South Texas Writing Project Summer Conference  
Friday, July 5, 2013 9:00am-3:00pm  
Texas A&M International University, WHTC-116

For the past 22 years, Kelly Gallagher has been dedicated to building and sharing his knowledge about literacy.

Keynote Speaker: Kelly Gallagher

In addition to teaching English full-time at Magnolia High School in Anaheim, California, Gallagher has an extensive background in secondary literacy education. He served as the English Coordinator for the Anaheim Union High School District, an urban district comprised of 37,000 secondary students; a Co-Director of the South Basin Writing Project at California State University Long Beach; and an adjunct professor at California State University, Fullerton, where he taught secondary literacy courses.

Gallagher is the author of *Reading Reasons: Motivational Mini-Lessons for Middle and High School* (Stenhouse 2003), *Deeper Reading: Comprehending Challenging Texts, 4-12* (Stenhouse 2004), *Teaching Adolescent Writers* (Stenhouse 2006), and, *Readicide: How Schools Are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It* (Stenhouse 2009). Kelly Gallagher is also a program author in the new *Writing Coach* series, a groundbreaking, interactive writing and grammar program for middle and high school students. In addition to his publications, Kelly travels extensively speaking to education professionals and providing professional development workshops.

Gallagher will provide a hands-on workshop to teach reading and writing in the new era of STAAR testing; he will provide teachers and administrators specific steps to reverse the downward spiral that will help prevent the loss of another generation of readers and writers. His workshop will focus on motivating adolescent readers and writers by providing strategies on modeling deeper reading with your students and on moving students beyond the scripted school writing. His key philosophy focuses on creating literate classroom communities of readers and writers rather than test based teaching.

* Classroom teachers will earn 5 hours of CPU credit for participation.  
* Late registration on-site pending availability. Space is limited to only 100 participants.

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