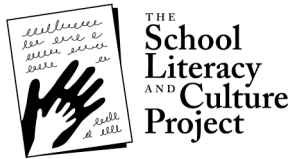


There was once a velveteen rabbit, and in the beginning he was really splendid. ----- There are little ones just like you all over the world.



The School Literacy and Culture Project  
at Rice University's Center for Education  
is proud to present:

## Eight Books that Will Change a Young Child's Life: A Summer Institute on the Uses of Children's Literature

**When:**  
July 21 – 23, 2009  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:**  
Center for Education Offices  
5615 Kirby  
Houston, TX 77005

**Cost:**  
\$495 per participant  
*(Two or more teachers from the same  
school will pay \$375 each.)*

Quality children's literature has been a staple of early childhood classrooms for years. Increasingly, however, time and curricular constraints limit its effective use. This three-day institute will inspire participants to rise above these challenges in order to maximize the role that good books play in the lives of children in preschool and primary classrooms.

Mornings will take a seminar approach to investigate books that impact young children's social, emotional, and cognitive development from eight perspectives: psychosocial, language, narrative, mathematical, scientific, historical and cultural, difference, and aesthetic. Afternoons will feature a workshop format in which participants explore a wide variety of books, learn to recognize great children's authors, and develop meaningful extension activities.

Sample questions to be explored:

- What makes a read-aloud successful? For the pre-kindergartner? The second grader?
- How can I most effectively integrate multicultural literature into my curriculum?
- What is the relationship between reading aloud and learning to read?
- How do I incorporate each of the eight perspectives into my classroom?

The institute welcomes early childhood educators, literacy specialists, librarians, administrators, and parents. Limited scholarships are available (contact Karen at [kcapo@rice.edu](mailto:kcapo@rice.edu)). CEUs are available for purchase through Rice University. On-campus housing is available at nominal cost.

### Institute leaders

#### Patsy Cooper

Dr. Cooper is a faculty member in early childhood education and early literacy at New York University. She publishes on children's literature, reading and writing education, and pedagogy. Her book The Classrooms All Young Children Need: Lessons in Teaching from Vivian Paley is forthcoming.

#### Julie Watkins

Ms. Watkins has been the school librarian at Harford Day School in Bel Air, Maryland for almost twenty years. Her extensive knowledge of current, modern, and classic children's literature informs her creative collaborations with classroom teachers around the uses of children's books in the classroom and library.

Patsy Cooper and Julie Watkins are co-writing a book called Eight Books That Will Change a Young Child's Life: Reading to Know and to Learn.

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Harry was a white dog with black spots who liked everything... except getting a bath. ----- Good night bears. Good night chairs.

----- And she came. Soft and silent she swooped through the trees to Sarah and Percy and Bill. ----- It's okay to dance by yourself. ----- Jack be nimble, Jack be quick. -----

----- He found his supper waiting for him and it was still hot. ----- Over in the meadow in the sand and the sun lived an old mother turtle and her little turtle one. -----