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Frank is currently an Associate Professor of Literacy Education and Children’s Literature at Arizona State University. He teaches courses in Literacy Education and Children’s Literature. Frank was an elementary school teacher for nine years in Phoenix, AZ, and spent three years as a literacy specialist in K-6 classrooms. Frank received his Masters degree in Elementary Education and his Ph.D in Reading Education at Arizona State University. In 2003, he received the Distinguished New Faculty Award, and in 2007 the Outstanding Teacher Award from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In 2009, Frank received a Foundation Award at ASU for his Excellence in Teaching. Frank spends time in elementary and middle school classrooms providing staff development workshops and conducting research focusing on reading instruction and children’s literature.

Frank has published five books with Heinemann, including: *The Reading Workshop: Creating Space for Readers, Reading Aloud and Beyond, Lessons in Comprehension, More (Advanced) Lessons in Comprehension, and Around the Reading Workshop in 180 Days*. His new book, *Making Assessment Efficient* will be available in 2010. Frank’s books from Heinemann offer novice and experienced teachers practical advice for implementing a workshop approach to literacy instruction in their intermediate and middle school classrooms. Frank has also been published in such prominent educational journals as *The Reading Teacher, Journal of Children’s Literature, Reading Research Quarterly, Journal of Teacher Education, and Reading Research and Instruction*.

Frank has a great sense of humor and is an invigorating and dynamic speaker. His workshops are loaded with practical ideas grounded in a solid foundation of literacy theory and research. Frank’s experience as a classroom teacher keeps him grounded in the challenges and realities of the lives of teachers and students in contemporary educational settings.

In addition to his educational publications. Frank has authored and illustrated a series of non-fiction picture books about nature entitled *Looking Closely* from Kids Can Press.

Frank Serafini speaks on the following topics:

- Around the Reading Workshop: Creating Space for Interpretation, Dialogue & Instruction
- Talking Comprehension: Examining the Language of Reading Instruction
- Lessons in Comprehension: Creating Space for Reading Instruction
- Promoting Interactive Discussions: Using Discussion as Instruction
- Making Assessment Efficient: Coming to Know Children as Readers & Writers
- Developing Visual Literacies: Teaching Students to Comprehend Visual Images
- Authors and Texts as Mentors: Expanding The Role of Children’s Literature in the Writing Workshop
- The Writing Workshop: Creating Space for Writers
- The Role of Informational Texts in the Reading Workshop

Books by Frank Serafini:

More (Advanced) Lessons in Comprehension: Expanding Instruction in the Reading Workshop

Around the Reading Workshop in 180 Days: A Month by Month Guide to Quality Instruction, Heinemann, 2006

Lessons in Comprehension: Explicit Instruction in the Reading Workshop, Heinemann, 2004

Reading Aloud and Beyond: Fostering the Intellectual Life with Older Readers, Heinemann 2003

The Reading Workshop: Creating Space for Readers, Heinemann, 2001

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