

A Reading Leadership Team in Action: *Leading the Way in Classroom Research*

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Florida Virtual School

Overview of Florida Virtual School

- **Population:** Students and Staff
- **Course Offerings**
- **Structure:** Training/PD, Curriculum, Tech Support Instruction
- **Instructional Leaders/Schoolhouses**
- **Committees/Clubs**
- **Reading Leadership Team (RLT)**



Reading Leadership Team

- **Staff Conference Kick-Off Activity**
- **Strategy-a-Month**
- **Book Clubs**
- **Conferences**
- **Content Meeting and Schoolhouse Support**



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RLT Action-Research Projects

Donna Boles

Is there a need for online ESOL courses in Florida? Is there a need for smaller classes for the instructors of these courses?

Cindy Knoblauch

Does family involvement help students succeed in our sixth grade Language Arts class?

Jodi Marshall

Can participation in literature circles help our eighth grade online Language Arts students improve reading comprehension?



Action-Research Projects

Karen Sanderson

Will small group interaction through Elluminate sessions help students succeed in the nutrition module of the LMS course?

Meashell Steinwehr

Do weekly help sessions that include reading strategies, verbal reviews, and motivational techniques, help students successfully complete their Biology course?

Molly Trappe

What is the most effective resource for helping struggling readers tackle Shakespeare?



*What is the Most Effective Resource for Helping
Struggling Readers Tackle
Shakespeare?*

- 1. Problem Identification*
- 2. Plan of Action*
- 3. Data Collection*
- 4. Analysis of Data*
- 5. Plan for Future Action*



Online Resources

- **Action-Research International (journal)**
- **http://www.alliance.brown.edu/pubs/themes_ed/act_research.pdf (paper)**
- **http://www.newhorizons.org/strategies/action_research/front_action.htm (article)**
- **<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/sod/car/carhomepage.html> (school district)**



Recommended Texts

- Hubbard and Power: *Living the Questions: A Guide for Teacher-Researchers*
- Cochran-Smith and Lytle: *Inside/Outside: Teacher Research and Knowledge*
- Dana and Yendol-Silva: *The Reflective Educator's Guide to Classroom Research*



Getting Published

- **Read a variety of professional texts/journals**
- **Decide on an appropriate audience**
- **How is your piece unique?**
- **Writing the cover letter/proposal**
- **Planning/Time to Write**
- **Accept, Accept if, Reject**



Promoting Literacy School-wide

- **Recruiting**
- **Visibility**
- **Strategy**
- **Implementation**
- **Book Clubs**
- **Conferences**
- **Action-research**
- **Reading Course**
- **Reading Plan**
- **Virtual Voice**



Questions?

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