



Manitoba Reading Association

A provincial council of the International Reading Association
invites you to attend the first Manitoba

ADOLESCENT LITERACY SUMMIT: A Call for Action 2011

April 14 – 15, 2011

The Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Keynote and Featured Speakers

- Judith Irvin, Florida State University
- David Booth, OISE/UT and Nipissing University, Scholastic
- Karen Hume, Pearson Professional Learning
- Elizabeth Moje, University of Michigan
- Leyton Schnellert, Simon Fraser University

Summit Highlights

- An opportunity to dialogue with international, national, and provincial literacy leaders such as Victoria Risko, President-Elect of the International Reading Association
- Publisher displays of the newest resources in adolescent literacy
- Dynamic presentations by literacy leaders and innovative educators from Canada and the US
- Opportunity to view and purchase International Reading Association publications in adolescent literacy
- Lunch & Learn: Manitoba school division teams highlight adolescent literacy initiatives
- Poster Sessions: learn about important Manitoba adolescent research, programs and innovative classroom/school projects
- Reception with author signing sponsored by Portage and Main Press
- Focus Groups: discuss and make recommendations regarding adolescent literacy
- Plenary Session: presentation of recommendations for adolescent literacy
- Time to strategize with your team and to plan future initiatives to improve learning and literacy across the curriculum
- Unique opportunities to network with literacy educators and leaders from all areas of Manitoba
- Find out new ways to engage and motivate learners across the curriculum
- Great book draws: you must be on site to receive exciting book prizes
- Teachers from all subject areas Gr.5-12 will benefit from attending this summit



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Daily Schedule for the Adolescent Literacy Summit

Thursday, April 14

- 8:45 Welcome: Adolescent Literacy Summit Chairpersons - Barb Galessiere, Carol Hryniuk-Adamov and MRA President, Fay Cassidy
Opening Remarks: IRA President-Elect Victoria Risko
- 9:00 T1 **Keynote speaker:** Judith Irvin **Adolescent Literacy Action Plans: Steps for School-wide Success**
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Breakout sessions:
- T2 **Featured Speaker:** Judith Irvin **Developing, Implementing, and Monitoring a Literacy Action Plan**
- T3 **Featured Speaker:** David Booth **Comprehending for Real Reasons**
- T4 I Am a High School Teacher, What Do You Mean I Have to Teach Them to Read? (Speakers: Christine Fetterly, Jennifer McKinnon, Tracie McDonald)
- T5 Useable Strategies for Engaging Middle Years Students (Speakers: Shauna Archer, Jordan Falconer, Thor Wiedenbacher)
- T6 Using Culturally Relevant Literacy to Build Identity and Literacy with Aboriginal Approaches (Speaker: Donna Forsyth)
- T7 Literacy, Academics and Language (LAL): Meeting the Needs of Adolescent EAL Learners with Limited Formal Education (Speakers: Diana Turner, Sandra Melo, Cindy Petriw, Valerie Pierce)
- 12:00 Lunch & Learn
- 1:00 T8 **Keynote speaker:** David Booth **How Technology Can Support Striving Readers**
- 2:15 Coffee break
- 2:30 Breakout sessions:
- T9 **Featured Speaker:** David Booth **Comprehending for Real Reasons**
- T10 Literacy Skill Building Class (Speakers: Lise Simonsen, Melanie Charbonneau)
- T11 Assessing and Providing Feedback to Students on Their Writing: A Study of Practices in Grades 4-8 Classrooms across Canada (Speaker: Shelley Stagg-Peterson)
- T12 Steps to Success with Adolescent Proficient Readers/Learners in Multi-age/Multi-levelled Classrooms in Manitoba (Speakers: Julie Ann Kniskern, Angela Tascona)
- T13 Pooling the Knowledge – Using Talk and Text Sets to Make Meaning in Science (Speakers: Shelley Warkentin, Danièle Dubois-Jacques)
- T14 Comprehension Strategies for 21st Century Learners (Speaker: Margaret Murray)
- T15 Adolescents Revealing their Content Knowledge in Electronic Literacy Environments Using Case-Based Instruction to Explore the Mystery Novel (Speaker: Marino Alvarez)
- 3:45 Poster Sessions
- 4:45 Manitoba Reading Association Reception sponsored by Portage & Main Press

Friday, April 15

- 8:45 Welcome and opening remarks
- 9:00 F1 **Keynote Speaker:** Karen Hume **It All Works When You Start Where They Are**
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Breakout sessions:
- F2 **Keynote Speaker:** Elizabeth Moje **Teaching Youth to Navigate the Literate Contexts and Practices of Life**
- F3 Breaking Down the Myths: Boys' Journey to Literacy (Speaker: Cory Leigh Nevill)
- F4 Stories of Literacy Change in a Junior High School (Speakers: Andrea Neufeld, Leanne Braun, Tammy Loewen)
- F5 Engagement in the Middle years Through Inquiry Block and Inquiry Cycle (Speakers: Carol Hill, Cathy Ann Winters)
- F6 Significant Engagement - Critical Literacy and Nurturing Student Voice (Speakers: Donna Nentwig, Stephen Lewis)
- F7 Middle and Senior Years Content Area Subjects – How Some Teachers are Increasing Student Engagement (Speaker: Donna Copsey Haydey)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Student entertainment and afternoon updates
- 1:00 Breakout sessions:
- F8 Focus Groups (will discuss and make recommendations regarding adolescent literacy)
- F9 **Featured Speaker:** Leyton Schnellert **Pulling Together Inquiry, Assessment and Instruction by Linking Content and Literacy**
- F10 **Featured Speaker:** Karen Hume **Strategic Teaching in the Differentiated Classroom**
- F11 Guided Readers through Non-Fiction - Helping Students Make Sense of Non-Fiction Text (Speakers: Dave Leochko, Tom Rossi)
- F12 Navigating Geographical and Cultural Terrain: A Cultural Studies Approach to Teaching English Language Arts (Speaker: Karen Magro)
- F13 "Your Epidermis is Showing" – Medical Careers Exploration Program (Speakers: Rina Whitford, Leigh Brown)
- 2:15 Coffee break
- 2:30 Plenary Session - Presentation of focus group recommendations; All participants are encouraged to attend

General Summit Information

A. PRE-REGISTRATION

- **Group Registration:**
 - Registrations postmarked by **February 1, 2011** will receive the group rate (8 or more registrants from the same school, division or organization with payment on one cheque).
 - Group members can register at the members' rate.
 - Groups can register by school or school division.
- **Early Bird deadline: February 1, 2011**
 - Registrations postmarked after February 1, 2011 will be charged a \$25 late fee.

B. REGISTRATION

- **To avoid disappointment, register EARLY.** Registration is limited.
- **To Register:** Mail registrations with payment to - **MRA Conference 2011
1186 Devonshire Dr. W
Winnipeg, MB, R3W 1N1**
- **Cheques are payable to:** Manitoba Reading Association (in Canadian funds)
 - Your cancelled cheque is your assurance that you are registered. **A receipt will be included in your conference package. They will not be sent by mail.**
 - For confirmation prior to the conference, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your registration form.

C. REFUNDS:

- Refunds will not be issued except due to illness. Requests must be submitted in writing no later than April 30, 2011, and include the necessary medical documentation.

D. HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

- **Conference hotel:** The following hotels have a block of rooms held for April 13-15 at the teachers' MTS rate. Room will be held up to March 31, 2011.
 - a. Victoria Inn - \$120 per night. Call 1-204-786-4801 Promotion code: 347520
 - b. Clarion Hotel - \$120 per night. Call 1-204-774-5110 Promotion code: 164339
 - c. Viscount Gort - \$105 per night. Call 1-204-775-0451
 - d. Sandman Hotel - \$109 per night. Call 1-204-775-7263 Promotion code: 63914

E. MEALS:

- Luncheons are included in your registration fee. If you have food allergies or dietary concerns, please indicate on the registration form.

F. BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- There will be a variety of breakout sessions held throughout the day as outlined in the conference program. These sessions will be on a first come first serve basis for seating.

G. CONTACT:

- Questions regarding registration: email – akinden@lssd.ca or phone 1-204-284-0351 (when leaving a message, please leave an evening contact number)

H. SCENT FREE: We respectfully request that you refrain from wearing perfume/cologne/scented products at the summit. Thank you for your consideration.

