

Transforming Lives Through Literacy



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William Teale is a professor of education, university scholar, and director of the Center for Literacy at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His work has focused on early literacy learning, the intersection of technology and literacy education, and children's literature.

Author of over 150 professional publications, he has also presented conference papers and colloquia in over 25 countries around the world. Teale has served as a consultant to school districts, libraries, and NGOs in developing programs focused on literacy learning and teaching. As director of the UIC Center for Literacy, he heads projects that provide economically under-resourced families with services that facilitate their children's early development and school readiness.

Teale served as Vice President of the ILA Board of Directors in 2015–2016 and as President in 2016–2017. He was inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame in 2003.

