

# SDCTE ECHO

South Dakota Council of Teachers of English

**Happy 2021-22 School Year!**

September 2021



## **From the President's Desk!**

**Welcome back to school SDCTE Membership!**

Just a few quick notes about what has been happening with SDCTE since May and what we have in store for the 2021-22 school year!

**Summer YOUNiversity 2021 was a huge success!** We hosted 14 educators from our state in an 8-week course focusing on the WWII Japanese American Incarceration Camps. We read four books

that could easily be turned into a whole unit of literature circles. We built an extensive unit using primary sources and a variety of teaching methods. (All of these resources are behind the Membership Wall on [sdcte.org](http://sdcte.org).) We met Traci Chee (*We Are Not Free*) and Kiku Hughes (*Displacement*) online and visited with them about their books. I cannot put into words the relationships that were built and the new friendships that were made from this summer's experience. I truly enjoy reading, discussing, and learning about difficult history with our Summer YOUiversity participants. I have been sad at the closing of each session that I won't be able to hang out with my friends every week and talk about books. I would strongly encourage everyone to join us next year and bring a friend or two!

**Fall Conference will be held in Deadwood, SD on Sept. 9-11, 2021.** We will honor our 2020 Author of the Year, VJ Smith. He will also be our Friday morning keynote speaker. The schedule is posted on the link I have below. It is not too late to join us! Bring a teacher friend or two and come spend the weekend in the Black Hills! We will host the annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 am Mountain Time. We will send a Zoom link to the paid membership on Friday, Sept. 10. We will need to vote on a new VP and a few other items. Please be sure to pay your dues to receive the Zoom link. You cannot be a voting member without being a member in good standing.

**Membership fees for the 2021-22 school year are due.** Anyone who is not a new member from Summer YOUiversity 2021 will need to make sure to renew your membership before the conference. The yearly membership is \$30. See the information below about what your dues paid for last year! If you are unsure about your membership status, please email [sdcte.echo@gmail.com](mailto:sdcte.echo@gmail.com), and we will help you.

**We are working on our 2021-22 member gatherings and professional development opportunities.** We will have more information and specifics at Fall Conference; however, the board would like to share that we will host a three-part fall PD series on graphic novels, a spring semester PD book study that will start in January, and Summer YOUiversity 2022! We will be giving CEU hours for each PD session that we host. The spring semester book study and Summer YOUiversity will be eligible for graduate credit or CEUs. The board is also looking to host regional in-person events. We have an exciting year in the works for you!

I want you all to know that I am grateful for your friendship and our SDCTE community. I have grown as a person, educator, and professional in my time as your president! I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for our group. If you love this group as much as I do, be sure to tell a friend or three and help get them excited to join us! You never know how far our ECHO can reach! I hope this finds you all adjusting to your beginning of the year routine. As always if you have questions, comments, concerns, or good ideas, do not hesitate to reach out! The SDCTE board is always looking for new ideas and ways to help our SD ELA community.

Have a great weekend!  
Listening for your echoes,  
Corrine Kallemeyn

PS. This will be the last newsletter/SDCTE update you will receive without being a member in good standing. Don't miss out on what SDCTE has in store for you this year! :)

# LEARNING WITH OUR STUDENTS: GROWING AS TEACHERS

SDCTE/SCASD Fall Conference  
September 9-11, 2021  
Deadwood, SD

## Event Information

### SDCTE/SCASD Conference: Learning with Our Students: Growing as Teachers

There is still time to sign up! We would love for you to join us!

Check out the Google Site for Registration Information!

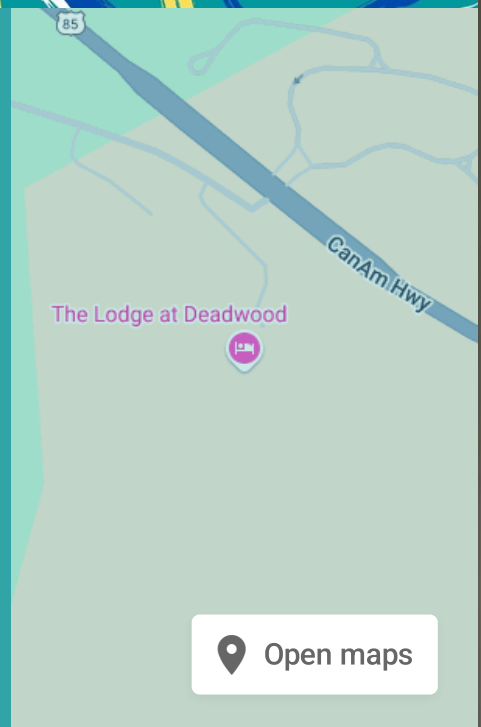
<https://sites.google.com/k12.sd.us/sdctescasd-deadwood-conference/home>

When?

**Thursday, Sep 9, 2021, 07:30 PM**

Where?

**The Lodge at Deadwood, Pine Crest Lane, Deadwood, SD, USA**



## VJ Smith - SDCTE 2020 Author of the Year and Friday's Opening Session Speaker

Author of *The Richest Man in Town*, *Can You Hear What I See*, and *Jackrabbit Tales*, V.J. Smith has been a professional speaker for more than twenty years.

A 1978 graduate of South Dakota State University, Smith spent the decade of the 1980s working for the Allied Signal Aerospace Company in Kansas City, MO. He returned to his alma mater in 1990 to serve as Assistant Athletic Director for the SDSU athletic program where he was later appointed Executive Director of the SDSU Alumni Association where he worked from 1996-2007.

Smith is currently a South Dakota Senator for District 7.

Website: <https://www.vj-smith.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VJSmith4/>

### What has your SDCTE membership paid for since June 2020?

- Summer YOUNiversity. SY focuses on reading and teaching books that deal with difficult history. Our 2020 SY focused on the Holocaust with books by Patrick Hicks and Eva Kohr. We visited with Patrick and Eva's son through Zoom. Our 2021 SY focused on WW II Japanese American Incarceration Camps with books by Monica Hesse, George Takei, Kiku Hughes, and Tracie Chee. We were able to visit with Kiku and Traci this summer.
- Our newsletter has returned with a new name - SDCTE ECHO. You never know how far your ECHO will reach. We are using a new digital format.
- SDCTE.org was launched! If you haven't checked the resources we are building on the website, you should! There are so many great lesson plans and videos for our members to share with their students.
- We hosted an online conference with presenters from all over the world!
- We hosted a variety of online sessions throughout the course of the year. Topics ranged from having civil discourse in our classrooms to learning about ProjectLit and Hope in a Box and visiting with both of their founders, and nurturing the love of books by our example - just to name a few.
- We hosted our first professional development book study and visited with Dave Stuart, Jr. twice. His book *These Six Things* is a must-read for educators (and not just English teachers).
- We started a Twitter account @SDCTEnglish!
- Our Facebook Group and Page have gained more followers. @SD English Teachers (SDCTE)
- We had a fun night of laughs with comedian Devin Seibold who is also the host of Crying in My Car: A Podcast for Teachers.



You won't want to miss what we have in store for 2021-22!



### Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

Not a Member? Join at [SDCTE.org](https://sdcte.org)!



## 2021-22 Membership

As we continue to look at our group and learn ways to connect and share lessons, content, and expertise with the ELA teachers in South Dakota, we are no longer tying membership to the fall conference fee. This year's membership fee is \$30.

We are working on a lineup for fall starting in Sept. and ending in Nov. Each of these one-hour sessions will earn participants one CEU credit. We are working on a professional development book study to begin in January. We will host Summer YOUNiversity 2022 beginning in June 2022! Your membership also gives you access to our wide list of resources and videos from Summer YOUNiversity 2020 and 2021!

You can join or renew your membership and order SDCTE merchandise at this link:

<https://sdcteecho.eventsmart.com/events/sdcte-conference-membership-2021/>



## The Latest Information about NCTE 2021 in Louisville!

<https://convention.ncte.org/2021-convention/registration-3/>

Unfortunately, NCTE 2021 Annual Convention was moved to an online-only format. Please use the link above for more information. The ALAN conference will also be online-only. The SDCTE Board is disappointed, but we hope some of you still take advantage of this great opportunity to learn from ELA educators from around the world.

## Quick Reads

### Creating Lifelong Readers: A Supportive Classroom Culture

Author: Suzanne Lipshaw

March 8, 2020

<https://www.leaderinme.org/blog/creating-lifelong-readers/>

### How Novice and Expert Teachers Approach Classroom Management Differently

By Youki Terada

August 13, 2021

A 2021 study reveals the ways in which new and experienced teachers think about discipline—plus 6 takeaways for managing your classroom effectively this year.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-novice-and-expert-teachers-approach-classroom-management-differently>

# YA Books Make Us Feel Safe to Be Who We Really Are

BY JASON REYNOLDS

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<https://time.com/collection/100-best-ya-books/6085059/jason-reynolds-ya-books>

## NCTE Resources

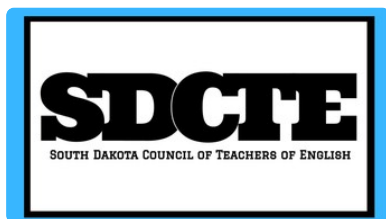
### Classroom Libraries - NCTE Official Position

After some discussions during Summer YOUiversity 2021, the SDCTE Board wants to share the official NCTE position on classroom libraries. Remember should you need resources to help support your classroom practices, NCTE has a number of official position papers on a variety of policy issues that you can share with your administration, curriculum directors, and school board.

<https://ncte.org/statement/classroom-libraries/>

### Statement on Independent Reading - NCTE Official Position Statement

<https://ncte.org/statement/independent-reading/>



#### About SDCTE

SDCTE is the South Dakota affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), a professional association of Educators in English Studies, Literacy, and Language Arts. We strive to foster collegiality with English teachers across South

Dakota, to enrich our members' teaching through the exchange of ideas, and to stimulate professional development.

What do we offer?

- Networking among language arts professionals at all levels, kindergarten through college
- A quarterly newsletter to communicate with our members
- An annual conference where members grow professionally by attending and presenting on the current educational issues

SDCTE supports ELA teachers from all levels of education: Pre-K to Post Secondary. SDCTE works to help teachers find the resources they need to create and teach the best lessons possible and to build each other up through collaboration.

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