

**What is the IRA?**

The International Reading Association is a non-profit organization that exists for the purpose of promoting reading and the teaching of reading. It consists of over 90,000 individual members and institutions in America and eighty nations around the world. Members include teachers, administrators, parents, education students and anyone interested in promoting reading as a lifetime habit in our society. Visit [www.ira.org](http://www.ira.org) to learn more.

**Who We Are**

We are one of approximately forty local councils of the International Reading Association throughout the state. In addition to completing many successful literacy projects in the community, we participate each year in the state Young Authors project by sponsoring a local contest for students in grades K – 12 and for adults.

**What Are the Benefits of Membership?**

The benefits of membership in NRMCIIRA are numerous. Membership provides an opportunity to make a difference in the literacy of your own community. Membership also allows you to participate in our programs and projects, and teachers may earn 1.0 CEU towards renewal. Your membership in the local council also allows you to attend the state conference at a reduced rate.

Please join with us today to work towards improved literacy in our community.

**Annual Young Authors Project**

Each year our council participates in the state YA project by sponsoring a local contest. Students from local public and private schools, homeschoolers, and adults are invited to enter.

The number of entries our council can submit to state is determined by the total number of members we have, so we encourage all those interested in participating to join. Entries from parents and administrators are always welcome!

**NRMCIIRA Goals for 2011-2012**

- ◆ Promote the cause of literacy throughout the community
- ◆ Provide quality professional development in the area of reading instruction
- ◆ Encourage active support and involvement in the organization

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2011 - 2012**

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*Please contact any of our officers if you have questions about our council's programs or projects.*

**Please see our website for meeting information:**

<http://www.nrmcira.webs.com>



**NRMCIIRA MISSION**

We strive to energize our members to positively impact our students and our community through instructional programs and literacy projects.

**Nash-Rocky Mount Council of the IRA  
MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Council # 36709**

Dues - \$20.00

***Detach and return this portion with dues:***

*Submit to:* NRMCIIRA, P.O. Box 7241  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-0241

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If educator, please provide school/location: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP HISTORY INFORMATION:**

Is this a renewal? (*Were you a member of NRMCIIRA in 2010-2011*)? Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

Are you an international member? (*Do you pay separate international dues?*) Y\_\_\_ N\_\_\_

If so, please provide IRA your membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

and expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NRMCIRA PROGRAMS 2011 - 2012**

**Uncovering Treasures at our Fingertips**

Thursday, September 8  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Braswell Memorial Library  
Warner Conference Room

*Introduction to the YA Topic &  
NIE: Focus on Teaching Treasures*

**Assessing our Treasures**

Tuesday, October 18  
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Braswell Memorial Library  
Warner Conference Room

*Program by Marie McKeeman  
American Reading Company*

**Learning to Treasure Assessment**

Thursday, November 10  
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

(Supper Meeting - Details TBA)

Braswell Memorial Library  
Warner Conference Room

*Evaluating Student Writing*

**Literary Treasures for Instruction**

Thursday, January 26

Joint Meeting with Wilson County,  
Place & Time TBA

*Program by Scholastic, Inc.*

**Treasuring our NC Authors:**

*Lynn Salsi and the Jack Tales*

Thursday, February 16

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Place TBA

*Exploring NC Literature*

**State Young Authors Celebration**

Saturday, March 17

Raleigh, NC

**NCRA Annual State Conference**

Sunday - Tuesday, March 18-20

Raleigh, NC

**Treasures We Have in Common**

March Date & Place TBA

*Focus on: Common Core in Language Arts*

*Presentation by NRMPS Team*

**Treasuring Reading Time**

April Date & Place TBA

*Reading Doesn't Have To Be Silent!*

**Local Young Authors Celebration**

April Date and Place TB

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**NASH-ROCKY MOUNT COUNCIL**  
of the  
International Reading Association

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Program of Work

2011 - 2012

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Theme from  
**North Carolina Reading Association:**

**From the Mountains  
to the Sea:**

**Exploring  
North Carolina's  
Literary Treasures**