Dear KRA Members and Friends,

As we engage more deeply with this school year, I hope you all find a renewed excitement for teaching, learning, and wonderment in your classrooms, schools, libraries, and homes. As the newly appointed President of the Kentucky Reading Association, I have spent time this summer reflecting on the past of our organization and the many changes that the organization has undergone over time. Last year we marked an historic time for KRA as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Now it’s time to look to the future. What changes can we embark upon to continue to improve our organization in support of literacy educators and students in our state?

Our state coordinator, Laura Crafton, led our leadership workshop this summer with an “under construction” theme. She pushed us to think strategically about changes we can make to better support and build our local councils. While we embark upon new initiatives with our local councils, we are making changes to our state organization as well. We are eager to share the launch of our new website, a change that will bring KRA into the 21st century. KRA memberships can now be renewed online and members will have access to a number of great resources and opportunities to help embrace our organization’s mission to be a voice for literacy. You can also like KRA on Facebook (www.facebook.com/KYReading) and follow us on Twitter (@KYReadingAssoc) to get the most up-to-date information, news, and events around the state.

Finally, we are making some exciting changes for our annual conference that will be held at the Galt House in Louisville (October 16-18). Our conference theme is Lifelong Literacy for Pleasure and Learning. We have special events for our book club participants, new members-only activities, and more than 20 authors and illustrators will engage with conference attendees. Don’t miss out on one of the best state conferences in the country! This special pre-conference issue of our KRA newsletter will provide highlights of the great speakers, sessions, and events we have planned. You can learn more about our line up of great speakers and register today at our conference website (kyreading.org/events/conference).

Change is in the air! Mother Theresa stated, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone to create many ripples.” I challenge each of you to cast that stone and make one small change that will focus on your commitment to being a voice for literacy in the Commonwealth.

Laurie Henry
University of Kentucky
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IT IS AN EXCITING TIME!

I want to share with you some of the things that have been happening in the local councils since the last issue of Literacy Leaders. In June, the KRA executive officers met with the local council officers for a leadership workshop. The theme “Under Construction” served as a reminder that we, as state and local organizations, were part of a work crew, building a more literate tomorrow. The day-long meeting gave participants the opportunity to review honor council criteria, receive job-alike officer training, and develop ‘tools’ to accomplish their literacy initiatives.

Across the commonwealth of Kentucky, local councils have formed book clubs as part of the upcoming 2014 Kentucky Reading Association Fall Conference. Teachers will be participating in professional learning communities as they read, blog, and/or meet about one of the following books: Uncommon Core, Rigorous Reading, Change Is Gonna Come, Essential Readings on Motivation, and Words Their Way. They will get to meet the authors of the books at the conference.

Have you visited the local council web pages at www.kyreading.org? If not, we invite you to do so. If you are tech savvy, I know that local councils are looking for individuals to help maintain and update their webpage.

I would like to close with the quote by Lily Tomlin who said, “The road to success is always under construction.”

From the Desk of Laura Crafton
KRA State Coordinator

News & Views from the KRA Board
Dear KRA Members and Friends of Literacy,

I write to you as the 2014 KRA Conference Chair, to tell you about the wonderful things we have planned for this year! We are looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming Kentucky Reading Association Annual Conference! This year’s theme is “Lifelong Literacy for Pleasure and Learning.” This year’s conference will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, October 16-18.

Excitement is mounting with each event that is scheduled. For your enjoyment and learning, we have five keynote speakers, who are among the best in the country. Please plan to join us for these experts in our field: Doug Fisher, Linda Gambrell, Shane Templeton, Jennifer Turner, Jeff Wilhelm.

Jeff Wilhelm and Linda Gambrell will be conducting pre-conference sessions on Thursday evening with a reception between sessions. You will leave each presentation with renewed energy and much valued information.

In addition to the keynote speakers, we have twelve extended sessions and more than forty concurrent sessions! It will be a real challenge to choose from all the excellent presenters available to you.

One of our main goals for this conference is to celebrate you. There will be little surprises from time to time: a silent auction, live music, and author events. Be sure your KRA membership is up to date so you don’t miss any of the events planned!

The conference planning team has worked hard to make this a rewarding experience for you, so come on Thursday and stay through the entire conference so you won’t miss out on all the exciting events! We know you will find this conference professionally and personally rewarding.

For more information on the on book clubs, author lists, and a conference schedule, see pages 5-8. Also check our new website at www.kyreading.org for conference registration, KRA membership, and more about our esteemed presenters!

Please use the QR code for more up-to-date conference information!

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Peggy Stirsman
2014 KRA Conference Chair
Have you heard about the Kentucky Reading Association Conference Author/Illustrator events? This year's theme is ‘Lifelong Literacy for Pleasure and Learning,’ and the lineup of authors and presenters fully supports that notion. Look through the list of authors and illustrators, as well as some of the events below. You can participate by registering for the KRA 2014 Conference at: www.kyreading.org/events/conference

The list keeps growing. Join us for these incredible events...and get your READ on!!

Authors/Illustrators at the conference:

Nancy Kelly Allen
Gwenda Bond
Marie Bradby
Sharon Draper
Christopher Epling
Doug Fisher
Thomas Freese
Elizabeth Fuller
Linda Gambrell
Bruce Kessler
Leslie Montgomery and Margot Holmes Smith
Kimberly A. Mucker-Johnson
Mike Norris and Minnie Adkins
Brenda Overturf
Linda Hager Pack
Vanessa Purdom
Cheryl and Todd Schleuning
Tytianna Nikia Marie Wells Smith
Jennifer Turner
Shane Templeton
Mary Powell Wagner
Jeff Wilhelm

Authors/Illustrators events at the conference:

Thursday, October 16th
- Pre-conference sessions with
  Jeff Wilhelm, Linda Gambrell

Friday, October 17th
- General Sessions with
  Doug Fisher, Jeff Wilhelm
  - Extended Workshop sessions with
    Doug Fisher, Linda Gambrell,
    Shane Templeton, Jennifer Turner,
    Jeff Wilhelm
  - Author/Illustrator Reception (numerous!!!)
  - Author Panel

Saturday, October 18th
- KRA Local Council Networking Breakfast with
  George Ella Lyon
  - General Session with Shane Templeton
  - Extended Workshop sessions with
    Brenda Overturf, Leslie Montgomery,
    Margot Holmes Smith
  - Luncheon with Sharon Draper

Additional conference info, including schedules, session information, and registration, may be found at:

www.kyreading.org/events/conference
Join the KRA Book-Club-Palooza!

A selection of titles for the Kentucky Reading Association Book-Club-Palooza!

In anticipation of KRA’s upcoming Annual Conference, book studies highlighting this year’s featured authors are forming all across Kentucky. Before October, more than seventeen groups of 100+ learners will collaborate to learn more about motivating students, vocabulary acquisition, analyzing implementation of the Common Core Standards, rigor in reading, and relevant strategies for teaching at-risk students and closing achievement gaps for good. In addition to the significant professional growth and networking experience, group participants will also receive EILA credit, registration for the conference, as well as an opportunity to meet the authors in October.

Thanks to all of the local reading councils and officers who have already committed to recruit, mobilize and facilitate the groups: Bluegrass, Jesse Stuart, Greater Louisville, Western Kentucky, Lake Cumberland, Pennyrile, and Lincoln Heritage. Special thanks to those who have partnered with and supported the Kentucky Reading Association to make this professional learning opportunity possible.

Make plans now to attend this year’s Annual KRA Conference, “Literacy for Pleasure and Learning,” featuring noted literacy experts: Jeff Wilhelm, Linda Gambrell, Jennifer Turner, Doug Fisher, and Shane Templeton. The conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 16-18, 2014. Reserve your spot today at www.kyreading.org.

For more information on the Book-Club-Palooza, contact Robin Hebert at LRobinHebert@gmail.com.

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Lifelong Literacy
for Pleasure and Learning

2014 Conference Schedule
Galt House in Louisville, KY

Thursday, October 16, 2014

2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  Registration
4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  Pre-conference Institute – Jeff Wilhelm
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  Pre-Conference Institute Reception
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  Pre-conference Institute – Linda Gambrell
1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  Exhibitor Set-Up

Friday, October 17, 2014

7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  Registration
8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  Exhibits & Conference Bookstore Open
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  General Session I – Doug Fisher
9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.  Exhibit Browsing
9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Extended Workshops 1 – Doug Fisher; Linda Gambrell; Jennifer Turner
9:45 a.m.-10:55 a.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions A
10:55 a.m.-11:10 a.m. Exhibit Browsing
11:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions B
12:35 p.m.-2:05 p.m. Author/Illustrator Reception
12:45 p.m.-2:10 p.m. Exhibit Browsing
2:10 p.m.-3:25 p.m.  General Session II – Jeff Wilhelm
3:25 p.m.-3:35 p.m.  Exhibit Browsing
3:35 p.m.-5:15 p.m.  Extended Workshops 2 – Shane Templeton; Becky Woosley; Becky Roach
3:35 p.m.-4:45 p.m.  Concurrent Breakout Sessions C
5:15 p.m.-5:55 p.m.  Author Panel
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  KRA Members Appreciation Reception/Music event
### Saturday, October 18, 2014

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In addition to the events listed, Friday and Saturday will offer opportunities for concurrent sessions, exhibit browsing, author signings, content specific strands, and other activities. Please continue to check the conference webpage for additional information on these and session descriptions for all presentations.

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The Kentucky Reading Journal: CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

The Kentucky Reading Journal welcomes articles that are both scholarly and practitioner-focused as well as other original contributions addressing literacy and/or literature across all grades and content areas. Classroom teachers, reading specialists, and other reading professionals are encouraged to submit manuscripts according to the guidelines below.

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS: Submissions may fall under the following categories:

- **Feature articles** should be approximately 10-15 pages (2500-3500 words), including references, and may include original research in literacy and/or literature, reflect the current research interests of Kentucky educators, or review best practices for multiple literacies (i.e., visual, digital, textual, or technological).

- **Teaching Tips** for engaging readers and writers should be approximately 3-5 pages and may include practical ideas for teaching literacy and/or literature. These also may include teaching vignettes that describe especially poignant or humorous classroom moments. While not required, such submissions are strengthened by the inclusion of digital components that demonstrate students’ success and engagement with the teaching tips.

- **Kids’ Korner** submissions may be much shorter. These submissions come from things that students have written, created, or reviewed. Audio submissions of kids reviewing literature or promoting technology tools are ideas to consider.

GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION: Submissions must apply the following:

- Submit the manuscript/video electronically. Please use separate email attachments for text and each digital, audio, or video file.
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- Use Microsoft Word and double space in 12 point font with 1” margins.
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