

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SUNDAY

Carol Lyons

Author and professor emerita
The Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

Changing Lives Forever: Looking Backward and Forward



A reflection on the impact of Reading Recovery during the last 25 years on literacy learning and teaching is followed by powerful lessons for Reading Recovery, special education, classroom teachers, and administrators that might guide us in the future.

MONDAY

Candy Dawson Boyd

Author and professor
St. Mary's College
Moraga, CA

Celebrating Core Truths That Save Children



Marie Clay's extraordinary work in the field of early literacy has saved the lives of thousands and thousands of children all over the world. The impact of Reading Recovery on the lives of children and educators is inestimable. Over the years, I have found a small set of core truths that I believe should drive every educator. These core truths will be discussed.

TUESDAY

Brod Bagert

Author and poet
Metairie, LA

Rambo Teacher



Are you starting to wonder if you should have been a doctor? Do your teacher muscles need a little dose of steroids? In the highly politicized world of "high stakes" education, where parents, press, and political pundits claim to have all the answers while they ignore the insights of classroom professionals, are you starting to feel a little frustrated? Enter RAMBO TEACHER! A passionate, patient, irrepressible spirit who has dedicated her life to shaping the future and "always puts the children first."

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Carol Lyons is a highly respected educator in the field of early literacy, brain research, reading/learning disability, teacher education, and Reading Recovery. Her book, *Teaching for Struggling Readers: How to Use Brain-based Research to Maximize Learning*, is widely acclaimed. She is co-author of *Partners in Learning: Teachers and Children in Reading Recovery*; *Systems for Change in Literacy Education: A Guide to Professional Development*; and co-editor of *Bridges to Literacy: Learning from Reading Recovery*.

Candy Dawson Boyd is an award-winning children's author and a renowned K-12 reading educator. Her work emphasizes literature and culturally diverse learning. As founder of Common Literacy Culture, Boyd is dedicated to improving the teaching of reading and writing for urban children. Her award-winning books for young people include *Circle of Gold*, *Charlie Pippin*, and *Chevrolet Sundays*.

Brod Bagert is an author and poet raised in New Orleans. He believes that the sound of words is as important to poetry as the sound of notes is to music. Bagert has written 15 books of poetry for children and adults and tours some 30 weeks a year. His entertaining sessions carry a strong message for educators. Prior to becoming a poet, he practiced law, served in public office, and raised four children who are the joy of his life. In 1992, he closed his law practice and became a full-time poet.

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