

2012 North Carolina Reading Association Conference Information

March 18 – 20, 2012

Raleigh Convention Center

Host Hotel: Marriott Raleigh City Center - \$136 +taxes (includes 1 free valet parking per room per night)

Conference Registration form coming soon!

You can receive up to 2 reading CEUs for attending both the pre-conference institutes and the full conference Monday & Tuesday, or you can receive 1.5 reading CEUs for attending Monday & Tuesday only.

This year's conference costs are:

(first price is early bird registration cost, second price applies to registrations postmarked after February 15, 2012)

- NCRA Member \$115, \$140
- NON-NCRA Member \$140, \$165 (you can get the member price if you join your local council)
- Full-time Graduate Student (bag & lunches not included) \$30, \$40
- Undergraduate Student (bag and lunches not included) \$20, \$30
- NCRA Member 1-DAY CONFERENCE (Must specify day) \$80, \$100
- NON- NCRA Member ONE DAY CONFERENCE. (Specify day) \$95, \$115

If you are members of your local reading council, NCRA membership is included in that membership, allowing you to register at a reduced rate. Most councils' membership dues are \$20 or less, so it's worth inquiring. If you don't have a local reading council, you can join as at-large NCRA members for \$20 - contact Ken Sheldon - ksheldonreading@aol.com - or you can send in a check for membership with your conference registration (just note on your registration form that you've included membership dues).

Author & Speakers include:

Brian Pinkney – raised in NC

James Ransome – raised in NC

Lesa Ransome

John Claude Bemis – lives in Hillsborough

Frances O'Rouarke Dowell – lives in Durham

Bonnie Christensen – lives in Wilson

Kelly Starling Lyons – lives in Raleigh

JJ Johnson – lives in Durham
Lester Laminack – lives in Asheville
Carol Crane – lives in Holly Springs
Kitty Griffin
Dr. Sharon Faber
Dr. Jane Feber
Nancy Pollette
Dr. Linda Hoyt
Jill Nolan & Laura Beaver – NC teachers
Chris Wirszyla – NC teacher
Dr. John Begeny – NCSU professor
Cris Crissman – NCSU professor
Dr. Francine Johnson – UNCG professor
Dr. Karen Wixson (Dean ED, UNCG) – pending confirmation

We are also having several speakers from DPI speaking about core standards, and we are expanding our middle and high school offerings this year in hopes of having as many secondary sessions as our numerous elementary-focused sessions.

Some of the institute topics we are working on include:

- core standards (for elementary; separate institute for secondary)
- responding school-wide to needs for literacy and health: creating a school culture that builds strong bodies and minds
- vocabulary and word study
- how to teach reading if you're not a reading teacher
- effective and efficient strategies for improving students' reading fluency
- reading art –using art to teach essential reading skills; activities correlated to English/Language Arts core standards
- learning is not a spectator sport - engaging learners with differentiated lessons
- reading and writing strategies across the curriculum
- exploring the reading & writing of non-fiction
- fluency, vocabulary, & comprehension activities – hands'on workshop