# Moving Your Small Group Reading Instruction Beyond Guided Reading: Maximizing Every Student's Reading Success (Grades 3-6)



A Unique One-Day In-Person Seminar Presented by

## Julie Wright

Author of *What Are You Grouping For? How to Guide Small Groups Based on Readers – Not the Book* (Corwin)

Specifically Designed for Grades 3-6: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Special Education Staff, Title I Staff, and Administrators

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**Innovative strategies** to moving your small group reading instruction beyond guided reading to better meet the needs of readers in grades 3-6

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**Efficient, effective and equitable strategies** to maximize every student's reading success

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**Dozens of practical ideas** to launch and sustain a variety small group learning experiences that you can use immediately

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**Proven practices and protocols** for hosting small groups in ways that increase student engagement and independence

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### New York

**Albany (Troy) – January 28**

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(Plainview)

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CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
See page 6 for details

### CAN'T ATTEND?

Order the recorded version and take the seminar online at your convenience (see page 6)

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

"Julie is the literacy coach and presenter every teacher wishes for. She's full of practical ideas."



## Who Should Attend

Grades 3-6: Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Special Education Staff, Title I Staff, and Administrators

### 1. **Learn Practical Strategies for Moving Your Small Group Reading Instruction Beyond Guided Reading**

Learn an expanded range of small group options for more effectively targeting the diverse instructional needs and interests of readers in grades 3-6

### 2. **Combat the Challenges of Small Group Reading**

Learn highly effective ways to address the challenges of launching and sustaining small group reading

### 3. **Expand Your Range of Options for Small Group Learning**

Explore different options to launch small group learning that can be used anytime throughout the school year

### 4. **Redesign Your Learning Environment to Prioritize Small Group Meeting Spaces**

Think creatively about the spaces you have available and design them to maximize small group learning opportunities

### 5. **Utilize Authentic, On-the-Spot Data for Making Grouping Decisions**

Refine your kidwatching skills through note taking templates and student surveys in order to create small group learning experiences

### 6. **Accelerate Progress for Striving Readers**

Adjust the structure of your small group reading lessons to better target specific learning needs and intensify learning for students who need some extra support

### 7. **Learn How and When to Pivot and Switch Up Groups Regularly**

Learn how to pivot, or change up groups regularly, to better meet students' individual and collective needs and interests

### 8. **Implement Teacher-Led and Student-Led Small Groups**

Explore ways to increase the frequency and duration of small group learning experiences by creating teacher-led and student-led small groups

### 9. **Uncover and Curate Texts that Students in Grades 3-6 Want to Read**

Expand your knowledge of short and long texts that stoke students' curiosities, inquiries, passions, and interests

### 10. **Receive a Reading Instruction Resource Handbook**

You'll leave this seminar with new knowledge and a resource handbook packed with valuable tips, tools, strategies, and protocols with ready-to-use examples of small group learning opportunities that can be put into action immediately

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Practical ways to move beyond guided reading** to better address the instructional needs and interests of readers in grades 3-6
- **Proven strategies** to positively impact your reading instruction
- **20+ different small group types** to launch small group learning that can be used anytime throughout the school year
- **Small group schedules** that can be used to jumpstart and sustain flexible and responsive small groups
- **How to redesign the spaces you have available** to maximize small group learning opportunities
- **Time-efficient ways to gather** on-the-spot data for making grouping decisions
- **How to pivot, or change up small groups regularly**, to meet students' individual and collective wants and needs
- **Ways to increase the frequency and duration of small group learning experiences** by creating teacher-led and student-led small groups
- **Short and long texts that stoke students' curiosities, inquiries, passions, and interests** that can be used with small groups regularly
- **New tips, tools and templates** to increase small group learning experiences that are responsive to students' wants and needs



*"Julie has all the right experience as a classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, and coach - together with an amazing depth of research-based knowledge."*

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

Intermediate grade readers don't need to be guided as much as they need to be engaged. In this outstanding **NEW** seminar, experienced teacher, literacy coach and author, **Julie Wright** will share a multitude of highly practical solutions for doing just that using small groups that will take your reading instruction beyond guided reading with students in grades 3-6. Julie will share practical tools, classroom examples and actionable steps essential for more effectively starting, sustaining and mastering the management of small groups with intermediate level readers.

You'll learn the five teacher moves that work together to more effectively support intermediate grade students' reading independence through small group learning – kidwatching, pivoting, assessing, curating, and planning. Throughout the seminar, Julie will provide numerous examples to guide you and your students toward greater success. Julie will empower you with essential tools to ensure that your readers are doing the reading, thinking, and doing – not you. From must-have beginning-of-the-year strategies to step-by-step advice for implementation, Julie will break down the processes that support small groups to help create more effective reading instruction with students in grades 3-6.

***You will leave the seminar having a clearer understanding of how to initiate and sustain a diverse variety of flexible, responsive small groups to maximize your intermediate grade students' reading success. You'll have an abundance of ideas that can be implemented immediately.***



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Julie Wright



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**JULIE WRIGHT** is an experienced classroom teacher, reading specialist, instructional coach, and a National Board Certified Teacher in literacy. With more than 25 years of experience teaching, coaching and consulting nationally across K-12 classrooms in urban, suburban and rural settings, Julie understands the importance of efficient, effective and equitable reading instruction for ALL students. Julie is the author of *Moving Your Small Group Reading Instruction Beyond Guided Reading: Maximizing Every Student's Reading Success (Grades 3-6)*, the extensive resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. Additional authorships include *What Are You Grouping For? How to Guide Small Groups Based on Readers – Not the Book* (Corwin). Julie's seminars are practical, inspiring and filled with ready-to-use tips, tools and templates that can be used to support and respond to ALL your students.

Dear Colleague:

Do you want to combat the challenges of small groups and focus on ways to launch and sustain flexible, small groups that result in greater success with readers in grades 3-6? Do you want to learn how to make grouping decisions and learn to pivot, or switch up groups regularly so that you are more responsive to students' needs? And, are you ready to explore reflection rituals and routines that will nudge you to look back in order to plan forward with a focus on student success? If so, I invite you to join me for this dynamic day of learning that is packed with tips, tools and practical ideas and strategies that you can implement immediately following this seminar.

I will share efficient, effective and equitable strategies to maximize every student's reading success. We will focus on launching and sustaining small group learning experiences that go beyond guided reading needs to better position ourselves to create more responsive, engaging small group learning experiences.

Hosting small, flexible groups requires us to be brave and step out of our comfort zone because it debunks everything we've learned about staying within the "levels" and organizing teacher-led groups. Instead, it's about prioritizing using short and long texts that will ignite students' interests and curiosities and often giving students opportunities to lead their own small group learning. Together we will look beyond the reading level of a book and find other important reasons for creating small group learning opportunities to help students hit their reading stride.

***You'll leave with numerous strategies and ideas you can use right away to strengthen reading instruction for grades 3-6.***

Sincerely,

Julie Wright

P.S. You will receive a **resource handbook** filled with valuable tips, tools, strategies, and protocols with ready-to-use examples of small group learning opportunities that are applicable in both remote/digital and face-to-face settings and can be put into action immediately.

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# What Your Colleagues Say About Julie Wright

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*"Julie is **a master presenter**. She has a warm disposition and welcoming demeanor that makes trying new things a low-risk opportunity – teachers love learning with her!"*

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*"Julie has given us the powerful tools that has resulted in a change in teacher mindset and **more effective reading instruction**."*

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*"Julie is **an outstanding presenter** who has a strong command of content, but more importantly, a passion for teaching and learning."*

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*"Julie's enthusiasm and energy for igniting joyful readers is contagious. The strategies and processes she uses with staff models exquisite instruction and engages all participants."*

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*"Julie's seminar presentation was **very informative** on ways to expand guided reading to incorporate students' interests and needs."*



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*"Julie is **AMAZING!** I appreciate all of the ideas she shared that I will be able to start using tomorrow!"*

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*"Julie presented a very **motivational and inspirational seminar!**"*

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*"This is **one of the best seminars I have attended** on how to conduct small groups."*

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*"Julie made it not seem overwhelming and **helped to break it down in to things we could try a little bit at a time.**"*

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*"Julie is **very knowledgeable** and she provided us with key information, why it works and examples to follow. She was also available for questions and feedback, which was great!"*

# Special Benefits of Attending



"Julie's ability to inspire both teachers and coaches is unlike anything I have ever experienced. In my 15 years in education, I have never learned as much about literacy as I have with Julie."

## On-Site Training

Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district in-person or online. See the options at [www.ber.org/onsite](http://www.ber.org/onsite) or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.

## Extensive Reading Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive reading digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies before, during and after the seminar. The handbook includes:

- Tips, tools, strategies, and protocols for creating flexible and responsive small groups that will maximize student growth
- Dozens of practical ideas that can be adopted or adapted to meet your small group learning goals
- Numerous grouping ideas, along with sample schedules, that will positively impact your small groups
- Templates and tools to elevate your planning routines to increase small group learning experiences that are responsive to students' wants and needs
- Ready-to-use ideas for increasing small group learning experiences

**For in-person seminars, registrants will also receive a printed copy of the resource handbook as long as their registration is received in the BER office at least 15 calendar days before the event..**

## Consultation Available

Julie Wright will be available to answer your specific questions and the unique needs of your own reading program.

## Meet Inservice Requirements / Earn State CEUs

Participants of In-Person and those completing the Recorded Version online can receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify five continuing education hours. For details about state CEUs available, visit [www.ber.org/ceus](http://www.ber.org/ceus)

## Earn One to Four Graduate Semester Credits



Up to four graduate level professional development credits are available with an additional fee and completion of follow-up practicum activities. Details for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at this program.

## Can't Attend?

### Other Professional Development Options:



#### Recorded Version of the Seminar

A video recorded version of this seminar will be available to take online at your convenience. You'll have access to the entire course and to the extensive digital resource handbook. Optional CEUs and graduate credit available.

To enroll, see registration form on page 7.



#### Related On-Demand Online Courses

Related On Demand Video-Based Online Learning courses, *Using Guided Reading to Strengthen Students' Reading Skills*, for Grades K-3 and Grades 3-6, and other literacy-related courses, are available for immediate registration.

To enroll, visit [www.ber.org/online](http://www.ber.org/online)

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## Registration (RGW2W1)

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—or—
6. **I'd like to order the recorded version of this seminar**

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Fee includes seminar registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook. The fee is the same for In-Person Seminars or Recorded Seminars.

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## Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations

Seminars will be held at the following sites:

- Albany: Hilton Garden Inn – Troy, (518) 272-1700
- Cherry Hill: Aloft Hotel – Mt. Laurel (856) 234-1880
- Long Branch: American Hotel – Freehold, (732) 431-3220
- Long Island: Four Points by Sheraton – Plainview, (516) 694-6500
- Newark: The Wilshire Grand Hotel – West Orange, (973) 731-7007

If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.

## Cancellation/Substitutions:

100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the seminar. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

## Further Questions

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