

## When Reading is Hard: Supporting Vulnerable Readers to Make Sense of Disciplinary Text

**PRESENTED BY****Cris Tovani****SERIES SESSIONS**

Date	Time
May 08, 2017	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**LOCATION****Ramada Plaza Calgary Airport - 3515-26 Street NE****FEE****\$125.00****QUESTIONS?****Contact Us:**[crc-register@arpc.ab.ca](mailto:crc-register@arpc.ab.ca)[403-291-0967](tel:403-291-0967)**REGISTER ONLINE****Visit our website to register:**[crcpd.ab.ca](http://crcpd.ab.ca)

### Program

GRADES 7-9 TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

As students move through the grade levels the amount of academic reading increases and becomes more rigorous. Many students aren't always equipped with strategies to negotiate difficult text in all disciplines. During this day long workshop, Cris Tovani will share literacy strategies that will help students remember and reuse their reading so that they can flourish in your science, social, or even math classrooms. She will also model how she uses planning and assessment structures to adjust instruction to meet the needs of more students. Participants will examine current research and student work to decide how to make instructional shifts to address the wide range of reading abilities in subject areas classrooms.

### Presenters

#### Cris Tovani

taught elementary school for ten years before becoming a high school reading specialist and English teacher. She most recently worked with secondary English language learners from a high poverty district in Colorado that was in its fourth year of turnaround. In addition to teaching, she is a nationally known consultant focusing on issues of reading, content comprehension and assessment in secondary classrooms. Cris started her professional development work with Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC), the consortium that has received national acclaim

for its work in reading comprehension reform. Cris has been an adjunct professor at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver. She is the author of three books, *Read it but I Don't Get It, Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?* and *So, What do They Really Know?* Cris is also featured in three instructional DVDs that show her in action with adolescent readers. These DVDs *Thoughtful Reading, Comprehending Content, Talk to Me* are available through Stenhouse Publishers.

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