

CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS



Branson, Missouri

**35th Plains IRA Regional Conference
November 4 – 6, 2009**



**Conference Chair: Tamara Rhomberg
Cosponsored by: Missouri State Council**

General Information and Guidelines

Criteria used for reviewing proposals include the following:

1. Relevance of topic to conference strand
2. Quality and clarity of proposal
3. Implications for theory and practice
4. Organization and clear method of presentation

Disqualifying factors include the following:

1. The promotion of commercial materials or programs (An exhibitor strand is available to exhibiting companies. Further details will be available at www.reading.org)
2. Content unrelated to literacy
3. Failure to complete the proposal according to the guidelines

Proposals must be received by **March 31, 2009**

Submitters will be notified of the program committee's decision by May 30, 2009.

Mail **THREE** copies of the proposal and related materials to:

35th Plains IRA Regional Conference

International Reading Association
PO Box 8139
Newark, DE 19714-8139

Street address for special handling:
800 Barksdale Road
Newark, DE 19711-3269

The International Reading Association (IRA) is now hosting "continued" or "linked" professional development for reading educators via a series of sessions to be held at IRA Regional Conferences and the Annual Convention. Go to www.reading.org for more information.



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I. Person Submitting Proposal

Last Name		First Name	
Preferred Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Institutional Affiliation Including City and State (as you wish it to appear in the program book)			
E-Mail Address (required for contact purposes)			
Telephone Number (Home)	(Business)	Fax Number	
International Reading Association Membership Number			

II. Additional Presenters

Please attach a list with names, address, institutional affiliation, city and state for each additional presenter. Secure advance permission from each individual. It is the submitter's responsibility to correspond with the individuals on their panel.

III. Program Format

- Session (60 minutes) Sessions provide an overview of a given specific topic
- Workshop (90 minutes) Workshops use an interactive format and audience participation
- Symposium (90 minutes) Symposia allow several speakers to deliver short addresses on a common topic and interact with each other and the audience

IV. Title of Presentation (as you wish it to appear in the program book)

V. Program Description

On an attached sheet indicate a 25–30-word description as you wish it to appear in the program book.

VI. Proposal Abstract

On an attached sheet, please provide a description of the proposed presentation. The description should not exceed 250 words and should be organized around the following headings:

1. Objectives
2. Content
3. Methods of presentation

VII. Conference Strands (indicate *one* topic which best relates to your presentation)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Strategies for Reluctant Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual and ESL Reading/Writing Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development—Educating Educators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain-Based Reading Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Literacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology in Literacy Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Coaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary Development |

VIII. Learner Age Level

Indicate the age range of learners emphasized in your presentation. For example, if your presentation focuses on early literacy, you might select "<4 years" as the minimum and "7" as the maximum. If the focus is teacher education at the undergraduate level, you might select "undergraduate university" as both the minimum and maximum.

Learner Age (minimum) _____ to _____ (maximum)
(select from <4 years through 18 years, undergraduate, graduate/university, adult)

IX. Intended Audience (indicate all those who may benefit)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrators | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarians/Media Specialists | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Educators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Specialists | <input type="checkbox"/> Title I Teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ELL Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate or Graduate Students |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> All Conferees |

X. Audiovisual Equipment

The conference organizers will provide overhead projectors and screens, as needed. Participants requesting additional audiovisual equipment for their presentation will be required to cover the rental cost. Please indicate if you will need an overhead projector.

XI. Signature of Agreement

On behalf of the presenter(s) listed in this proposal, I (we) understand that I (we) must preregister for the conference and are responsible for all conference registration fees and other expenses.

Signature of Submitter _____ Date _____