



ISSUES A CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS ON THE THEME



DURING THE ASSOCIATION'S 58TH CONFERENCE

***CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF
READING INSTRUCTION IN WEST VIRGINIA***

November 21 and 22, 2013

AT THE GREENBRIER HOTEL, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA



**An Official
West Virginia
Sesquicentennial Event**

PROGRAM PROPOSAL DEADLINE-JUNE 20, 2013

Conference Overview

Rediscover West Virginia through Reading is the theme of the 58th Conference of the West Virginia Reading Association. The conference logo features two distinct symbols-the Cardinal and the book. Not only is the Cardinal the Official State Bird, but also the Cardinal is the symbol of hope. The book is the symbol of reading. By teaching children to read, we give children hope for their future success. **This year's conference is a tribute to the dedicated educators who have taught children how to read for the last 150 years in West Virginia.**

Reading has shaped West Virginia's past, present and future. For example, reading newspapers rallied the cry for secession from Virginia. West Virginia authors have challenged us to take even greater levels of pride in our heritage and ourselves. In addition, educators teach students how to apply reading strategies to content about West Virginia's people, places, and events with the ultimate goal of creating future West Virginians who are committed to a more diverse, global and technological view of the world.

During 2013, West Virginians will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of West Virginia Statehood. The West Virginia Reading Association will celebrate 35 years of leadership development of reading educators. This conference will occur near the end of a year-long Sesquicentennial Celebration and will attempt to answer two key questions: (1) **"What have we done, are doing and will be doing to improve reading instruction in our schools?"**; (2) **"How do we use reading instruction to improve West Virginia Studies in the curriculum?"**

The West Virginia Reading Association cordially invites you to plan, prepare, present and be a part of a conference program that will be preserved in the archives of the Association as a time capsule for the Bicentennial Celebration of West Virginia Statehood in 2063.

Selection Criteria

- ❖ Proposals strongly tied to the conference theme-Rediscover West Virginia through Reading-will be given a high preference for selection.
- ❖ Traditional conference, scientifically-based reading research strategies sessions to promote student achievement will be also given a high preference for selection.
- ❖ Excluded from selection will be proposals for sessions that promote for-profit commercial materials, programs, or professional consultants.

General Information

- ❖ THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS IS JUNE 20, 2013.
- ❖ Notification of a proposal's being accepted will be e-mailed to the proposal's author after July 1, 2013.
- ❖ All program presenters must register for the conference and pay conference fees before October 18, 2013.
- ❖ The West Virginia Reading Association is a professional, non-profit organization and is unable to either provide honoraria or reimburse presenters for materials, travel, meals, or hotel expenses.
- ❖ Mail or Electronically send the completed proposals on or before June 20, 2013 to:

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West Virginia Reading Association 2013 Program Proposal

(Word process and submit this proposal either electronically or through the US Postal Service)

1. Proposal Chair/Author Contact Information

Name (As it is to appear in the program): Last _____ First _____
Position and/or Title _____ School/Professional Affiliation _____

Address to mail communications about this proposal:

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Zip Code _____

Telephone Numbers (In Order of Preference): 1. (____) _____ 2. (____) _____
3. (____) _____ Best Times to Call _____

E-Mail Addresses: 1. _____ 2. _____
Member of WVRA: YES NO Member of IRA YES NO

2. Proposal Presider Contact Information

Name (As it is to appear in the program): Last _____ First _____
Position and/or Title _____ School/Professional Affiliation _____

Address to mail communications about this proposal:

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Zip Code _____

Telephone Numbers (In Order of Preference): 1. (____) _____ 2. (____) _____
3. (____) _____ Best Times to Call _____

E-Mail Addresses: 1. _____ 2. _____
Member of WVRA: YES NO Member of IRA YES NO

3. Other Proposal Participants and Contact Information. It is proposal author's responsibility to obtain advance permission from each of these individuals (Cut, paste, duplicate and complete Item 3 for each member of the presentation team)

Name (As it is to appear in the program): Last _____ First _____
Position and/or Title _____ School/Professional Affiliation _____

Address to mail communications about this proposal:

Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Zip Code _____

Telephone Numbers (In Order of Preference): 1. (____) _____ 2. (____) _____
3. (____) _____ Best Times to Call _____

E-Mail Addresses: 1. _____ 2. _____
Member of WVRA: YES NO Member of IRA YES NO

4. Title of the Presentation (Make us want to attend and limit the title to one line of type):

5. Program Description for the Conference Program (30 words or less to make us want to attend the presentation):

6. Type of Presentation: (Select only one)

Session (45 minutes) Workshop (90 minutes with one break of 15 minutes in the middle).

7. Scheduling Date and Time Preference (In order of Preference-1st, 2nd, 3rd):

No Preference Thursday AM Thursday PM Friday AM Friday PM

Are you willing to present the session twice? YES NO If Yes, specify _____

8. Topic Relevance (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergent Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to Read |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading to Learn | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading to Solve Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Integration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Media in Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum | <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Authors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia Culture and Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> The Arts in West Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia History Updates | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity in West Virginia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local County Council Activities to Especially Promote the West Virginia Sesquicentennial during 2013 | |

9. Intended Audience (Check all that apply)

- Birth-PreK Early Childhood Intermediate Grades Middle School High School
 Pre-Service Teachers Parents Community Leaders Administrators

10. Abstract and Session Introduction (Two Additional Attachments)

- ❖ On one separate sheet of paper, **write a 250 words or less abstract** that summarizes the presentation. This Abstract should include the following: **A. The Title of the Program; B. The Program Objective(s); C. The Content to Be Presented; and D. Presentation Methods.**
- ❖ On another sheet of paper, write a **very brief session Introduction to your presentation.** Tell about the people presenting the session. The session Introduction should make the audience want to hear the presentation. Biographies must be very brief and include only information about the presenter that is pertinent to the presentation. This sheet will be used by your **presider.** This Introduction is limited to one page.

Statement of Intent

Our presentation team, presider and I understand and agree that if this proposal is accepted, ALL will

- ❖ **Register for the WVRA Conference and pay all registration fees before October 18, 2013.**
- ❖ **Pay for any audio-visual equipment that we need for our presentation.**
- ❖ **Provide and pay for any handouts or materials that we will give participants during our presentation prior to coming to the conference.**
- ❖ **Be responsible for any fines for copyright violations.**
- ❖ **Not expect the West Virginia Reading Association to reimburse any expenses for members of our team.**
- ❖ **Notify Dr. Bob Harrison immediately about any changes in the status and or team membership of this proposal.**

_____ **Proposal Chair/Author Signature** _____ **Date**

