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Educators Consider How to Achieve “Literacy Excellence in Challenging Times”

2012 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference • February 4-7

As educators work to increase student achievement with decreased resources, the 2012 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference offers information and strategies for “Achieving Literacy Excellence in Challenging Times.” More than 2,000 teachers, administrators, literacy coaches, and university faculty are expected to attend the conference to be held in Columbus, February 4-7, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel. Attendees will hear featured speakers and select from 120 concurrent sessions on classroom literacy, coaching, children’s literature, administration, technology, and Reading Recovery.

Three nationally recognized authors will appear as keynote speakers.

1. **Gay Su Pinnell**, award-winning author, researcher, and professor emerita from The Ohio State University will speak on “The Goal of Excellence: Literate Lives” (Sunday, February 5, 10:30 am).
2. **Katie Wood Ray**, a well-known author and researcher of both reading and writing instruction, will address “Read-Aloud: An Essential Tool for the Teaching of Writing” (Monday, February 6, 10:30 am).
3. **Jack Gantos**, winner of the 2012 Newbery Medal and author of over 40 books for children, will demonstrate how pictures and words combine to create a world of pleasure for young readers in “I Spy a Story” (Tuesday, February 7, 8:30 am).

Free Parent Session. A special pre-conference session for parents with children ages 2 to 8 will be held Saturday, February 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. The session includes information on choosing the right books, helping children read independently, and making reading fun. The Exhibit Hall will be open so parents can review and purchase books after the session.

African-American Read-In Honors Black History Month. A public reading of two children's books and a sampling of poetry – all written by African American authors, will be held Saturday, February 4 after the parent session.

Administrator's Institute. On Monday, February 6, superintendents, principals, curriculum directors, and school board members will attend sessions on Common Core Standards, Response to Intervention (RTI), Staying the Course During Tough Times, and how to fund professional development for Reading Recovery.

Technology in Literacy Instruction. Conference registrants may select from several sessions on digital literacy and the use of technology such as web tools and applications for phones, tablets, and other digital devices.

About Reading Recovery and the Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA)

The conference is sponsored by the Reading Recovery Council of North America, an association of Reading Recovery professionals and partners. The Council provides a network of professional development opportunities and is an advocate for Reading Recovery in the United States and Canada.

Reading Recovery is a short-term intervention of one-to-one teaching for the lowest-achieving first graders. Reading Recovery students receive 30-minute lessons each school day for 12 to 20 weeks from a specially trained teacher. In the U.S., more than 2 million students have received Reading Recovery lessons, and tens of thousands of teachers have been trained.

Registration information and conference information

<http://rrcna.org/conferences/national/index.asp>