

*The Illinois Writing Project Invites You to a*  
**National Day on Writing Celebration**

**Mirrors Matter: Bolstering Writing Workshop  
with Culturally Relevant Mentor Texts**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**4:00-8:00PM**



**DINNER AND PRESENTATION**

Join us for this interactive presentation to learn more about the power and potential of multicultural and urban children's literature in helping children learn to write.

**ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER  
AT FITZGERALD'S IN BERWYN**



FitzGerald's  
6615 W. Roosevelt Rd.  
Berwyn, IL 60402

Just 3 blocks east of Oak Park Avenue  
at Clarence Ave. Exit from Rte. 290 at  
Harlem or Austin. Free Street Parking.

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Send a digital copy of your PO to  
IWP Director Steve Zemelman at:  
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**OCTOBER 26, 2017**  
**Registration at 4:00-4:30**  
**Dinner and Program to Follow**  
- Professionals: \$50  
- Students: \$30

**3 Professional Development Hours**

**FEATURED SPEAKER: JANE FLEMING**



The #WeNeedDiverseBooks movement has inspired widespread awareness about the need for "mirrors" and "windows" in our nation's classrooms – mirror books that reflect children's lives and experiences, and window books that offer views of the broader world. "Mirrors" especially help children feel included and connected in their classrooms. Research shows that such culturally relevant texts significantly impact reading and writing development.

**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Jane Fleming is a reading specialist with more than 20 years' experience working in urban public schools in Chicago, St. Louis, and Washington, DC. She is co-founder of KIDS LIKE US, a non-profit organization dedicated to children's literacy learning in urban schools. KIDS LIKE US advocates for culturally relevant instruction and access to books in which children can see themselves, their families, and their communities represented and valued.

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