

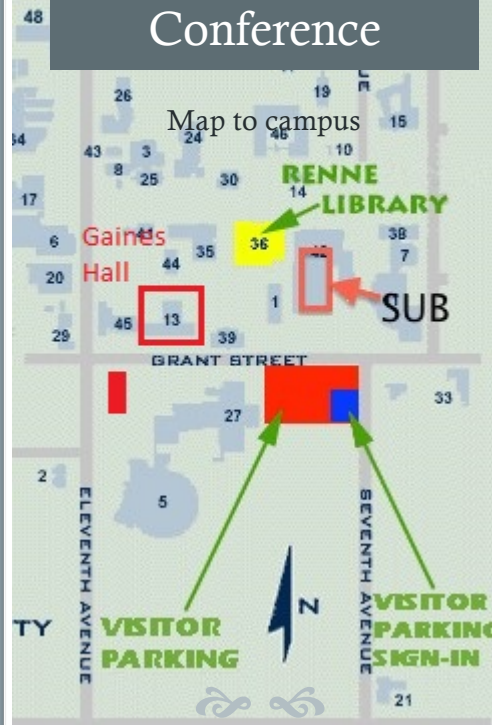
# What is YWP?

**The Yellowstone Writing Project** is a satellite of the National Writing Project, which recognizes the primary importance of teacher knowledge, expertise, and leadership. The NWP believes that access to high quality educational experiences is a basic right of all learners and a cornerstone of equity. Essential components of NWP philosophy include the beliefs that:

- Improving writing is crucial to learning in all subject areas, not just English.
- Reading and writing are reinforcing literacy skills and need to be taught together.
- Learning to write requires frequent supportive practice.
- Students have diverse abilities and instructional needs, and so teachers must use multiple strategies to improve students' writing.
- Effective writing instruction pays attention to both the product and the process of writing.



## Directions to the Conference



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# Fire on the Page:

Teaching Writing  
in the K–12  
Classroom



A Conference  
presented by the

Yellowstone  
Writing  
Project

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016  
MSU-Bozeman

# Featured Speaker



Rick Bass is the author of 31 books of fiction and nonfiction, including, in March 2016, FOR A LITTLE WHILE: NEW & SELECTED STORIES. His work has also been anthologized in Best American Short Stories, Best American Travel Writing, Best Spiritual Writing, Best American Sports Writing, and Best American Nature Writing. He lives in northwest Montana's Yaak Valley, where he is a board member of the Yaak Valley Forest Council ([www.yaakvalley.org](http://www.yaakvalley.org)). He's at work on a nonfiction book, EATING MY HEROES, which chronicles a series of meals prepared for his literary mentors. He is the writer in residence at Montana State University.

## Conference Schedule

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Gaines Hall

Montana State University-Bozeman

<b>8:00 – 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Check in and registration in Gaines Hall</b>
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Convocation
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Break-out sessions
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Lunch provided
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Keynote Speaker
1:15 – 2:45 PM	Break-out sessions
3:00 – 3:50 PM	Closing session
3:50 – 4:00 PM	Pick up renewal units

### A Sampling of Session Titles:

- Writing Together: Creating Community in Digital Spaces
- What Writing Centers Can Do for YOU
- Creating Discourse Communities Through Letter Writing
- Writing Pods for Peer Review
- Making Portfolios with Middle School Writers
- Using Mentor Texts to Push Writing Forward
- Writing: Salve for the Teacher's Soul
- Playing With Language
- Movie Trailers: Analyzing and Making them in K-12 Classrooms
- Using Mentor Texts with K-4 Writers
- Muscle and Bone: Incorporating Evidence and Analysis

## Registration

**Please mail this registration form and a check made payable to The Yellowstone Writing Project to:**

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First name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) taught: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Fees:

**\$80** if postmarked by Feb. 5, 2016  
**\$105** on-site  
**\$25** for MSU students

A sack lunch is included in the conference fee. Please circle your choice:

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Vegetarian Gluten-free

You may also register online—find us on Facebook at Yellowstone Writing Project