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Is Poetry Part of the 21st Century Learning?

with Graham Foster

Date: **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

Venue: **River Glen School, CARC Suite**

Time: **9:00 am - 3:30 pm**

Address: **4210 59 St., Red Deer**

Cost: **\$30**

Lunch: **Lunch is Included**

This session is made possible through a grant from Alberta Education

Who should attend?

Grades 4 - 9

About the session:

Proponents of 21st century learning challenge teachers to emphasize real-world text forms such as blogs and photo essays. This session will argue that while poetry is as important to 21st century learners as to their predecessors, educators should take a 21st century approach to poetry. Specific topics, all 21st century learning themes, include:

- An inquiry approach to poetry reading
- Use of familiar texts (especially cartoons and comic strips) to help students understand poetic structure
- Instruction in strategies used by successful readers of poetry
- Emphasis on student selection and sharing of favorite poems
- Oral interpretation and media interpretations of poetry
- Expanding our sense of poetic meaning to include emotional response and personal connections as well as theme
- Working with a meaning-centered approach to literary terminology

About the facilitator:

Graham Foster now works as a private consultant and writer. The author of more than a dozen books, Graham uses on-going classroom work to refine practical instructional strategies for teachers and students.

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