

Wilson Council of the North Carolina Reading Association

**an affiliate of the International Reading Association*

"Treasures of North Carolina"

2011-2012

Mission Statement

The North Carolina Reading Association (NCRA) actively promotes lifelong literacy for all citizens commensurate with each individual's unique capability. The Wilson Council encourages professional interaction among individuals and organizations involved with literacy to provide resources for exemplary literacy practices and habits.

* visit www.ncreading.org

Member Benefits

- *Informative and interesting meetings, projects, and programs*
- *CEU's in reading for 10 hrs. attendance at meetings & events*
- *Reduced rate for annual NCRA conference in Raleigh*
- *Educational strategies and ideas to use in your classroom*
- *An opportunity to make a difference regarding Wilson County literacy*
- *Access to scholarships for those working toward graduate degrees*
- *Opportunities to interact with other professionals in your community*

Dues

Local dues are \$15. Joining the Wilson Council makes you a member of the NCRA. Please complete a membership form, include your check made payable to Wilson Council of the NCRA, and forward both to: **Victoria Bruhn, Springfield Middle School, 5551 Wiggins Mill Rd, Lucama, NC 27851**. *Join the International Reading Association on-line for as little as \$29 at www.reading.org. Use the membership tab on the left-hand side and follow the prompts.*

Literary Projects

- *Young Authors' Project (YAP)*
- *YAP Judging event at Greenfield School*
- *YAP State Winners Reception*
- *Reading Day Celebration at Barton College*
- *Local Service Projects at Wesley Shelter*
- *International Service Projects: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*

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Schedule of Meetings & Events

August 18	Meeting; Building Representatives only
September 8	Meeting; <i>guest speaker, Linda Connor</i> <i>Dolly Parton's Imagination Library</i>
October 13	Meeting; <i>guest speakers, Jonathan Brooks & Nancy Van Dolsen</i> <i>Imagination Station Science Museum &</i> <i>NC Museum of the Coastal Plain</i>
November 10	Meeting; <i>guest speaker, Bonnie Christensen</i> <i>Children's and Young Adult author/illustrator</i>
November (TBA)	<i>Young Authors Judging</i> - dinner event (location TBA)
December 8	<i>Holiday Social</i> (location TBA)
January 26	Meeting; <i>guest speaker, RayShawyn Morris, Scholastic Books</i>
February 9	Meeting; <i>Young Authors State Winners' Reception</i> (location TBA)
March 8	Meeting; "Reading Day Preparations"
March 10	<i>Reading Day Celebration</i> , Barton College, Hardy Hall
April 19	Meeting; "Reversing the Summer Slide", Election of Officers

**All meetings will be held from 4 to 6 pm at the Wilson County Public Library on Nash Street unless noted otherwise. Refreshments will be provided.*

***State YA Celebration, Raleigh Convention Center - March 17th**

*** 43rd NCRA Conference, Raleigh Convention Center - March 18-20th**
"From the Mountains to the Sea: Exploring North Carolina's Literary Treasures"

***IRA 57th Annual Convention, Chicago "Celebrating Teaching" April 29-May 2nd**

Wilson Council Officers

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