



# BoulderReads! Spring Tutor Tips & Tidbits

A Program of the Boulder Public Library

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## Tutor Topic: The Writing Process and The Portfolio Project

### *BoulderReads! Events*

#### **Annual Student/Tutor Meeting**

*BoulderReads! is holding a series of annual meetings for our pairs working together and requests for you to choose **one** of the following dates to attend together.*

**March 30, 6:00-7:30**

**April 3, 10:30-12:00**

**April 7, 1:30-3:00**

*The staff will be covering many topics of importance besides preparing for the Reading Progress Celebration to be held on April 23, 2010. Please contact:*

*Eleanor Ryman at 303-441-4092 ex 1*

Writing today is viewed as both a process and product and develops in stages. In our tutor training, emphasis was placed on the major processes including prewriting, composing, revising, editing and publishing. Since we know that good readers tend to be good writers, tutors need to work in concert with their adult learners to improve both reading and writing skills. This year BoulderReads! will be assisting all tutors and students in compiling a portfolio of writing pieces, the product part of writing. Training will be held for tutors covering essential techniques for teaching writing, and designing balanced writing lessons through instruction in content and form. Student workshops will be offered on the characteristics of a good writer and self assessment using writing rubrics. Many new materials are being ordered and it is our hope that all students will not only compile a writing portfolio but also purchase one of the writing materials that we know would be helpful. As always, materials will be available for check out in limited quantities. **See page 2 for suggested materials and dates for workshops.**

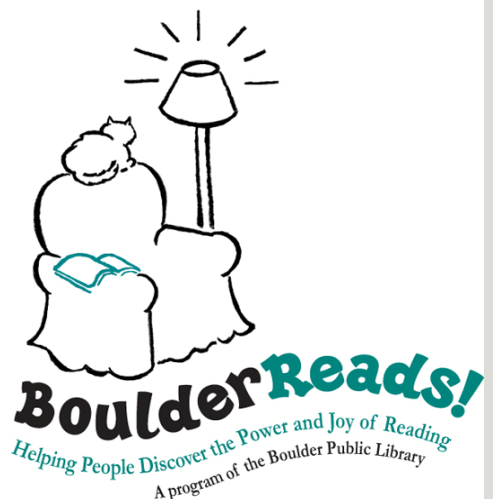
## BoulderReads! Computer Lab's New Look

We have redesigned our shelves to include a lot more tutor resources and a special tutor kiosk with everyday ideas for reading and writing instruction. There are even freebies for you to take!

For students we have added and categorized more chapter books, career and GED materials and a listening center.

Right now we have a featured area with the 2010 Census information. If you do not meet at the BPL, please access all this information at:

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)





# Colorado Council International Reading Association

## More on Writing

In February I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the CCIRA conference in Denver. I met with some well know authors and attended many of their inspiring writing workshops. Because of this positive experience I thought it would be good to spotlight the work of one of these authors, Ralph Fletcher. He has a great website on writing your *memoir*, a very relevant writing project for many of our students. Take a look at his website: [www.ralphfletcher.com](http://www.ralphfletcher.com) for added resources for guiding your student in this process. I have additional resources such as rubrics and a bibliography of sample memoirs.

[www.newsforyouonline.com](http://www.newsforyouonline.com)

is available each week with access of a password.

Email Carolyn or Laurie for the weekly password. This site provides extra interactive features as it includes audio and well as a video interface.

We also have **15 copies** of the regular edition of *News For You* delivered to the computer lab weekly for your use.



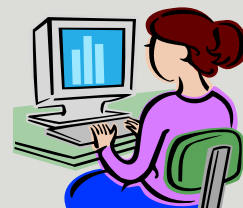
### WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://tech.worlded.org/docs/cesol/lessons.htm>

*Check out this website for lessons to help your student learn English and computers skills all at the same time!*

### *Writing Resources at BoulderReads!*

*New Readers Press has a series called Organize Your Writing, and Editing Your Writing. These are low to intermediate levels starting with letters G to K. These will be one of our main training*



*books for our writing workshop this year.*



**Writing Workshop Product\* Process\* Portfolio Project**  
**April 12th 5:30-7:00** *Participate in an overview of best practices in composition writing. Set up your student's Writing Portfolio. Discover new writing materials. Jumpstart your skills with Part One of this series of writing workshops!*

The staff at BoulderReads! looks forward to our continued work together on our mission of bringing the joy of reading to your students.

Diana, Eleanor, Laurie and Carolyn

