



## ***“Tools for Success in Literacy”***

**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

**Kirk Bear Canyon Library,**

**8959 E Tanque Verde Road, Tucson AZ 85749**

**9:30 a.m. – 4-00 p.m.**

**Presentation by Nancy Hennessy**

Nancy Hennessy, M.Ed. is an experienced general and special education teacher, administrator, and consultant. She holds an undergraduate degree in psychology, a graduate degree in special education, and has completed advanced studies in administration. Nancy has developed and delivered presentations that have been presented nationally and internationally.

### **Do you wonder...**

Why some children don't learn to read as easily as others?

But even more importantly, why do they not understand what they have read?

There **ARE** answers! **Join us to share this important information!**

*This presentation is **FREE** to all educators, teachers, parents and individuals who want to know why some people struggle with reading comprehension and how they can help.*

*To allow us to make the best seating arrangements, please call (408) 629 4461 or e-mail [mwennersten2@cox.net](mailto:mwennersten2@cox.net) to reserve a space. (ALL ARE WELCOME!)*

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**Key Note Speaker (Sessions 1 & 2): Nancy Hennessy**

**Session 1**                      **9:30 am – 11:45 am**

### ***Literacy Construction Zone: Tools for the Effective Educator***

Learning to read is every child’s right yet many, such as the dyslexic student, struggle to acquire reading proficiency. What will it take to create informed literacy environments for all struggling readers in Arizona? We can begin by listening to the “voice of evidence” to build a knowledge base that connects research to informed educational practice. If our children have a right to read, then we have the responsibility to possess all the tools necessary to achieve this goal.

**LUNCH 11:45 am -1:00 pm** A useful time to network with people from other areas of the State!

*(You may bring a sack lunch or join a new friend at a local restaurant nearby)*

**Session 2**                      **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

### ***Plumbing the Depths of Reading Comprehension***

Comprehension is complex and complicated! An understanding of the nature of this construct is critical to informed design and delivery of instruction for all readers, but particularly for those who struggle. This session will engage educators in not only thinking about how to teach comprehension but also how their knowledge of definition, contributory factors, and language processing levels connects to instructional methods.

**Session 3**                      **2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

### ***What parents can do to support comprehension at home***

**Session 4**                      **3:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

### ***Question and answer session***

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