

**District 2 Fall Meeting Agenda**  
**September 26, 2023**  
**Amarillo Public Library – Downtown**  
**FINAL**

**8:00-9:00**            **Conference Registration and Light Breakfast**

**9:00-9:30**            **Opening Remarks from TLA Representative Wendy Woodland**

**9:30-10:00**         **District 2 Report and Business Meeting**

**10:00-12:00**        **Session I: *The Joy of Reading* by Donalyn Miller**

Donalyn Miller, award-winning teacher and author of *The Book Whisperer*, *Reading in the Wild*, and *Game Changer: Book Access for All Kids*, presents *The Joy of Reading*. Avid adult readers find reading personally meaningful and enjoyable. While motivation and engagement remain important factors influencing young people's reading development, prioritizing joyful reading eludes many school communities. Why does reading enjoyment matter? What components foster reading joy? In this session, Donalyn Miller will frame the importance of reading joy and share practical ideas and resources that offer students positive reading experiences.

**12:00-1:00**         **Break for Lunch**

**1:00-2:00**            **Session II: *You Make a Difference!* by Tom Krause**

With more than 23 years of national speaking experience, retired educator and 25-time contributing author to the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series Tom Krause presents *You Make a Difference!* This heart-warming, humorous presentation is designed to help you combat negativity by making you feel appreciated and motivated for the difference you make in the lives of patrons you serve. Tom served as a coach and teacher in Missouri's public schools for 31 years. He is also the author of *Touching Hearts-Teaching Greatness*, *The Little Boy's Smile*, *TEENAGERS - You Will Make It!*, *Who Takes Care of the Caretakers?*, and *A Christmas Lesson*. School, academic, and public librarians will all benefit from this inspiring presentation.

**2:00-2:45**            **Session III: *There's 1A in Library* by Leslie Whitaker & Bruce Wardlow**

Leslie Whitaker, library director for Claude ISD, and Bruce Wardlow, OER Librarian at West Texas A&M University's Cornette Library, present *There's 1A in Library*. In the spring of 2023, Cornette Library at WTAMU hosted 50 junior and senior high school students from Claude High School, a local 1A high school, as a pilot program to build relationships not just between the university library and the school library, but between West Texas A&M University and those local students. These students received library instruction, the opportunity to use University library resources, a free lunch, and a campus tour. This pilot program involved multiple University departments, and the teacher was given the opportunity to check books out for classroom use. Come learn about the lessons learned through this pilot program and how your school can get involved.

**2:45-3:00**            **Door Prizes and Closing Remarks**