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Literacy Leaders

The Newsletter of the Kentucky Reading Association

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Tammy Board
KRA President

KRA President's Message

Dear KRA Members,

I hope this finds you all off to a great start of another school year, whether you are returning to an established position or beginning a new position; I know you are determined for this to be your best year ever! I want to remind you how very valuable you are to your state literacy organization. You can always rely on the Kentucky Reading Association to help you be aware of literacy and educational issues across the Commonwealth. Our website www.kyreading.org features links to the Common Core Standards and other literacy issues.

KRA's continued involvement in nationwide literacy education issues recently led to a state and internationally sponsored team of KRA officers being afforded opportunity to attend an IRA Leadership Workshop in Dallas, Texas. This was a terrific networking opportunity with other literacy leaders across North America. Our team hopes to impact literacy in a more positive manner across due to this opportunity!

KRA prides itself in offering conferences which highlight most current research and innovations in literacy education across our nation. Please make plans to attend this year's fall conference *Leading for Literacy*, which is chaired by Cindy Parker and will be held at the Lexington Convention Center on October 28, 29, and 30th. Early bird registration is available until September 30th online. Among the featured speakers will be Ernest Morrell, University of California at Los Angeles; William G. Brozo, Graduate School of Education at George Mason University; Nell K. Duke, Michigan State University; and Lester Laminack, Professor Emeritus from Western Carolina University. We have an exciting lineup with many other innovative speakers and educators. Hope to see you in Lexington!

Tammy Board
KRA President

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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KRA Bulletin Board

News & Views from the KRA Board

KRA one of only eight state reading associations to win IRA advocacy award

Advocacy is the shared vision and efforts of people, working from the grassroots to the highest possible levels of government to effect change. Advocacy groups can make a difference for better or worse, as we know from the news. Advocacy for educational issues is extremely important, especially during difficult economic times when dollars for government-funded institutions are often severely curtailed. The International Reading Association recognizes advocacy efforts from state, province, and national levels. It is an honor, once again for KRA to be among the few honored who have worked tirelessly on behalf of literacy within their political systems.



Meet new KRA Board Member! A

native Kentuckian, **Robin Hebert** grew up in Shelby County, and attended the University of Louisville, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English, and later a Master of Arts in Secondary Education. With 16 years of classroom experience teaching

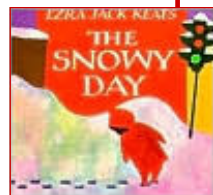
middle and high school English/Language Arts, Robin is passionate about high quality instruction and literacy acquisition for all. She participated in Kentucky's Adolescent Literacy Coaching Project and served as a middle school literacy coach, before joining the Kentucky Department of Education as Middle School Reading Consultant in 2008. Recently, she joined the Kentucky Leadership Network as the SouthEast/SouthCentral English/Language Arts Specialist. Robin lives in Richmond, Kentucky, with her husband and three daughters.

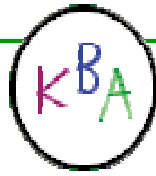
Read for the Record

Thursday, October 7, 2010

Ezra Jack Keats'* *The Snowy Day

The Kentucky Reading Association endorses this annual reading program, which brings people from around the world together by sharing wonderful children's literature. Ezra Jack Keats' *The Snowy Day* was the 1963 Caldecott Medal Winner. For more information on Read for the Record, go to www.readfortherecord.org.





KBA Luncheon Speaker Announced

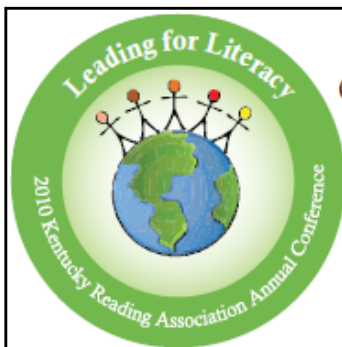
Jackie French Koller, author of the 2010 K-2 winning title *Peter Spit a Seed at Sue*, will be the speaker at the **2010 Kentucky Bluegrass Award Luncheon**. The luncheon is part of the Kentucky Reading Association Conference which will be held at the Lexington Hyatt Regency/Convention Center. The luncheon will take place on **Friday, October 29 at 12:15 p.m.** Conference and registration information is available on the Kentucky Reading Association website: www.kyreading.org



KRA Annual Conference
Lexington Hyatt & Conference Center
October 28-30, 2010

Leading for Literacy

Mark your calendars and visit
www.kyreading.org/
for conference information.



KRA Conference
October 28-30, 2010
Lexington, KY

Hyatt
&
Convention Center

Facilitators Still Needed for KRA Conference

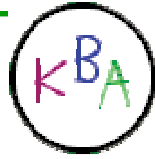
To ensure successful conference sessions, KRA needs facilitators to preside at sessions.

Duties include:

- Arriving to the meeting room early to introduce yourself, make sure the presenter's needs are addressed, help handing out materials, etc.
- Introducing the presenter (bios provided) and session
- Presenting a small conference gift as a token of appreciation
- Keeping track of time
- Handing out, collecting, and returning session evaluation forms to the registration area

If you are interested in facilitating a session for a KRA presenter, please contact Diana Porter:

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Congratulations to our 2010 KBA Book Grant Winners!

For more information on the Kentucky Bluegrass Awards,
visit kba.nku.edu

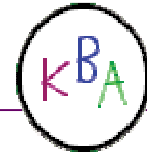
Public Libraries

*Oldham County Public Library
Rockcastle County
Public Library*

*Henry F. Moss Middle
Hiseville Elementary
Holmes Senior High
Jamestown Elementary
Joe Harrison Carter Elementary
Kenwood Elementary
Lawrence County High
Meade Memorial Elementary
Muhlenberg County High
Muhlenberg South Middle
Northern Elementary
Paris High
Park City Elementary
Pendleton County High
Tichenor Middle
Union Chapel Elementary*

Schools

*Bowling Green Junior High
Brookside Elementary
Browning Springs Middle
Cochran Elementary
Crab Orchard Elementary
Cumberland County High
Dishman McGinnis Elementary
East Jessamine Middle
Farnsley Middle
Glasscock Elementary*



KBA 2010 Winners' Circle

[kba.nku.edu/lists/
winners.shtml](http://kba.nku.edu/lists/winners.shtml)

Grades K-2

Peter Spit a Seed at Sue
(Houghton Mifflin)
by Jackie French Koller;
Johan Manders, illustrator

Grades 3-5

Swindle (Scholastic)
by Gordon Korman

Grades 6-8

The Graveyard Book
(HarperCollins)
by Neil Gaiman

Grades 9-12

The Hunger Games
(Scholastic)
by Suzanne Collins

Basic Teaching Tips to Get the Year in Gear

Contributed by Synthia Shelby



- 1) Always be organized and prepared.
- 2) Take the time to get to know your students.
- 3) Model the skills and/or behavior you want your students to learn.
- 4) Create clear and specific learning objectives for each assignment.

◆ Seeking Applications for KRJ Editor ◆

The Kentucky Reading Association is seeking applications for the position of *Kentucky Reading Journal (KRJ)* editor. The journal editor is responsible for soliciting manuscripts, conducting a peer review process, and publishing at least two issues of the journal per year. KRJ is useful to Kentucky educators at all levels. This is a volunteer position with a small stipend attached. To apply, send your vita and signed letter of interest to: Tammy Board, 35 Halls Gap Estates Road, Stanford, KY 40484 or tammy.board@uky.edu by November 19, 2010. 📖



Spotlight on Local Councils

KRA Local Council News/Mission Moments

Bluegrass Council is very excited and highly motivated in making strides by providing professional development opportunities and reading initiatives to reach out to all of its members. In order to find worthwhile professional developments that our members need, we are giving them an opportunity to fill out a survey so that we can listen to their needs and suggestions. The following dates are events for our members: **New Teacher Classroom 101**: PD at Central Kentucky Special Ed. Cooperative (CKSEC) (Fortune Dr., Lexington, KY on Sept 16th 5:30-7:30 p.m., and again in the development council area (date and site to be determined). **November**: Technology PD provided by Jason Carroll from CKSEC. Help provide teachers with insightful ways to use technology in the classroom.

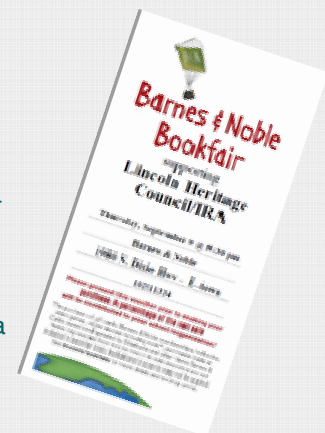
Greater Louisville Council future plans

Serving as advocates for Literacy....

- Several members presenting at Louisville Writing Project Mini-conferences September, October and January
- Collaborating with the New Teacher Initiative to assist with the retention of teachers with 0-3yrs of experience
- Connie McKinley and Nicole Fenty are co-authoring an article regarding a Digital Narrative Project in the classroom using persuasive writing as the focus.
- Connie McKinley, Irina McGrath, and Synthia Shelby are currently drafting chapters for an upcoming Resiliency book with the Louisville Writing Project
- Developing a renewal letter for membership
- Creating a council newsletter (blog) and add registration form

Lincoln Heritage celebrated International Literacy Day on September 9, with a Barnes & Noble book fair. Here are some upcoming council events this Fall:

- **October 19th, 5:30 pm**: Back Home Restaurant, Elizabethtown - our local council meeting will feature Dr. Laurie Henry from the University of KY. Dr. Henry will be speaking about content area literacy. Please join us for an informative session, a chance to network with your council colleagues, and you might even win a door prize!
- **November 13th or 20th**: American Education Week—Reading Day Celebration—Towne Mall, Elizabethtown.



Murray Area Council presentations (scheduled Thursdays, between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. CT, unless otherwise noted) include:

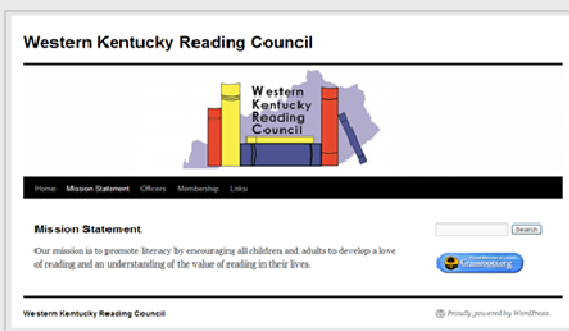
September 23: Response to Intervention: Reading Intervention Teachers;

October 21: Comprehension of Informational Text: Teaching Listening and Speaking;

November 18: Comprehension of Narrative Text: Listening, Writing, and Building a Foundation for Better Communication (5:00 to 6:00 p.m.), and English Language Learners and Other Learners with Special Needs (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.). Meetings held at 240 Alexander Hall, Murray State University.



Murray Area Council
of the
International Reading Association
Fall 2010 Meeting



Western Kentucky Reading Council presented “Stepping Forward in Literacy” on Sept. 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Educational Resources Center (ERC), Tate Page Hall 366, Western Kentucky University. WKRC now has a new membership card and is building a new web presence: www.wkyreading.org



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

Kentucky Reading Association local council applications for intent to participate in Honor Council status are due to the International Reading Association by October 15, 2010. For more information, visit www.reading.org.

I have been reading a lot lately, it seems, about choices. The road not taken, the lesser of two evils, the default choice. With such limited time at our disposal and so many competing demands, we often wonder how many students' lives we will really touch. This is where I see our affiliations with such hardworking organizations as the International Reading Association and on the state level, KRA, as being so important. With our opportunities to network, share useful information, exchange new and exciting ideas, we can expand our options—broaden our choices—and make a difference, perhaps only a small difference, in the lives of the children we teach.

Thinking about choices leads me to leadership. The theme at the 2010 KRA Local Council Leadership workshop was “Steppin’ Forward.” More than 25 local council officers participated, and I encourage them to share and implement ideas, to lead their councils into making active choices, to step forward within their schools, and to continue to bring KRA as a voice for literacy into their communities. 📖

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KRA Up Close: A Chat with Our Colleagues



Featured: *Sara Jennings...*

...responding to member interests through IRA's Teacher Advisory Panel

*A*s second grade teacher, I have always felt a need to pursue excellent professional development opportunities and to provide service to my community by spending time with children in organized activities. I live in Morgantown, a small town in Butler County, where the children have limited opportunities outside of school. When I first became a teacher, our school librarian asked me to volunteer at a Young Author's Conference, sponsored by the local KRA council. In helping that day, I knew I needed to be a member of the organization. I have been a member of KRA for nine years now, serving in various officer positions for my local council, the Western Kentucky Reading Council (WKRC), and am currently the vice president. Being part of WKRC has provided me with many growth opportunities, from hearing great speakers at the annual KRA conference to handing out certificates to children who have published a book for our annual Young Author's Conference. KRA has recently provided me with another amazing opportunity for growth via my nomination for the IRA's Teacher Advisory Panel (TAP). As a nominee, I completed the application paperwork accepting the nomination and hoping, but not expecting, that I would be one of the twelve chosen by IRA to serve on the panel. I was actually surprised when Marsha Lewis, IRA board member and TAP sponsor, called me to congratulate me for being selected to serve!

TAP has been created to provide a link between classroom teachers and the IRA board. Teacher input is crucial to the existence of IRA, and this panel will provide input as well as distribute information from IRA to the general members. This support will hopefully lead to increased membership, relationships between university professionals and classroom teachers, and an organization that meets the needs of all of its members in the 21st Century. As one of two southeast region TAP members, I will serve Kentucky as your link to IRA. I would love to hear about new ideas and issues that we face as Kentucky teachers. I have created a blog to increase communication among local council members and the IRA, which can be accessed at www.tapkyreading.blogspot.com. As I hear of news from IRA, I will post it on the blog. KRA members can subscribe to the blog and receive e-mails as new posts are made. I hope that the blog becomes a place where teachers can come for new ideas not just from IRA but also from each other. I am looking forward to a great year of literacy. 📖

Sara Jennings, back row, third from right, teaches second grade at Morgantown Elementary School, Butler County.

Kentucky Reading Journal: 2011 Call for Manuscripts

The Kentucky Reading Journal welcomes scholarly articles and other original contributions focusing on literacy, literature, and reading. Manuscripts are currently being accepted for possible publication in the 2011 issue of *The Kentucky Reading Journal*. The theme for this issue is *Bearing the Standards for Literacy*. Share with us how the new national standards for language arts or the state or local standards you currently uphold influence your teaching.

Feature articles should be approximately 10-15 pages (2500-3500 words) including references. Manuscripts should be written using Microsoft Word and be double spaced in 12-point font with 1" margins. Please include charts, graphs, bulleted points, and/or figures wherever possible to vary the format and enhance the content of the article. Reference lists and text citations should be prepared according to the style specified in the most recent edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Digital images need to be submitted in two formats: as separate email attachments in jpeg or tiff format with at least a 300 dpi resolution and on a CD. Notations should appear in the text for proper placement of digital images (e.g., "insert photo 1 here"). Also appearing in the text, should be captions or bylines for each image. Submitted separately from the text of the article should be a cover sheet that includes: the title of the article; the author's full name, position, school/library affiliation, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and complete mailing address; and a 50-100 word abstract for the article.

Manuscripts are reviewed anonymously by at least two members of the Editorial Review Board. Preference is given to Kentucky authors. If an article is accepted, the editor reserves the right to make appropriate stylistic editorial changes.

Please submit both a paper copy and an electronic copy of the article. A CD of any digital images should accompany the paper copy. When submitting the electronic copy, please use separate email attachments for text and each digital image.

In addition to the featured articles, shorter articles (3-6 pages) will be accepted for review for these possible journal departments. Please follow the same submission guidelines as outlined for the featured articles.

- Classroom Connections—practical ideas for teaching literacy, literature, and reading; may include, but is not limited to, the reading-writing connection, and use of technology
- Research Roundup—original research in literacy, literature, and reading; reflects the current research interests of Kentucky educators
- Reader's Choice—recently published children's and young adult literature with ideas for incorporating the books into the classroom; can be subject or author focused; one variation may be a focus on teacher resource books
- KRA on the Go—profiles various KRA projects and initiatives in which Kentucky Reading Association members are involved

Submit all manuscripts by February 7, 2011, to:

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2010 Kentucky Reading Association Annual Conference Registration

October 28-30, 2010 ♦ Hyatt Regency Hotel ♦ Lexington Kentucky

Please submit an individual registration form for each registrant.

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| Name | | | |
| District | | School/University | |
| Home Address | | | |
| City | | State | Zip |
| Home Phone () | | Work Phone () | |
| Email (Required for email confirmation) | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | Position (Please select one) | |
| IRA Member? | | KRA Member? | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Joining today | |
| Local Council | | <input type="checkbox"/> Bluegrass <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Stuart <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Kentucky <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Louisville <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Cumberland <input type="checkbox"/> Murray Area <input type="checkbox"/> Western Kentucky | |
| ADA/Special Needs <input type="checkbox"/> I require special assistance (registration management will contact you). | | | |
| Conference Role (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Presenter <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitator | | | |
| KRA Membership | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Fee \$15.00 Join KRA now and receive the KRA Member Conference rate! | | | |
| Early Bird Registration - on or before September 30, 2010 | | Late Registration after September 30, 2010 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KRA Member | \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> KRA Member | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non Member | \$120 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non Member | \$130 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student* | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student* | \$45 |
| *(must show student ID at registration counter) | | | |
| One Day Registration | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday - KRA Members | \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - KRA Member | \$75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday - Non Members | \$85 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - Non Member | \$85 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday - Student* | \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - Student* | \$40 |
| Pre-conference Session - Thursday, October 28 <i>Limited to 100 participants in each session</i> | | | |
| 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Shaw King \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Garner, M.Ed. | \$10 |
| 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Downing \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Doris Settles | \$15 (includes book) |
| 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Lester Laminack \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ernest Morrell | \$20 |
| Meal Functions | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KBA Luncheon on Friday, October 29 | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Author's Luncheon on Saturday, October 30 | \$10 |
| <i>Limited to 400 participants in each session</i> | | <i>Limited to 200 participants in each session</i> | |
| Payment Information | | TOTAL FEES DUE \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check/Money Order # <i>(Please make checks payable to KRA Conference)</i> | | | |
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| Card Number: | Expiration Date: | 3-digit security code on back of card: | |
| Billing Address: | City: | State: | Zip Code: |
| Cardholder Signature: | | | |

- Registrations will not be processed without full payment or Purchase Order included. Purchase Order payments must be received IN FULL no later than 60 days from the date of the invoice.
- Registration is considered complete upon submission of registration form. Conference refund requests must be in writing and received by October 10, 2010. Requests may be emailed to registration@tmcshows.com, faxed to 904.339.9450, or mailed to the KRA Registration address below. A \$15.00 processing fee will be assessed. Meal fees are non-refundable.

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| REGISTER ONLINE until October 10, 2010 www.kyreading.org (checks, credit cards, purchase orders) | BY MAIL until September 30, 2010 KRA Conference c/o Total Meeting Concepts P.O. Box 13986 Tallahassee FL 32317 | BY FAX until September 30, 2010 1-904-339-9450 (credit card and purchase order registrations only) |
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2010 KRA Mini-Grants & Awards Deadlines Extended

All Grant applications can be accessed at the KRA website

www.kyreading.org (click on the Mini Grants link)

KRA NEW TEACHER GRANT

What? Grants of up to \$1000.00 are available for new teachers or teachers early in their career (years 1-3) to attend the annual Kentucky Reading Association conference. This opportunity is designed to encourage new teachers to join a professional organization and become actively involved in the statewide network of teachers, educators, and administrators dedicated to improving literacy for learners across the Commonwealth.

When? Applications due: DEADLINE EXTENDED - September 30, 2010

Grants awarded: Early October 2010

Grant implementation: 2010 KRA Annual Conference

October 28-30, 2010, Hyatt and Convention Center, Lexington, KY

How to Apply: Applications are available through the Kentucky Reading Association website.

KRA EXPERIENCED TEACHER GRANT

What? Grants of up to \$2000.00 are available for teachers who are interested in pursuing an advanced degree in reading or becoming a Nationally Board Certified Teacher in reading/language arts. Must be a member of KRA.

When? Applications due: DEADLINE EXTENDED - October 15, 2010

Grants awarded: Early October

Grant implementation: 2010-2011 school year

How to Apply: Applications are available through the Kentucky Reading Association website.

KRA CLASSROOM LITERATURE GRANTS

What? Grants of up to \$1000.00 are available for teachers for a thoughtfully presented classroom literacy project and/or library collection that increases children's access to print, including multicultural texts that inspire learning in the classroom. Must be a member of KRA.

When? Applications due: DEADLINE EXTENDED - October 15, 2010

Grants awarded: Late October or early November

Grant implementation: 2010-2011 school year

How to Apply: Applications are available through the Kentucky Reading Association website.

KRA CELEBRATE LITERACY AWARD

What? The Celebrate Literacy Award recognizes organizations, institutions, and individuals that have made significant contributions at the local, state, or national level. We hope the celebration will familiarize the public with literacy activities in the community and call attention to the work that is being done by the schools, the Kentucky Reading Association and the International Reading Association to promote literacy.

Who? Candidates who have shown exemplary accomplishments in any of the following areas may be suggested for consideration as Celebrate Literacy Award recipients: (1) direct teaching at any level, (2) organizing local literacy programs, (3) promoting support from the public relative to enhancing literacy, (4) producing teaching materials or special media for literacy programs, (5) conducting research in field related to literacy, (6) conducting special surveys of importance for literacy planning, (7) providing young people the opportunity to help in literacy activities, and (8) conducting informal educational activities of a social, cultural, economic, or political nature in which literacy activities are included (radio and television programs, publication and press, library programs, and projects for special populations, such as the handicapped and the aged).

When? Applications due: DEADLINE EXTENDED - September 30, 2010

Winners Notified: October 2010

Winners Announced: October 28, 2010 at the KRA Annual Conference

How to Apply: Applications are available through the Kentucky Reading Association website.



**Kentucky Reading Association
Author & Illustrator Luncheon
Saturday, October 30, 2010
Hyatt Regency, Lexington**



Nancy Kelly Allen
Karen Angelucci
Devin Brown
Mary Calhoun Brown
Melissa Burton
Evelyn B. Christenson
Michael L. Cooper
Susan Eaddy
Cindy Gnadinger
Fred Gross

Jerry Harwood
Heather Henson
Paul Brett Johnson
Marcia Thornton Jones
Jackie French Koller
George Ella Lyon
Marie Mitchell
Linda Hager Pack
Mason Smith
Rebecca Mitchell Turney
Linda Sanders Wells



For more information, visit www.kyreading.org

Kentucky Reading Association

Membership Form

All members of the Kentucky Reading Association are granted membership into their local council and vice-versa. The unified membership fee is \$15.00; student (full-time, undergraduate) membership is \$10.00.

Please make checks payable to the *Kentucky Reading Association*

Mail this membership form and check to:

Thelma Hawkins, KRA Membership

P.O. Box 1156, Frankfort, KY 40601



Check one: Join Renew Membership

Check one: Regular (\$15.00) Student (full-time, undergraduate - \$10.00)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

School/Work Site: _____

County: _____

**Please indicate which local council with which you would like to be affiliated. Circle one council.
Check to see which council represents your county.**

- **Bluegrass Council:** Anderson, Boyle, Bourbon, Fayette, Franklin, Harrison, Jessamine, Mercer, Scott, Woodford
- **Bluegrass Council (development):** Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Robertson, Rowan
- **Greater Louisville Council:** Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer
- **Greater Louisville Council (development):** Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen, Pendleton, Trimble
- **Jesse Stuart Council:** Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Rockcastle
- **Jesse Stuart Council (development):** Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Wolfe
- **Lake Cumberland Area Council:** Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, McCreary, Pulaski, Russell, Wayne
- **Lake Cumberland Area Council (development):** Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Whitley
- **Lincoln Heritage Council:** Breckinridge, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Meade, Nelson, Washington
- **Lincoln Heritage Council (development):** Green, Marion, Taylor
- **Murray Area Council:** Calloway
- **Murray Area Council (development):** Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Trigg
- **Western Kentucky Council:** Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Simpson, Warren
- **Western Kentucky Council (development):** Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McLean, Todd, Union, Webster

Once your membership has been processed, you will receive a membership card from Thelma Hawkins, Co-Director of Membership for the Kentucky Reading Association.

For International Reading Association membership information, please visit www.reading.org.

KRA use only:

Date received: _____

Personal check (check number _____)

District/School check (check number _____)

Becoming “We”: Kentucky Literacy Leadership



From “boas” to “boots” and “beads” to “belt buckles.” These were part of the planning processes the Kentucky Reading Association (KRA) leadership team underwent for the International Reading Association (IRA) Leadership Training in July 2010. The last training IRA held was in 2008 in New Orleans, and this year’s was in Dallas.

Though costume changes were not necessary, a contingency of six KRA representatives – the largest state/provincial group attending – embarked upon this mission along with individuals from all the US councils and Canadian provinces. Typically, this event is held regionally, but in order to provide a greater experience and be mindful of economic resources, the three IRA regional professional development associates combined their efforts to bring together all the groups. It was a successful endeavor.

The theme of the event was “Becoming We” based on the book, *Creating We: Change I-Thinking to We-Thinking and Build a Healthy, Thriving Organization*, by Judith Glaser.

Attendees were privileged to hear speakers from across the country on various topics related to the promotion of literacy for all learners. Kentucky’s own Dr. Janice Almasi opened the event with an inspirational session on motivation, as she shared some of her family’s history, tracing steps of past generations that led to her decision to become an educator. Attendees were challenged to explore what motivates them to do what they do in life. Individual councils were inspired to identify key qualities of their respective councils and the motivating forces that drive the work.

General sessions on governmental relations/advocacy and writing standards provided information relevant to today’s literacy environment. Numerous breakout sessions offered a wide variety of topics on becoming better leaders and enhancing individual council work, while also providing great opportunities to network with other councils. Kentucky was showcased through presentations by Dr. Brenda Overturf on leadership paths and Keith Lyons in recruitment and the state’s unique student ambassador program, which engages pre-service educators in the Commonwealth. Opportunities were created for individual councils to work in their groups to enhance strategic plans and goals. The event closed with author Valerie Ellery leading a captivating session on creating strategic readers.

The KRA group felt very privileged to represent Kentucky and return to share the great ideas gleaned from this experience. The team would like to commend our regional PD associate, Rayann Mitchell, and her cohorts, for a job well done! Thanks! 📖

KRA Board members (L to R): Diana Porter, Laura Crafton, Keith Lyons, Cindy Parker, Thelma Hawkins, Tammy Board

