**Far West Regional Workshop Offerings Spring 2017**

**All courses are FREE**

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**Deciphering Complex Texts: A Closer Look at Rigorous Reading Strategies**

Based on the book Rigorous Reading by Nancy Frey and Doug Fisher, participants will be given the opportunity to practice instructional strategies to teach reading comprehension of complex and informational texts. Participants will: examine instructional videos which model best practices with complex textual readings; apply instructional scaffolds which assist students as they read complex text; review protocols for close reading which support students citing evidence and rationales for their writing; and practice modeling how students must interact with texts. Book will be provided. Applicable to all grades and contents. 20 person maximum. 20 hours of CTLE credit.

Instructors: Elaine Ablove and Cheryl Herman, eablove@ktufsd.org, cherman@onboces.org

Dates: January 30 – March 2, ONLINE (no set times to login but you must adhere to schedule of due dates for assignments)

**Collaborating on Documents in Real-time w/OneDrive**

Microsoft Office 2016 has improved their collaboration features so multiple authors can work on a document in real time. You can share a document in OneDrive and view who is working on it, and even get a link to send others for easy access to the document. We will discuss track changes in Word and comments in all Office documents. Participants will then share work and experience turning track-changes on/off, adding/deleting comments, and some basic formatting techniques. 20 person maximum.

Instructor: Jill Robinson, catcdirector@crcs.wnyric.org

Dates: February 1 – 3, February 1 will be a synchronous on-line meeting from 6pm – 7pm; completion of 2 additional hours of work through February 3. 3 hours of CTLE credit.

Requirements:  Computer with Office 365 and ability to access OneDrive account along with Word, Power Point, and Excel

**Get Ready for the 2017 Great American Eclipse**

On Monday, August 21, 2017 the shadow of the moon will pass across the US making a line from Oregon to South Carolina. August 21, 2017 is going to be a BIG deal, and we want to help you get ready. It is estimated that 50 million people will be able to witness “totality” for a few minutes as the moon completely blocks the sun. While Western New Yorkers will only be able to witness a partial eclipse, it will still be remarkable as about 75% of the sun will be obscured by the moon. Join us to learn about how eclipses happen, what to expect, and safe methods for viewing the eclipse. We want to empower you to become eclipse experts so that you can prepare your students to make the most of this remarkable event. **In this Make-And-Take workshop you will make a viewer to safely view the eclipse--great Makerspace Project!** 2 hours of CTLE credit.

Instructors: Mark Percy and Dr. Kevin Williams

Date: Thursday, April 20, 4:30-6:30pm

Location: SUNY/Buffalo State’s Ferguson Planetarium

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