

SIMPLY STORIES

Linguistics-Informed Reading Materials for Beginning-Level Adult Migrants

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Involving adult migrants in pleasure reading can accelerate learning rate and more given a large body of research pointing to improvement of language-related skills as well as across many subjective domains (wellbeing; motivation; critical literacy for active citizenship, to name but a few). Available reading materials do not always respond to the needs and interests of emergent readers among adult migrants.

The talk will feature *Simply Cracking Good Stories* project that began in 2010 with the sole aim of producing books for these emergent readers. This requires meeting narrative and linguistic criteria that will be introduced during the talk. Applying these criteria, the talk will invite the audience to write a draft of a short fiction book in the target language of their choice.



Digital Guest Talk
January, 7th; 14:15 - 15:45 p.m.

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