

**Thank you for registering for the
2009 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference
Registrant Newsletter**

The conference will take place February 7 – 10, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio. We look forward to seeing you in just a few days. PLEASE READ this important information prior to arriving at the Conference.

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1. Registrants' Web Page, Handouts, and Onsite Program

Before leaving for the Conference, don't forget to visit the Registrants' Web Page to do three things (use these links):

view session changes: <http://rrcna.org/conferences/national/NC09/updates.asp>

view and print your handouts: <http://rrcna.org/conferences/national/NC09/registrants.asp>

PRINT those handouts for the sessions you plan to attend and bring them with you to the conference. NOTE: the majority of these handouts will not be available at the Conference.

preview the program booklet:

<http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/program.pdf>

Especially note pages 6 and 7 under "General Information."

2. Personal Conference Worksheet

With so many sessions to choose from, it is recommended that you use the Personal Conference Worksheet on page 4 of the Conference program to help you plan each day. Because sessions sometimes fill up quickly, the worksheet gives you space to write three choices for each session time frame. Print it now from <http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/program.pdf>.

3. Pick Up Your Registration Packet Early

We encourage you to pick up your Conference program, namebadge, tickets, totebag and other items on Friday evening (if registered for a Saturday session) or Saturday. Registration packet pick up is very congested on Sunday morning. The Registration Center is located in the Columbus Convention Center and the hours are: Friday 5:00pm to 8:00pm; Saturday 8:00am to 8:00pm; and Sunday 8:00am to 5:30pm. **Please be prepared to show your driver's license or picture ID to pick up your packet.** Individuals must pick up their own packets (cannot pick up for others due to professional development hours criteria). See the daily conference schedule at: <http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/Schedule.pdf>.

4. Name Badges

Please wear your official Conference name badge at all times during the Conference. It is **required for entrance into all sessions and the exhibit hall**. You will receive an emergency information card to complete and keep with your name badge.

5. Meals

With a full conference registration, the following meals will be provided: box lunch on Sunday and Monday and Continental Breakfast on Tuesday. Name badge and tickets are required for meals. A food court with restaurants is located in the Hyatt Regency.

6. Author Book Signings

Bring your books by these authors or buy them in Exhibit Hall C:

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:00pm - Exhibit Hall C:

James Ransome and Lesa Cline-Ransome, children's books: *Helen Keller: The World in Her Heart*; *Young Pele*; *Satchel Paige*; and *Major Taylor: Champion Cyclist*. Website:

<http://www.lesaclineransome.com/books.html>

Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell, professional books: *When Readers Struggle*; *Teaching for Comprehending and Fluency*; *Talking and Writing about Reading Grades K-8*. Visit

<http://heinemann.com> and use the key word search: Fountas & Pinnell.

Tony Stead, professional books: *Good Choice!*; *Teaching Reading Comprehension with Nonfiction K-5*; and *Is That a Fact? Teaching Non-Fiction Writing K-3*. Visit

http://www.stenhouse.com/html/authorbios_54.htm.

7. Evening Events on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

For more information about evening events, visit:

http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/Movies_and_Shopping.pdf.

On Saturday or Sunday, see a movie at a special promotional ticket price. Arena Grand Movie Theater is an 11-screen movie complex three blocks from the Convention Center. A special promotional price will be given to all National Conference attendees. Tickets will be available for \$7.00 (normally \$9.00 for regular adult tickets) by presenting your Conference nametag at the box office. Call the box office at 614-470-9900 to see movie listings and show times or visit <http://www.arenagrand.com>. The Short North Arts District is holding their monthly Gallery Hop just a few blocks north of the Convention Center. Visit <http://www.shortnorth.org/news.asp?n=124> for more information.

On Monday take a shopping trip! Easton is nestled in an upscale town square that's cosmopolitan, yet comfortable, worldly, yet friendly, indoors and out. Besides retail stores including Macy's, Nordstrom, Tiffany's, Pottery Barn, J. Crew, New York and Company, Ann Taylor, Victoria's Secret, and Coach, and a wide variety of restaurants, you will find movie theaters, a comedy club, and a theater cabaret. A special coupon book filled with merchant discounts is available to our Conference attendees at the conference registration center and the bus table. Please fill out the discount card and drop it off at the Guest Services booth at Easton to pick up your complimentary Experience Easton coupon book. Visit <http://www.eastontowncenter.com> for more information.

On Monday, February 9, free shuttles will run every 45 minutes as follows:

4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Shuttles leave from Convention Center for Easton

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Easton Shuttles returning from Easton will take passengers to the Convention Center and official Conference Hotels.

8. Bus Shuttles

Creative Coach, the "Fun Bus", will provide shuttle service to and from the Columbus Convention Center from the Hyatt Capitol Square and The Columbus hotels on Friday, Feb 6 – Tuesday, Feb 10. Schedule signs will be placed in these hotels. The shuttles are provided free to Conference registrants during these hours: Friday 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm; Saturday 7:30 am - 7:30 pm; Sunday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; Monday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; and Tuesday 7:00 am - 1:00 pm.

9. Getting to Your Hotel

Besides taxis (a trip to downtown costs approximately \$28 one way), airport shuttles are operated by Arch Transportation 1-888-325-1882—roundtrip from airport to downtown hotel \$20 or \$12 one way; or Urban Express 1-877-840-0411— roundtrip from airport to downtown hotel \$25 or \$15 one way. Reservations are required for both shuttles. Call to inquire about hotel routes.

10. Tues, Feb. 10th Airport Shuttle

On Tuesday only, shuttle service is offered from the Convention Center to Port Columbus Airport. The fee is \$10.00 and will be available on Tuesday 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. Scheduled shuttles will leave from the connector between the Hyatt Regency and the Convention Center. Reservations are required. Please sign up for the airport shuttle in advance at the Conference Bus Shuttle Table during the Conference.

11. Parking

Parking is available near the convention center. Please visit http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/Parking_Map.pdf to view a map.

12. Free Luggage Storage on Tuesday, Feb. 10

Luggage storage will be available on Tues, Feb. 10 from 7:30am to 12:30pm in the Convention Center room B 200 (next to the top of the escalator).

13. Evaluations

NEW! In our efforts to increase efficiency and reduce the consumption of paper, ALL of the conference evaluations (overall, concurrent sessions, and preconference institutes) will be emailed to you on Thursday, Feb. 12. By completing the evaluation, you will be entered to win valuable prizes. You will receive these as separate emails. Evaluations will not be collected during the conference. An Evaluation Tracking Worksheet will be included in the Program that you will receive at the Conference. Please use this form to record your thoughts about each session you attend. When you receive your evaluation form by email, refer to this page as you answer the questions.

14. Session Recordings

Many conference sessions will be recorded and available for purchase at a 25% discount at the Dove Enterprises counter in the Convention Center main foyer. Available formats include CD, MP3, and DVD. You will also be able to purchase recordings after the conference, and from previous conferences, by going to Dove's website at: <http://www.dovetapes.com/rrcna/>. A new special is being offered: Buy 3 CDs or DVDs and get the fourth for Free! Discounts only apply to on-site purchases.

15. Exhibits

Publishers and other vendors will display their products on Saturday, February 7, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and Monday, February 9, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please visit the exhibitor booths; their support helps to keep the conference cost low. Name badge required for entrance into the exhibit hall.

16. Sponsors

Due to the generosity of the following donors, we are able to keep the cost of the National Conference low. Their total donations underwrite a portion of the conference expenses. Gold Sponsor: Heinemann; Bronze Sponsor: Commerce National Bank; Friend Sponsors: SongLake Books, Steps To Literacy, Seedling Publications, and WIDE World.

17. Columbus, Ohio Weather Report during Conference Days:

Friday: High: 41° F rain; Low: 33° F
Saturday: High: 47° F chance of rain; Low: 33° F
Sunday: High: 48° F rain; Low: 38° F
Monday: High: 42° F cloudy; Low: 36° F
Tuesday: High: 58° F cloudy; Low: 53° F

18. Previous Registrant Updates Sent to You on January 21 and 29:

http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/1st_Registrant_E-Newsletter.pdf

http://rrcna.org/pdf/conferences/NC09/2nd_Registrant_E-Newsletter.pdf

The Reading Recovery Council of North America Office will be closed Friday, February 6 – Friday, February 13, 2009. Business will resume on Monday, February 16, 2009.