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## Literacy Leaders

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### KRA President's Message

Dear KRA Members,

As summer winds down, I hope this newsletter finds that you have taken time to enjoy family, relax, rejuvenate, replenish, and reflect!

The hard work and dedication of Kentucky educators has made an impact. A new report by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economics Research states "Kentucky has made substantial strides in education during the past two decades and now ranks 33rd nationwide in an index of education performance indicators." Our ranking on the Index of Educational Progress "has risen by more than almost any other state during the past 20 years. In 1990, Kentucky ranked 48th." We are blessed to have strong, knowledgeable professionals working together to make a difference and who realize that 33rd, while a marked improvement, is not enough.

This past year has been an exciting time filled with change, such as planning for and implementing the **Common Core State Standards**, adopted in our state as the **Kentucky Core Academic Standards**, and all that this entails to impact instruction as we prepare children and youth to be 21<sup>st</sup> century learners who will be college and career ready. And KRA has been busy over the last year, too! KRA coordinated with the First Lady's Office to establish the **Kentucky Literacy Celebration** (for more information visit [cld.coe.uky.edu/celebrate/](http://cld.coe.uky.edu/celebrate/)). We look forward to expanding the Celebration in 2012 and continuing to support this effort to put literacy at the forefront in Kentucky.

All of our local councils received Honor Council status—quite a feat (see Spotlight on Local Councils pages)! We also welcomed the newly established Pennyriple Council. Despite continued economic difficulties in our nation and state, KRA has been able to provide grants to libraries for the Kentucky Bluegrass Award books, as well as grants to teachers for classroom resources and new teacher grants for attendance at the annual KRA Conference see pages 9-11).

Speaking of the conference, please mark your calendars and, if you haven't already, make plans to attend this year's conference, **Lenses of Literacy: Multiple Perspectives**, October 27-29, at the Lexington Hyatt and Convention Center (. The theme highlights the emphasis the new standards place on the various but integrated strands of literacy—reading, writing, speaking and listening, viewing and visually representing. We strive each year to design a conference that provides excellent professional learning and networking opportunities for you. This year's will definitely do that. Hope to see you there!

I challenge you over the next year to contribute to KRA's vision: **To be a voice for literacy**. In what ways can you, as an individual, as part of a local council, as a member of the state and national organization, contribute your voice? "A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more" (Rosabeth Moss Kanter). I hope you will consider ways to be an active member and an advocate for your organization and for literacy. If you have ideas for strengthening our organization, I encourage you to contact me or your local council officers.

Thank you for all that you do.

Cindy Parker

2011-2012 KRA President

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#### KRA Mission

The Kentucky Reading Association is a professional organization of educators and individuals actively engaged in the development of literacy throughout the Commonwealth. KRA's mission is to be a voice for literacy. We are committed to encouraging lifelong reading for pleasure and learning, providing information related to literacy, increasing opportunities for professional growth, and promoting research based instructional practices.

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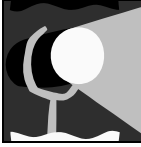
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## Spotlight on Local Councils

### All KRA Councils Are IRA Honor Councils!



**Lincoln Heritage Council:** On April 26th, the Lincoln Heritage Council conducted its annual spring meeting by holding a reception for area Seniors who participated in the council's Senior Writing Contest. Students were asked to submit an essay pertaining to "A teacher that made a difference." The top three essayists received a plaque and a monetary award from the council.

Contestants (L to R) Shelby Mouser, Shelley Spalding, Emily Rogers, Patricia Valone, and Lincoln Heritage Council Vice-President and Senior Writing Contest chairperson Mark Thomas.

**Bluegrass Reading Council:** The 2010-2011 school year was exciting for the Bluegrass Reading Council. We trained pre-service teachers in the Kentucky Core Academic Standards at Transylvania University. KRA board members and Midway College pre-service teachers read with students at Meadowthorpe Elementary School to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday during Kentucky Literacy Celebration Week. We kicked off our "Classroom 101" professional development series.

The 2011-2012 school year promises to be even more exciting. We will be continuing our "Classroom" series with a focus on the new ELA standards, assessment, and the math and literature connection. The first in our continuing series will be in September with the topic being Kentucky's new assessment system followed by the math and literature connection in November. Contact President [Lisa King](mailto:Lisa.King@kyreading.org) for more information or check the KRA website, [www.kyreading.org](http://www.kyreading.org), for upcoming events.



Dr. Chhanda Islam

**Murray Area Council:** Dr. Chhanda Islam, President Murray Area Council of the International Reading Association (MACIRA), congratulates the members for their outstanding contributions to the reading profession and the International Reading Association (IRA).

Dr. Islam said, "We met all the requirements for the 2010-2011 International Reading Association's Honor Council Program for outstanding literacy leadership across our regions! This is another step along the path as a continued Voice for Literacy! We would like to thank all of our area teachers for their hard work in planning and implementing high quality programs and projects that enable us to even be eligible for such an honor!" Dr. Sharon Gill, a MACIRA Executive Board Member said, "I'd like to thank Dr. Islam for her years of work as President of the Murray Area Council. This award really reflects her efforts."



Dr. Sharon Gill



## Family Literacy Night Attracts More than 200 Participants!



**Lake Cumberland Reading Association:** More than two hundred parents, students, and faculty of Monticello Independent School held a Family Literacy Night on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Our theme was Appalachia. We had a special guest author, Ms. Linda Hager Pack, who wrote *A is for Appalachia*. She was on site to share with students and parents about our Appalachian Heritage. She gave an amazing presentation and discussed many experiences about the Appalachian culture. This included music, pictures, stories, and games.

Several other activities were on hand for families to experience. The Scholastic Book Fair was available throughout the evening to offer parents affordable books for the whole family. The students enjoyed sessions with teacher presenters on various Appalachian topics. As an extra treat, our Gifted and Talented Students performed their award winning Kentucky United Nations Assembly "Australian Zoo." Down home southern food was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Lake Cumberland Reading Association also conducted a membership drive to encourage parents to become involved with the Kentucky Reading Association. Because of a joint effort between the Lake Cumberland Reading Association and Monticello's Title I program, every child received a free new book for attending. The night ended with door prizes which included a basket filled with family activities.



## Congratulations to Book Buddies & a New Author!

### Book Buddies

#### **Greater Louisville Reading Council:**

Marie Hagan, a council member, and Amy Moore at Engelhard Elementary School work together to make the Book Buddy program a success. Without a doubt, this program is making an impact on the lives of young people in the Louisville community.

Meyzeek Middle School students travel a half-mile to Engelhard weekly to read books with their book buddies. "I have watched a group of kindergarten students really blossom as readers and get super excited over their reading as the year has gone on," Hagan says. "From the middle school side, I have seen my students learn how to be responsible, how to be selfless, and what being a role model for others truly means."

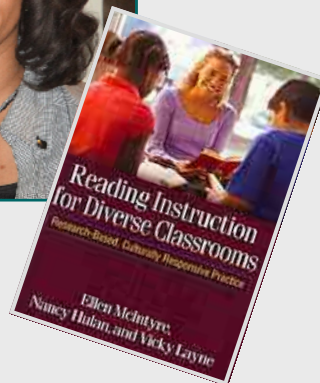
Through partnerships with our community members, we see how we can ALL make an impact on student learning. Our council looks forward to the Book Buddies program continuing this year and wants to encourage others to find ways to partner with their schools and students to make a difference with reading.



***The honors keep rollin' in!*** The Greater Louisville Reading Council (GLRC) received the Honor Council Award from the International Reading Association. The Executive Board of the Greater Louisville Reading Council (GLRC) would like to say **thank you** to our members because without their hard work and dedication, we could not have accomplished this for six years.



GLRC member and author Vicky Layne



We are so pleased to announce a new book from one of our Greater Louisville Reading Council (GLRC) members, Vicky Layne. She has been working on *Reading Instruction for Diverse Classrooms: Research-Based, Culturally Responsive Practice (Solving Problems in the Teaching of Literacy)* for some time.

GLRC is proud of her accomplishment as one of the co-authors. Vicky also works diligently with students, teachers, and parents at Engelhard Elementary in Louisville, Kentucky. You can find more information regarding this book by visiting [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).

McIntyre, E., Hulan, N., & Layne, V. (2011). *Reading instruction for diverse classrooms: Research-based, culturally responsive practice*. New York: Guilford Press.




## KRA Bulletin Board

### News & Views from the KRA Board

#### ~~~~~ Kentucky Literacy Link ~~~~~


Looking for information and resources as you plan for the 2011-2012 school year? *Kentucky Literacy Link* is a Kentucky Department of Education publication designed to address topics that impact literacy instruction in all Kentucky classrooms. Issues are posted to [www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Literacy/](http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Literacy/).

The May 2011 issue focuses on text complexity in the Common Core State Standards. 

#### From the Desk of *Laura Crafton*, KRA State Coordinator



Last year I encouraged local councils to “step forward” in being a voice for literacy and to strive to attain the International Reading Association Honor Council recognition. You met that challenge and at the IRA Convention in Orlando in May 2011, each local council was awarded Honor Council status. As we begin the 2011-2012 council year, I once again want to encourage the local councils to set their sights upon achieving Honor Council. Why? Because it means that local councils have presented balanced initiatives by serving their members and forming partnerships within their communities, with the Kentucky Reading Association, and with the International Reading Association.

The Leadership Workshop theme for this year was “Putting the Pieces Together.” We are aware of what we need to do; now the challenge is to “put the pieces together” to promote the mission of KRA—to be a voice for literacy. Is your voice being heard? If not, I implore you to attend your local council meetings and lend your voice. We need YOUR voice—whether you are a classroom teacher, a parent, an administrator, a school or public librarian, a daycare provider, a postsecondary instructor, or a “butcher, a baker, or a candlestick maker.” Only with your contribution can we all share in “putting the pieces together.” 



#### New Pennyriple Council School Awarded KBA Titles!

Kellie Cotton (L), a school media specialist at Pride Elementary in Hopkins County was one of seventeen schools that were awarded Kentucky Bluegrass Award grants. Ms. Cotton was recognized by council president Peggy Stirsman (R) at the Pennyriple Reading Council meeting held on July 21, 2011, on Madisonville Community College Campus. “I am very excited that the students at Pride Elementary will be participating in the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards! Thank you, Kentucky Reading Association, for allowing us this opportunity through the KBA grant.” Congratulations to all of the KBA grant winners!



## KRA Up Close: A Chat with Our Colleagues

### Featured: Norma Olivencia

*Brenda Colonna, past president of Lincoln Heritage Council, interviewed Norma Olivencia (right), upon her retirement from many years of teaching and service as a voice for literacy.*



**What motivated your teaching?** During the 1980s, I was involved in a program at the University of Kentucky called Outdoor Education for the Physically Handicapped. One of the teachers that helped facilitate the workshop's motto was "anyway, anyhow, you've got to get them there"! For many years, that has been my philosophy. So, the children have been my biggest motivation because I have never wanted to shortchange them of their learning experiences, regardless of their socioeconomic levels, home life, or my inadequacies. They are the reason that I am more deliberate in planning lessons for them.

**Share some of your most memorable moments?** My first year of teaching was at a bilingual school in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. It was an experience that I always consider as utopia. The school was located in what used to be the home of the president of an old sugar plantation. The schoolyard was surrounded by a fence and had a beautiful garden. My classroom was located on the veranda. One day, I was teaching a grammar lesson to my third-graders when a hummingbird flew through the louvered shades and landed on my thumb. I had never experienced something like this before or since! Nor have I heard the sound of horses' hooves on a cobblestone street pulling a cart at 9:00 sharp each morning, as I did there, or seen an iguana lazily climbing up the wall of the schoolhouse.

I taught sixth grade at a Catholic school, and I had a student who was functioning at a first-second grade level. We worked hard together, but passing her to the seventh grade without an educational support network would have been an injustice to her. At that time, we didn't have all the special support services that the public school had, but we could call upon them with special issues. Tearfully, her mom agreed to have her tested for special education. The student qualified and did so well the next year! One day, before Mass, she ran up to me with a note she had written. The sentences made sense and the words were spelled correctly, but more importantly, she could read it to me. I had never seen her so happy, and I knew we all had made the right decision.

I have taught in the public schools for many years and have had great moments with those around me. I think, especially, of my kindergarteners who are never at a loss for words. They are funny, witty, and mostly kind. During a calendar lesson, I asked who the 16th president was, and a child raises his hand and says, "Abrahammar Lincoln!" How can you not help but laugh? My moments with them are exciting and challenging.

**Tell us about your role with KRA?** In 1996, I was elected president of Lincoln Heritage. It was at that time that I came to know KRA, as a council president. Then I was asked to continue as a KRA Board member, and lastly, I served as KRA secretary for two presidents.

**Any advice for new teachers?** Listen to wisdom. Try not to step back into yesterday, because it's over and today is a new chapter. Seek to do better than yesterday. Lastly, be kind and compassionate to those around you – students, families, faculty, staff. Mother Teresa said it best, "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." 📖

## *Kentucky Reading Journal Welcomes New Co-Editors*

**Dr. Lucile Maples (R):** Associate Professor, Literacy Education, School of Teacher Education, Western Kentucky University. Dr. Maples is a former elementary teacher Pre-K-6. Her research interests are Appalachian and children's literature, "which dovetail with the goals of KRA and *KRJ*." Dr. Maples would like to see participation in *KRJ* from practitioners, including shared ideas. She sees *KRJ* as "a great forum for exchanging best classroom practices, supported by solid research base."

**Dr. Cassie Zippay (L):** Assistant Professor, Literacy Education, School of Teacher Education, Western Kentucky University. Dr. Zippay is a former high school English and Spanish teacher, and she is "addicted to reading." Research and teaching interests are in culturally responsive instruction, and Dr. Zippay hopes to "infuse an upcoming issue of *KRJ* with articles that address cultural diversity and culturally responsive teaching."



### *What interested you in co-editing KRJ?*

We felt our skills and talents and research interests complemented each other. We would make a good team – we like the team approach. We see it as an important professional service. We use research based journal articles with our undergrad and grad students. We also wanted to support our readers and writers in Kentucky.


### *What would the perfect issue of KRJ look like?*

It could have a lot of different formats. It would achieve our goals of each reader who opened the journal would find something meaningful, useful in their teaching and in their classrooms.

### *There has been talk at KRA Board meetings about the format of KRJ. What can you tell us about this?*

As a trial, for several reasons – one being economical, another being environmentally sound--we are looking at publishing *KRJ* as an online journal, with a limited number of print journals for readers who may not be comfortable with an e-journal format. We are looking at several possibilities: posting the journal to a website under password protection for members only, and a couple of other possibilities.

### *Is there a message you'd like to share with KRA members?*

Be sure to come to the *KRJ* table at the KRA Annual Conference. We want to solicit input from KRA members, and we'd like attendees to meet their new co-editors and share their ideas and best practices. We will share a preview of new issue of *KRJ*, too. We are doing a KRA Annual Conference session on writing for journal publication, so those who are interested can learn more about the writing and publishing process for *KRJ*. 

*The KRA Board expresses its appreciation to Jenny Smith (see Literacy Leaders Up Close profile, Spring 2010) for her excellent leadership of recent issues of the Kentucky Reading Journal and her many years of service to the Kentucky Reading Association and the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards.*

## Kentucky Reading Association Annual Fall Conference

October 27-29, 2011

Hyatt / Convention Center, Lexington, KY

### Featured Speakers



**Stephanie Harvey** is passionate about literacy. Currently the president of Stephanie Harvey Consulting, Stephanie has spent the past thirty-eight years teaching and learning about reading and writing. After fifteen years of public school teaching, both in regular education and special education classrooms, Steph worked for twelve years as a staff developer for the Denver based Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC). Steph currently serves as a private literacy consultant to schools and school districts. She continues to be a teacher first and foremost. Her insatiable curiosity about kids thinking leads her to work in schools on a regular basis and to spend as much time as possible in the company of children. With a focus on K-12 literacy, her specialties include comprehension instruction, inquiry-based learning, content area reading and writing, nonfiction literacy, and the role of passion, wonder and engagement in teaching and learning. Steph has written many articles, books and resources including *Nonfiction Matters*, *Strategies That Work*, "The Comprehension Toolkit" and *Comprehension and Collaboration*.  
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**Cris Tovani** taught elementary school for ten years before becoming a high school reading specialist and English teacher. A nationally known consultant, she chooses to continue teaching high school students full-time. She has also worked for many years as a staff developer for the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition (PEBC), the consortium that has received national acclaim for its work in reading comprehension reform. In addition to teaching and consulting, she has served as an adjunct instructor for the University of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver. Cris has authored the books *I Read It, but I Don't Get It*, *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?*, and the videotape sets *Thoughtful Reading* and *Comprehending Content*.  
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### Featured Speakers (continued)



**Donna E. Alvermann** is a University of Georgia Appointed Distinguished Research Professor of Language and Literacy Education. Formerly a classroom teacher in Texas and New York, her research focuses on young people's media literacies in digital environments. Author of numerous articles, she was Co-Director of the National Reading Research Center from 1992-1997. Her co-authored/co-edited books include *Adolescents and Literacies in a Digital World*; *Reconceptualizing the Literacies in Adolescents' Lives* (2nd ed.); *Adolescents' Online Literacies: Connecting Classrooms, Digital Media, & Popular Culture*; and *Bring It to Class: Unpacking Pop Culture in Literacy Learning*. Donna has edited *Reading Research Quarterly* and served as president of the National Reading Conference (NRC). Currently a member of the Adolescent Literacy Advisory Group of the Alliance for Excellent Education, she is a past recipient of NRC's Causey Award for Outstanding Contributions to Reading Research and its Kingston Award for Service. In 2006, Donna was awarded the International Reading Association's William S. Gray Citation of Merit. Outside the academy, she works with Jazz, her nearly two-year-old Golden Retriever, in hopes of achieving Novice-A status in AKC obedience (someday).

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**Peter Johnston** grew up and taught elementary school in New Zealand before coming to the United States to earn his Ph.D. at the Center for the Study of Reading at the University of Illinois. He now lives in Albany, New York, with his wife Tina, and a cat left behind by one of his (three) children returning briefly from college. Peter is Professor and chair of the Reading Department at the University at Albany-SUNY. He researches the consequences of teaching and assessment practices for the literate lives of children and teachers. His recent books are *Reading to learn* (2002, with Dick Allington), *Choice Words: How Our Language Affects Children's Learning* (2004), *Critical Literacy/Critical Teaching: Tools for Preparing Responsive Teachers* (2005), and *RTI in Literacy – Responsive and Comprehensive* (2010). IRA awarded him the Albert Harris Award for contributions to research on reading disability. In 2005, he was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame.

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# 2011 KRA Conference Registration

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\$15 - KRA Membership Fee

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*\*Full time students only. Valid student ID card required at check-in.*

## Meal Functions

- \$10 - KBA Luncheon on Friday, October 28  
 \$10 - Authors' Luncheon on Saturday, October 29

## Pre-conference Sessions

*Thursday, October 27. Limited to 100 participants in each session.*

- \$20 - Peter Johnston from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
 \$20 - Donna Alvermann from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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PO payments must be received IN FULL no later than 60 days from the date of the invoice.

Conference refund requests must be in writing and received by  
October 9, 2011. A \$15 processing fee will be assessed. Meal fees are non refundable.

# I can make a difference!

- ▷ **Investigate** new worlds with words
- ▷ **Initiate** conversations about literacy
- ▷ **Illustrate** similarities & differences in cultures, connections, and understanding
- ▷ **Invest** in lives of children and teachers
- ▷ **Impact** your community
- ▷ **Influence** individual achievement
- ▷ **Interact** with all who have an interest in reading success
- ▷ **Invite** learning into your life
- ▷ **Increase** awareness about literacy
- ▷ **Inspire** others to be a

Voice for Literacy in Kentucky!



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