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### About WTWP

The West Tennessee Writing Project is for teachers who believe in the power of writing to implement standards across the curriculum.

Located in the Department of English at The University of Tennessee at Martin, WTWP is one of 160 sites of the National Writing Project. WTWP was established in March 1993 and currently is the only affiliate site of the National Writing Project in Tennessee.

The purpose of WTWP is to improve writing in our schools. It operates under these principles:

- writing will improve as writing instruction improves
- the best teacher of a teacher is another teacher
- teachers of writing must be writers themselves.

The heart of WTWP is its annual intensive summer writing institutes held on the UT Martin campus for selected West Tennessee teachers, all subject-matter areas, all grades K-12. The institute is offered as a graduate seminar, English 700-701. To receive an application for the 1999 institute, complete the form on the last page of this publication and mail to WTWP.

WTWP extends its work beyond the summer institutes by contracting with area schools and systems for inservice. WTWP Teacher Consultants--the teachers who have participated in annual summer institutes--present interactive demonstrations based on their successful classroom practices that work toward more and better writing.

WTWP further reaches out by offering to all teachers K-12 from all subject matter areas an annual English/language arts workshop held on the UT Martin campus each August. In 1999, the workshop will be held on Saturday August 7, in the newly renovated and expanded University Center at UT Martin. The focus will be: teacher as writer.

WTWP is supported by grants from the National Writing Project, for the last three years by Eisenhower Professional Development Funds, and by matching funds from The University of Tennessee at Martin.

The director of WTWP is Margrethe Ahlschwede (mar-GRAY-da ALL-swede), associate professor of English at UT Martin. Co-directors are Glenda Arant, reading teacher at Martin Middle School, and Mary Lou Marks, librarian at Camden Central High School. WTWP Advisor Council members include the project directors and Pat Johnson, Jackson Trinity Christian Academy; Terrance Beard, Jackson Northeast Middle School; and Paula Cox, Camden Elementary School.

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or access through UT Martin home page: [www.edu.utm](http://www.edu.utm)

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We are honored

Four WTWP Teacher Consultants have completed work for masters degrees in the last year and a half. Kathy Cassety, Pam Sliger, and Mary Jo Connell received their degrees from UT Martin where the intensive summer writing institute was part of their graduate program; and Faye Hardin, Union University.

## **GREAT BOOKS FOR GRADES FOUR THROUGH YOUNG ADULT**

Faye Gibbons, young people's author, led the opening general session for the English/language arts teachers workshop held on the UT Martin campus August 8. Here is Faye Gibbons' list of great books for readers grade four through young adult.

ONE FAT SUMMER by Robert Lipsyte  
 THE SUMMER BOY by Robert Lipsyte  
 FAT GIRL by Marilyn Sachs,  
 LOMBARDO'S LAW by Ellen Wittlinger  
 S.O.R. LOSERS by Avi  
 RIMWALKERS by Vicki Grove  
 IF I SHOULD DIE BEFORE I WAKE by Han Nolan  
 SOMETHING UPSTAIRS by Avi  
 KEEPING CHRISTINA by Sue Ellen Bridgers  
 WHERE THE TRUTH LIES by Lucy Cullyford  
 THE GOATS by Brock Cole  
 THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM by Christopher Paul Curtis  
 IZZY WILLY-NILLY by Cynthia Voigt  
 HARRIS AND ME by Gary Paulsen

DIXIE STORMS by Barbara Hall  
 SNOWBOUND by Harry Mazer  
 CITIZEN OF THE GALAXY by Robert Heinlein (an oldie but a goodie)  
 BLACK BOY by Richard Wright  
 THE KEEPER by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
 SEND NO BLESSINGS by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
 BARGAIN BRIDE Evelyn Sibley Lampman (an oldie but a goodie)  
 PICKING UP THE PIECES by Patricia Calvert  
 THE MAGICIAN'S APPRENTICE by Tom McGowan  
 THE MAGICIAN'S COMPANY by Tom McGowan  
 LAST WAS LLOYD by Doris Buchanan Smith  
 BEYOND THE WESTERN SEA by Avi  
 RAMONA THE BRAVE by Beverly Cleary  
 BELLE PRATER'S BOY by Ruth White  
 WISE CHILD by Monica Furlong  
 A CHANCE WILD APPLE by Marion Potter  
 CRACKER JACKSON by Betsy Byars  
 EDUCATION OF A WANDERING MAN by Louis L'Amour (This book has wonderful things to say about reading, education, and living a worthwhile life. It might especially appeal to boys, if teachers could get them interested by reading an excerpt.)

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#### Teacher Participants in the '98 WTWP Intensive Writing Institute

Sherry G. Keeling, 11th-12th English, Obion County Central High School, Troy

Wanda F. Chapman, kindergarten, Ramer School, Selmer

Pat Johnson, 9th-12th history and communications arts, Jackson Trinity Christian Academy

Linda F. Montgomery, 9th-12th English, Henry County High School

Leeann Sipes, 5th grade, Ripley Elementary

Terrance Beard, 7th language arts, Jackson Northeast Middle School

Tina Coleman, 6th-8th science, math, Palmersville School

Paula Cox, 1st-3rd, Camden Elementary School

Richard Mann, 9th-12th English, theater arts, journalism, Jackson Southside High School

Melanie Mann, 9th-12th Spanish, English 9, 10 Jackson Trinity Christian Academy

Betty Warren, 11th-12th English and AP English, Halls High School

Margaret Parr, 1st grade, Dyersburg Primary School

Wilmoth Foreman, 9th-12th English, social studies, GED preparation, Central High School Columbia

Edmond E. Kent, 10th-11th U.S. history, Henry County High School

Paula Wakefield, 11th English, Gallatin High School

Betty Jordan, 3rd grade, Camden Elementary

Amy Clifton, 1st grade, Dresden Elementary

Consultant to the '98 institute

Kent Haruf, novelist and faculty member, Department of English, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

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