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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **National Reading Recovery & K–6 Classroom Literacy Conference February 7-10, 2009**

#### **Exhibitors Bring Latest Books and Teaching Materials**

WHAT: 65 exhibitors offer colorful books and teaching materials  
WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2009 – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, February 8, 2009 – 8:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Convention Center – Hall C

#### **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

All-Day Pre-Conference Institute

#### ***Deepening Comprehension Through Literacy and Artistic Appreciation***

WHO: James Ransome, illustrator and author & Lesa Cline-Ransome, author, Rhinebook NY; Jonda McNair, assistant professor, Clemson University, Clemson, SC; Patricia Sharer, professor, and Barbara Kiefer, assistant professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
WHAT: James and Lesa Cline-Ransome, have written and illustrated award-winning books that give children **a multicultural view of the world**. These presenters and the professors from Ohio State and Clemson will discuss how teachers can use books to help children broaden their cultural awareness and understanding.  
WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

Sunday's Keynote Session

### ***Reading Recovery in a Time of Transitions – Political and Pedagogical***

- WHO: P. David Pearson, respected literacy authority, professor and dean of the Graduate School of Education, University of California, Berkeley
- WHAT: In this opening keynote session, independent researcher David Pearson analyzes how Reading Recovery has influenced the way educators think about research, policy, and teaching.
- WHEN: Sunday, February 8, 2009 – 10:30 a.m. to noon
- WHERE: Columbus Convention Center – Hall D

### ***Kindergarten Talk: We Read, We Write, We Talk!***

- WHO: **Southwestern City Schools, Grove City, OH**, Karolyn King, coordinator of state and federal programs; Kelly Egbert, Kim Jones, Jennifer Wilson – Kindergarten Talk teachers
- WHAT: Southwestern City Schools has grown from 300 to 2200 English learners in the past eight years. This special program for kindergartners helps children who are learning English as a second language succeed in school.
- WHEN: Sunday, February 8, 2009 – 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE: Hyatt Regency, Grant-Harding

### ***Making Guided Reading Appropriate for Information Text***

- WHO: Nell Duke, renowned teacher educator and speaker, associate professor Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- WHAT: Reading and understanding informational (nonfiction) books and articles is an essential part of school and later work life success. Nell Duke describes how classroom teachers can help children increase their interest and comprehension in reading for information.
- WHEN: Sunday February 8, 2009 – 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE: Convention Center – Ballroom 3

## **Monday, February 9, 2009**

Monday's Keynote Session

### ***Adjusting Our Sails***

- WHO: Billie Askew, professor emeritus at Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX  
WHAT: As a former school administrator and educator, Billie Askew will discuss how everyone in the school community is responsible for literacy learning. She considers the roles that teachers, coaches, administrators, and parents must play to ensure student success.  
WHEN: Monday, February 9, 2009 – 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.  
WHERE: Convention Center – Hall D

### ***A Comprehensive Intervention Model for Continuous Literacy Improvement***

- WHO: Linda Dorn, Reading Recovery trainer, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR  
WHAT: Using research and video examples, Dr. Dorn describes how schools are achieving long-lasting results with a comprehensive approach that includes Reading Recovery, small-group intervention, and high-quality classroom instruction.  
WHEN: Monday, February 8, 2009 – 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Hyatt Regency – Hayes

## **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

Tuesday's Keynote Session

### ***Beginnings, Belongings, and My Journey to Books***

- WHO: Award-winning author of more than 30 children's books, Pam Muñoz Ryan. Her books include *Esperanza Rising*, winner of the Pura Gelpre Medal, the Jane Addams Peace Award, an ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults, and the Americas Award Honor Book. Her picture books for younger and older readers include *Amelia & Eleanor Go for a Ride* and *When Marian Sang*. Her newest title is *Paint the Wind*.  
WHAT: Ryan will describe her experiences as a school teacher and administrator and what brought her to a life of writing. She has written about famous women such as Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as ordinary folk working out their lives.  
WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 – 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
WHERE: Convention Center, Hall D

***Wonderful Words: New Books for Primary Grades***

WHO: Patricia Scharer, professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
WHAT: What books will capture children's hearts and make them want to read more?  
Patricia Scharer conducts the "best 2008 books" session for children in grades K-2.  
WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 - 10:30 - noon  
WHERE: Convention Center C123-125

***Wonderful Words: New Books for 3-6 Classrooms***

WHO: Barbara Kiefer, Charlotte Huck, professor of children's literature, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
WHAT: What books will capture children's hearts and make them want to read more?  
Barbara Kiefer conducts the "best 2008 books" session for children in grades 3-6. Book titles are identified for curriculum connections, for reading aloud, and those that are purely for pleasure.  
WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 - 10:30 - noon  
WHERE: Hyatt Regency – Harrison

***And...Action!***

WHO: Lucy Gettman, director of government relations and Lou Ann Racher, government relations assistant, Reading Recovery Council of North America, Worthington, OH  
WHAT: With today's economy, education funding is on everyone's minds. Hear about the funding proposed in the Stimulus Bill (The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) and what it may mean for local districts and schools.  
WHEN: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 – 10:30 – noon  
WHERE: Convention Center C216