

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the Conference dates and where is it held?

The Conference dates are Saturday, February 6 – Tuesday, February 9, 2010. It is held in Columbus, Ohio at the Greater Columbus Convention Center located at 400 N. High St., Columbus, OH. The optional Preconference Institutes are held on Saturday, February 6 and the Conference begins on Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 am and ends at noon on Tuesday, February 9.

Who should attend?

K–6 classroom teachers, Reading Recovery professionals, principals, superintendents, school board members, reading specialists, Title I teachers and coordinators, school librarians, literacy coaches and coordinators, curriculum specialists, teachers of English language learners, university professors, and literacy advocates. The average attendance at the Conference is 2,500 to 2,700 educators.

How Do I Register?

You can register online at www.rrcna.org/conferences, fax the registration form to 614-985-3736, or mail a completed form to RRCNA National Conference at 500 W. Wilson Bridge Rd., Suite 250, Worthington, OH 43085.

Am I registered for the conference?

To check on the status of your registration, go to www.readingrecovery.org/conferences and click on the 'registration confirmation' link. Enter your confirmation number or membership number and last name. You will be able to check on payment status and registered sessions. Your confirmation email will be sent by conference@dpmanagement.net. Please be sure to allow notices from this email address to pass through your SPAM filters. For registration questions such as where to mail your registration, Conference fees, invoice or payment information, or to make a change to an existing registration, email conference@dpmanagement.net or call 866-458-8521.

When is the early deadline?

The early rate expires on December 4, 2009. Save \$50 by registering by that date.

What do I get for my conference registration fee?

Full Conference includes Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday sessions:

- 3 Keynote Speakers: Carol Lyons, author and professor emerita, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Candy Dawson Boyd, author and professor, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA; Brod Bagert, author and poet, Metairie, LA.
- 8 Featured Speakers, including 5 Reading Recovery topics and 3 K–6 Classroom Literacy topics.
- Literacy Coaching Strand offers ten sessions targeted to the needs of literacy coaches.
- Children's Literature Strand: authors and teachers will share children's books and address the roles they play in children's lives and in their learning.
- 2½ days to explore exhibits representing book publishers and other suppliers of education products and services.
- Opportunities to network with nearly 3,000 literacy, education and Reading Recovery professionals.
- Lunch on Sunday and Monday.

What is a Preconference Institute?

Institutes are one-day in length and provide in-depth explorations of topics and include interactive discussions and audience participation. You may choose from eight Preconference Institutes, including 2 Reading Recovery topics and 2 K–6 Classroom Literacy topics. Institutes are offered on Saturday, February 6, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Lunch is provided. Early fees are: member \$175, non-member \$225. After Dec. 4, 2009, member \$210, non-member \$260.

Are registration discounts available?

- Register by December 4, 2009 to save.
- Be a current RRCNA member, join or renew your membership and save \$50 instantly.

Can I join RRCNA or renew my membership at the same time I register for the conference?

Yes. Both the on-line and printed forms allow you to renew your membership to receive the discount immediately. Simply complete the membership portion of the registration form and return with your payment or purchase order. If you wish to renew a recently-lapsed membership and you don't have access to your member ID number, you may look it up online at http://www.rrcna.org/sections/membership/member_search.asp or call 614-310-7322.

If I join now, will I get the member discount?

Yes. The discount goes into effect immediately.

What payment methods are accepted?

Participants may pay by check (payable to RRCNA), Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover, or with a school purchase order payable to RRCNA.

Billed Purchase Order (P.O.):

After your employer's purchase order has been received by RRCNA, an invoice will be sent to your employer. Upon your organization's receipt of this bill, your employer must issue a payment for your registration. Please note if you use a school purchase order (payable to RRCNA), you must comply with RRCNA payment terms. All final payments must be received by Feb. 28, 2010.

What is the cancellation policy?

Refunds will be given if written notice is postmarked by December 15, 2009. There will be a \$50.00 accounting charge for all refunds. Please note that submission of this registration form is a commitment to pay if the Conference is held, regardless of weather conditions. No-shows will be invoiced and subject to collections for the full amount. Unpaid registrations (including no-shows) will necessitate barring registration for future Reading Recovery Conferences, Academies, and Institutes sponsored by RRCNA.

Do I need a ticket to get into a session?

Only the Reading Recovery Featured Speaker sessions and Preconference Institute sessions are ticketed. The three meals also require tickets. All other sessions are open and on a first come - first served basis. Arrive early to guarantee your seat.

What are ticketed sessions?

Ticketed sessions are Reading Recovery Featured Speaker sessions and available to Reading Recovery-trained professionals only.

What is the Response to Intervention Forum?

For Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Directors, Site Coordinators, and School Board Members, the Response to Intervention Forum will be held on Monday, February 8. Schools across the country are transitioning to a focus on identifying struggling students early and applying scientifically based interventions before referring students for special education services. This approach involves a well-orchestrated assessment and intervention plan designed by the school to meet the specific needs of its student body. The Response to Intervention (RTI) Forum offers valuable and timely information that will benefit your school right away. You may choose to register for this focused Forum or for the entire 3-day Conference.

What are Children's Literature Sessions?

Authors and professors will share children's books and address the roles they play in children's lives and in their learning.

How do I reserve my hotel room?

Discounted room rates are available when you book your hotel through the Reading Recovery reservation system. Please visit: <http://www.readingrecovery.org/conferences> to make your reservation online or to download the reservation form.

What hotel is hosting the conference?

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is our headquarters hotel and some conference sessions are presented there. All other sessions take place in the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which is connected to the Hyatt Regency. Attendees may stay at the Regency or any of five other hotels in the area.

What airport do I fly in to?

Port Columbus International Airport (CMH) is the airport servicing Columbus, OH.

How do I get from the airport to my hotel?

Shuttles are available at the airport outside of baggage claim on the ground level. Urban Express 1-877-840-0411 and Arch Transportation 1-800-325-1882 are offering a discount.