

2012 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the Conference dates and where is it held?

The Conference dates are Saturday, February 4 – Tuesday, February 7, 2012. It is held in Columbus, Ohio at the Greater Columbus Convention Center located at 400 N. High St., Columbus, OH, 43215. The optional Preconference Institutes are held on Saturday, February 4 and the Conference begins on Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 am and ends at noon on Tuesday, February 7.

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 and language arts specialists, interventionists, teachers of English language learners, special education professionals, university professors, and literacy advocates. The average attendance at the Conference is 2,500 to 2,700 educators.

Can I earn continuing contact credit at this conference?

The Conference is a recognized professional development provider. You can earn up to 17.5 professional development “clock hours” for attending the Preconference Institute (5.5 hours) and the Full Conference (12 hours). RRCNA will provide attendees with a Certificate of Attendance listing clock hours of conference sessions. The certificate serves as documentation for professional development that may be applied towards teaching license renewal. Be sure to check with your district for information about specific clock hour requirements in your state.

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 session selections. 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 1, 2011. Save \$50 by registering by that date.

What do I get for my conference registration fee?

Full Conference includes Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday sessions:

- Overall 120 sessions on reading and writing topics for K-6 educators
- 3 Keynote Speakers: Gay Su Pinnell, Author and Professor Emerita, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Katie Wood Ray, Author and Researcher, Waynesville, NC; Jack Gantos, Children’s Author, Boston, MA

- 6 Featured Speakers, including 3 Reading Recovery topics and 3 K–6 Classroom Literacy topics.
- Classroom Literacy Strand offers 29 sessions for K-2 educators, 22 sessions for grades 3-6 educators, and 8 sessions for grades 3-6 educators
- Literacy Coaching Strand offers 10 sessions targeted to the needs of literacy coaches.
- Children’s Literature Strand offers 6 sessions from authors, professors, and teachers who will share children’s books and address the roles they play in children’s lives and in their learning.
- Implementation Strand provides 9 sessions on administration and research for school administrators
- Reading Recovery Strand offers 36 sessions for Reading Recovery professionals.
- 2½ days to explore exhibits representing book publishers and other suppliers of education products and services.
- Opportunities to network with nearly 2,700 literacy, education and Reading Recovery professionals.
- Access to the Exhibit Hall where the latest publications and newest educational products will be available. Open during Conference hours from Saturday, Feb. 4, 3:00pm – Monday, Feb. 6, 5:30pm.
- Lunch on Sunday and Monday.
- Free Parent Session on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Content includes choosing books for your children and how to effectively share those books, as well as tips for helping children learn how to read on their own.
- African American Read-In on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 3:00 – 3:30pm. Make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by participating in the Read-In. As a public reading we’ll share a book written by an African American author.
- NEW! Sessions on RTI and Common Core Standards. Each strand includes sessions about the impact of RTI and Common Core Standards.
- NEW! Technology related sessions. Discover how technology advances in the classroom and in professional development are enhancing early literacy instruction.

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 four Preconference Institutes, including one Reading Recovery topic, one Classroom and Reading Recovery combined topic, and two K–6 Classroom Literacy topics. Institutes are offered on Saturday, February 4, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Lunch is provided. Early fees are: member \$185; non-member \$235. After Dec. 1, 2011, member \$220; non-member \$270.

Are registration discounts available?

- Register by December 1, 2011 to save \$50.
- 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. The on-line registration allows you to become a member of the Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA) or 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 on my conference registration, 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, 2012.

What is the cancellation policy?

Refunds will be given if written notice is postmarked by Dec. 15, 2011. There will be a \$50 accounting fee charged for all refunds. Please note that submission of this registration 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. Refunds will not be given after Dec. 15, 2011. **You may transfer your registration to another person if you notify the Registration Office in writing by mail, email to conference@dpmanagement.net, or by fax to 614-985-3736.**

What are ticketed sessions?

Ticketed sessions are Reading Recovery Featured Speaker sessions and available to Reading Recovery-trained professionals only. The Preconference Institute sessions are also ticketed since there is an additional registration fee to attend these.

Do I need a ticket to get into a session?

Only the Reading Recovery Featured Speaker sessions and Preconference Institute sessions are ticketed. All other sessions are open. Session selection is required during the online registration process. This is an added feature to ensure that you are not closed out of your selections. Room capacity is based on the number of people pre-registered. Tickets are also required for meals.

I want to switch my sessions. How do I do that? To change or add sessions to an existing registration, go to www.readingrecovery.org/conferences and click on the ADD/CHANGE SESSIONS link. You will need to enter your last name and registration confirmation number or RRCNA membership number to login.

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. Hotels do fill up, however, there are several hotels within the official conference room block and rooms will always be available in at least one of these hotels.

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.

What airport do I fly in to?

Port Columbus International Airport (CMH) is the airport servicing Columbus, OH. The airport is approximately 20 minutes from the Greater Columbus Convention Center and official conference hotels.

How do I get from the airport to my hotel?

Ground Transportation from the Airport Besides taxis, (a trip to downtown costs approximately \$28 one way), airport shuttles are operated by Arch Transportation 1-800-325-1882, roundtrip from airport to downtown hotels \$22 or \$14 one way and reservations are required; OR Dublin Express Shuttle (614) 252-5555,\$15 one-way per person, \$25 for two people, or \$1 a person for groups of three or more. Reservations are not required, but it is recommended you call prior to your departure.