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**LITERACY SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
FOR STUDENTS WITH  
SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS

**A Landmark Midwest  
Educational Conference  
For  
Parents, Educators, Students**

**Saturday, November 3, 2007  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
UNL Nebraska Union Auditorium  
14th & R St, Lincoln, Nebraska**

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It would be difficult if your mind had to work this hard to decipher everything that you read. Would you not or be excited about literacy?

Literacy Skill Development for Students With  
Special Learning Needs  
A Strengths-Based Approach  
By Patricia Oelwein and Leslie Broun  
NEW BOOK JUST RELEASED

Packed with strength-based strategies and reinforcement activities for the acquisition/development of literacy skills designed for students with special learning needs, including Autism Spectrum Disorders and Down Syndrome! A valuable resource for teachers and parents. It embraces the basic tenets of Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Fundamental to this approach is the initial use of personal and meaningful vocabulary, making the reading process relevant to the students' experience. As their skills develop, their access to and participation in the school curriculum is facilitated.



## “WHAT HAPPENS HERE SHOULDN'T STAY HERE”

We believe that this conference will give you great tools to use in classrooms or at home regarding teaching reading. Most of us get busy, however, and these great books generally end up sitting on a shelf collecting dust within a few months. Our goal is for this conference to give everyone the appetite for more hands-on use and detailed information. The DSAF will be initiating a book club which will take an in-depth look at one chapter each month. Please look for details of this exciting post-conference networking opportunity.

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007

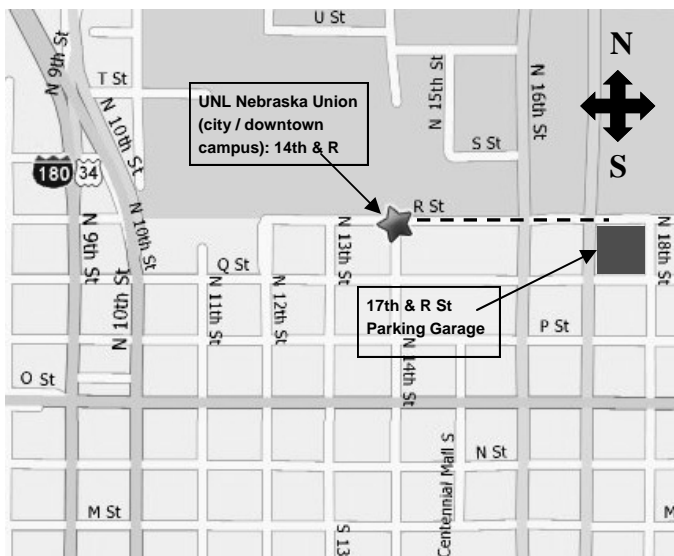
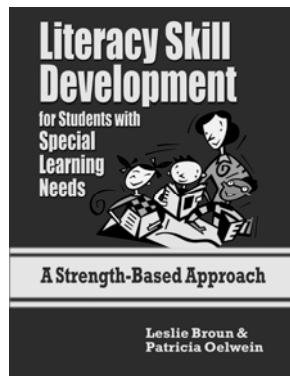
- 8-9 am : Registration
- 9 am : Conference Begins
- 10:15 am : Break #1 (15 minute)
- 12:00 pm : Lunch: Union Ballroom  
Keynote Lunch Speaker: Meredith Martin  
National Down Syndrome Congress Self-advocate  
“Learn to Live Then Live to Learn”
- 1:15 pm : Conference Resumes
- 2:30pm : Break #2 (15 minute)
- 4:00 pm : Conference Concludes
- 4:15 -5:30 pm : Book Signing with the Author
  - Both of Ms. Oelwein's books will be available for purchase
  - Information on DSAF Book Club

About the Author

### Patricia Logan Oelwein, M.Ed

- Pioneering author who developed an internationally recognized reading program (used in 15 countries) for children with special needs that can be used to effectively meet a child's unique learning needs and style
- Her unique reading program has been successfully "field tested" on thousands of children with moderate to severe disabilities, including Down syndrome and autism
- Served as a teacher, an outreach trainer, and program coordinator at the Center on Human Development and Disability, University of Washington from 1992-1997
- An international consultant, lecturer, and program developer for parents and teachers (currently developing an Birth-21 program in Saudi Arabia)
- Promotes a wonderful “Teaching versus Testing” philosophy

“Instead of setting goals for vertical growth (higher reading levels), [we should set] goals for horizontal growth. The student’s success in reading is measured by how it benefits him in building competencies and independence, which will result in improving his quality of life, self-confidence, and self-esteem.”



## REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Deadline: OCT 26

SEATING IS LIMITED to the FIRST 300 applicants

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

- Educator \$20
- Parent \$20
- College Student \$12

Ballroom Lunch Included in Registration Fee

Registration TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\* This is a GREEN conference. You may download the PowerPoint slides and other references on our website several weeks prior (hardcopy summaries included in your day-of conference packets).

- I would like to request a DSAF scholarship
  - Continuing Education Units have been applied for
- Return this form with payment TO:  
(please do not send cash through the mail)

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