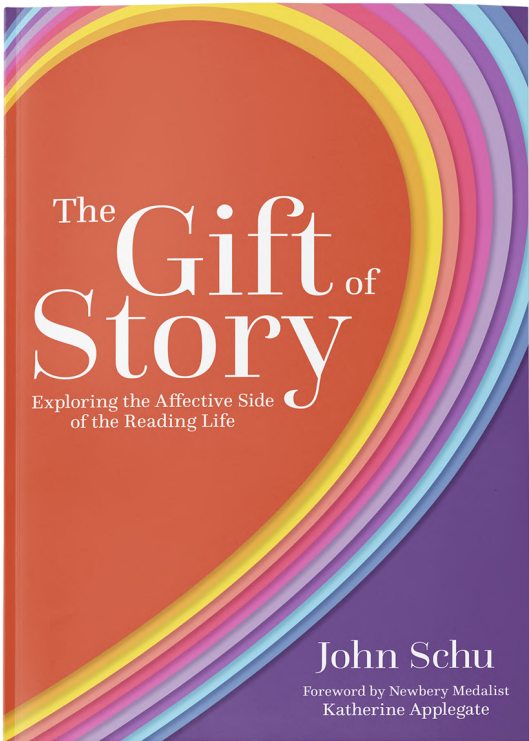


Professional Development Sessions



The Gift of Story:

Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life

Presented in-person, this 90 minute session studies the five affective elements of story — healer, inspiration, clarifier, compassion and connector. Participants will explore how the universal truths found in stories can change us, inspire the readers we support, connect readers to each other, answer our deepest questions, and promote healing. This program includes 25 copies of John Schu's new release - *The Gift of Story*.

From the Heart to the Classroom — John Schu's Best-Loved Books of 2023. Be inspired by John Schu as he shares some of the best new books with book trailers, websites, activities, and interviews you can easily incorporate into your school reading culture to increase reading motivation, stamina, and growth. This program is delivered in-person, is 90 minutes in length and includes a 50 book collection of children's books hand-picked by John Schu from 2022-2023.

These Professional Development events are geared towards librarians, literacy coaches, teachers, student teachers, and school administrators. Sessions can accommodate groups from 25 - 500.

About John Schu

John Schu is the author of *This Is a School*, illustrated by Veronica Miller Jamison, *This Is a Story*, illustrated by Caldecott Honor artist Lauren Castillo, and *The Gift of Story: Exploring the Affective Side of the Reading Life*. He's the children's librarian at Bookelicious and a part-time lecturer at Rutgers University. He has worked as a classroom teacher and school librarian. He travels all over the world visiting schools and meeting with students, teachers, and administrators as he advocates for the people and things he cares about most: kids, books, schools, and the libraries—and librarians—that connect them. John Schu lives in Naperville, Illinois.



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