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**National Reading Recovery & K–6 Classroom Literacy Conference
Reading Recovery 25th Anniversary Celebration
February 6-9, 2010**

Exhibitors Bring Latest Books and Teaching Materials

WHAT: 65 exhibitors offer colorful books and teaching materials
WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 7, 2010 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Monday, February 8, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Convention Center – Hall C

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Sunday's Keynote Session

Changing Lives Forever: Looking Backward and Forward

WHO: Carol Lyons, author and professor emerita, The Ohio State University,
Columbus, Ohio
WHAT: On this 25th anniversary of Reading Recovery in the United States, Carol Lyons
highlights its impact on early literacy education and its powerful lessons for future
teaching and learning.
WHEN: Sunday, February 7 – 10:30 a.m. to noon
(Columbus Convention Center – Ballrooms 1-3)

25th Anniversary Reception

WHO: **Gay Su Pinnell**, first Reading Recovery trainer trained in North America, author,
researcher, teacher educator, professor emerita, The Ohio State University,
Columbus, OH.
Barbara Watson, New Zealand Reading Recovery trainer who came to
Columbus in the fall of 1984 to help Marie Clay train the first class of Reading
Recovery teachers in North America. Co-editor of a new book, *Boundless
Horizons: Marie Clay's Search for the Possible in Children's Literacy*.

Jenny Clay, daughter of Reading Recovery's founder, Marie Clay. Jenny Clay is author of a new book, *Reflections on the Life and Legacy of Marie Clay*.

Linda Dorn, author, Reading Recovery trainer, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, president of the board of directors of the Reading Recovery Council of North America.

- WHAT: Recognition of the first Reading Recovery training class and Ohio's role in bringing Reading Recovery to North America. Program and reception. Author Book Signing. Billie Askew, Jenny Clay, and Barbara Watson.
- WHEN: Sunday February 7, 2010 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(Convention Center – Terrace Ballroom)

Monday, February 8, 2010

Response to Intervention Forum – All Day Event

BACKGROUND:

School decision makers face many choices as they implement Response to Intervention strategies required under the 2004 Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act (IDEA). Sessions highlight the guiding principles as well as nuts-and-bolts decisions that school leaders have made.

- WHO: **Marjorie Lipson**, professor emerita and university scholar, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
Karen Wixson, professor of education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- WHAT: Drs. Lipson and Wixson co-chaired the Response to Intervention Commission for the International Reading Association. They discuss existing research on RTI and how to use principles to guide RTI efforts in schools including how Reading Recovery fits into an RTI plan.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8, 2010 – 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(Convention Center – D130-132)

Concurrent Session

Developing the Emotional Life of Struggling Learners (K-6)

- WHO: Carol Lyons, professor emerita, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- WHAT: Reviewing findings from brain research, Dr. Lyons discusses steps that teachers can take to support learners' emotional and cognitive development.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
(Convention Center, C113-115)

Monday's Plenary Session – Special Guests

- WHO: **Ohio First Lady Frances Strickland**, school psychologist, author of a screening test for kindergarten children.
Steven Means, Special Assistant in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education, working with Assistant Secretary Thelma Melendez. Before joining USDE, Mr. Means was a school principal, Title I administrator, and award-winning teacher at Downey Unified School District in South Los Angeles, California.
- WHAT: Welcome and Remarks - Monday, February 8 - 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
(Convention Center Ballrooms 1-3)

Monday's Keynote Address

Celebrating Core Truths That Save Children

- WHO: **Candy Dawson Boyd**, author and professor from St. Mary's College, Moraga, California.
- WHAT: Candy Dawson Boyd presents core truths that drive educators.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8 – 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
(Convention Center – Ballrooms 1-3)

Children's Literature Session

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: Dr. Kiefer reviews recently published books for middle-grade readers, including those with curriculum connections and those for pleasure.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(Convention Center - C120-122)

Children's Literature Session

Wonderful Words: New Books for Primary Grades

- WHO: Patricia Scharer, professor, Reading Recovery trainer, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- WHAT: Dr. Scharer introduces new books from 2009 for K-2 readers.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(Hyatt Regency, Delaware A-B)

Reading Recovery Teacher Session

Comprehension: What Do We Understand

- WHO: Mary Fried, Reading Recovery trainer, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- WHAT: Explore teaching and learning actions that ensure and advance comprehension in reading.
- WHEN: Monday, February 8, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(Hyatt Regency, Franklin A-D) and
Tuesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon
(Hyatt Regency, Franklin A-D)

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Tuesday's Keynote Session

Rambo Teacher

- WHO: Brod Bagert, author of 15 poetry books written for children and adults. Mr. Bagert tours 30 weeks a year talking with educators. Prior to becoming a poet in 1992, Bagert was an attorney and served in public office.
- WHAT: A focus on putting children first helps teachers stay centered during this time when press and political pundits claim to have all the answers to today's educational problems.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(Convention Center, Ballrooms 1-3)

Children's Literature Session

100 Best Picture Books of the Decade!

WHO: Dan McKey, principal, East Holmes Local Schools, Berlin, OH

WHAT: Mr. McKey explores the best picture books of the decade and suggests a variety of ways to use them with students.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon
(Convention Center, C213-215)

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