

Developing Flexible Decoders: Preparing Students to Read Beyond Controlled Text



PRESENTED BY

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SERIES SESSIONS

Date	Time
October 07, 2026	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM



LOCATION

Online

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Learning Opportunity

Target audience: K-3 educational assistants, instructional leaders, pre-service teachers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

English is a complex language, and becoming a fluent reader requires cognitive flexibility. Students must learn to blend sounds, while also flexing between possibilities to find words that make sense. Early on, this flexibility develops in small ways—such as trying more than one sound for a letter—and is best supported through decodable texts that offer carefully controlled practice. As students progress, they need opportunities to move beyond highly controlled texts and apply flexible word-solving skills in more authentic reading. In this workshop, teachers will delve into how the English language works, learn practical strategies for building flexible decoding skills, and explore how to choose the right texts at different stages of instruction.

Presenters

Lee-Ann Lear

Lee-Ann has spent over 20 years teaching in Ontario elementary schools. She has always been fascinated by the process of teaching reading and working with struggling readers. Throughout her career, she has sought experiences to help her grow her understanding of the current best practices in reading instruction. This journey has included Reading Recovery, Empower Reading, Orton-Gillingham, Structured Literacy, and, most recently, an exploration of Structured Word Inquiry. In 2022, Lee-Ann became certified by AOGPE at the Associate level. She has now resigned from teaching to focus on growing her company SyllaSense, where she writes and publishes decodable books and shares her knowledge of structured literacy.

through workshops and free teacher resources.

Registration Notes

This session will be recorded and available for 30 days.



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