



Adolescent Literacy Leadership Forum
Leading for Literacy

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Breakout Session: Creating a Framework for School-wide Literacy Excellence

Constructing and sustaining a literacy-rich environment requires a focus on instruction, professional development, and leadership. To transition from the belief that teachers only teach content to one where they embed literacy strategies to foster learning of content requires a major philosophical shift. The building leader is central to helping this shift occur. Supportive strategies to help teachers make this critical change will be explored.

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