

# Tentative Schedule for the Reading Conference

February 25-27, 2010

“Light the Torch for Literacy”

Themes Across the Conference



<b>Differentiation</b>	<b>RTI</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>Comprehension</b>
<b>Early Education</b>	<b>Upper Elem/Middle School Literacy</b>	<b>Phonics, Word Study, Vocabulary</b>	<b>Writing, Math, Science</b>

### Thursday, February 25 – Pre-Conference

Member: 1 workshop - \$40, 2 workshops plus lunch - \$80

Non-member: 1 workshop - \$65, 2 workshops plus lunch - \$125

Student: 1 workshop - \$10, 2 workshops plus lunch - \$25

Exhibits Hall open: 9:00 – 5:30 pm

**Morning Workshops - Must note on registration - Number Limited**

<b><u>Workshop 1</u></b> <b>Julie Kozisek</b> Creating Better Writers Through Mentor Texts and Authors - Part I 8:00 - 11:00	<b><u>Workshop 2</u></b> <b>Cindy Middendorf</b> Differentiated Instruction - Common Sense in the Early Years (PreK-4) 8:30 - 11:30	<b><u>Workshop 3</u></b> <b>Janet Allen</b> Inside Words: Developing a Comprehensive Vocabulary Program (Intermediate/MS) 9:00 - 12:00	<b><u>Workshop 4</u></b> <b>David Moore</b> Targeted Strategies for Student Success at the Middle and Secondary Levels 9:30 - 12:30
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**Afternoon Workshops – Must note on registration – Number Limited**

<b><u>Workshop 5</u></b> <b>Jill Morfeld</b> <b>Michelle Rezek</b> Creating Better Writers Through Mentor Texts and Authors - Part II 12:30 - 3:30	<b><u>Workshop 6</u></b> <b>Cindy Middendorf</b> Multiple Intelligences and Modalities of Learning the Early Years (PreK-4) 1:00 - 4:00	<b><u>Workshop 7</u></b> <b>Janet Allen</b> Get Real! Creating and Supporting Successful Nonfiction Readers and Writers (Intermediate/MS) 1:30 - 4:30	<b><u>Workshop 8</u></b> <b>Greg Tang</b> The Power of Place Value (Intermediate) 2:00 - 4:00
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**Exhibitor’s Welcome Reception – 4:00 - 5:30 pm – Snacks and Social – Wine Tasting**

**General Session – 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

**Kathryn Au – IRA President - Greetings from IRA**

**“Real Schools, Real Success: A Road Map for Change”**

See [www.nereads.org](http://www.nereads.org) for detailed descriptions of the workshops.

### **Friday Breakout Sessions - No preregistration required - 60 or 90 minute sessions**

Read...Write...Remember...Podcast	Boys and Books – Educational Challenges of Boy Readers
Mentor Texts and Writing Throughout the Curriculum	Effective Use of Math Journals
Getting Kids Reading	The Best of Times: Linking Reading and Math
Making Sense Out of Syllables – the Key to Decoding	Understanding Dyslexia
Causing Reluctant Middle Grade Reader to Write and Read with Pictures	The New AASL Standards for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Learner: A Foundation for Inquiry-based Partnerships in Literacy Learning
Honoring the Voices of All Students to <i>Light the Torch of Literacy</i> and Character Development	SPEECHLESS: The suppression of student voices in Nebraska, with a roadmap for change
Teaching Reading Comprehension in Middle School Science	Using RtI to Improve Reading Achievement in Elem. Schools
Using Reading and Writing as a Tool in Science Instruction	The impact of AD/HD on the Acquisition of Reading Skills
Take Aim! At Vocabulary	Utilizing RTI to Improve Reading Achievement for all Students
An Illustrator’s Muse	Legislative Update
Get Ready to Leave This World Behind You	A Laser-Like Focus on Learners
“Fragile Excess Baggage” – Orphan Train Speaker	Developing Youth’s Literate Academic Identities
What’s With That Name?	More on School Change: Following a To Do List
Literacy for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	A Multi-Faceted, Comprehensive Approach to Vocabulary Instruction in Upper Elementary Grades
Clover – Decoding Orton Gillingham Style	

**Full Conference (Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday)**

**Member - \$85, Non-member - \$130, Student - \$25**

**Friday, February 26**

**Friday only: Member - \$70, Non-member - \$110, Student - \$20**

**Exhibits Hall open: 8:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Morning Workshops – Ticketed Sessions – May ticket for session online after registering – Number Limited - Workshops will last 1 to 3 hours**

<p><b><u>Workshop 1</u></b>  <b>Greg Tang</b>                  Poems in Math Class?                  Yeah Write!                  (Primary)                  8:00 - 9:00</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 2</u></b>  <b>Linda Gambrell</b>                  Text Cues: An                  Intervention Strategy                  for Struggling Readers                  (Grades 2-6)                  8:30 - 10:30</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 3</u></b>  <b>Becky Bone</b>                  Reaching all Readers with                  Blazing Books: Utilizing                  the Classroom Library to                  Motivate, Monitor,                  Maximize Reading                  Success                  9:00 - 10:30</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 4</u></b>  <b>Maryann Manning</b>                  Creating the Best Literacy                  Block Ever                  (K-3)                  10:00 - 12:00</p>
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**Author Luncheon – Greg Tang – “The Art of Smart”**

11:00 - 12:30 - Must preregister and pay additional fee to attend

**Author Luncheon – Suse MacDonald – “Seeing the Familiar in New Ways”**

12:00 - 1:30 - Must preregister and pay additional fee to attend

**RTI Forum - Panel Discussion - “The State of RTI in the US and NE”**

12:30 - 1:00 A la carte lunch available for purchase – no registration required – limited seating available

**Afternoon Workshops – Ticketed Sessions – May ticket for session online after registering – Number Limited - Workshops will last 1 to 3 hours**

<p><b><u>Workshop 5</u></b>  <b>Papillion Teachers</b>                  Next Steps in Managing                  the Classroom During                  Small Group Instruction                  1:30 - 4:30</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 6</u></b>  <b>Eric Ode</b>                  Hey, It Could Be Verse!                  Exposing Elementary                  Students to Poetry                  2:30 - 4:00</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 7</u></b>  <b>Maryann Manning</b>                  Creating the Best                  Literacy Block Ever                  (4-6)                  2:30 - 4:30</p>	<p><b><u>Workshop 8</u></b>  <b>Becky Bone</b>                  Making Reading Relevant                  with Inquiry                  3:30 - 5:00</p>
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**Pre-Banquet Social – Eric Ode – 6:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Evening Banquet – Avi**

**“My Name is Avi: A Literary Performance Based on Avi’s Writings”**

7:00 – 9:00 pm - Must preregister and pay additional fee to attend

**Saturday, February 27**

**Saturday only: Member - \$40, Non-member - \$60, Student - \$10**

**Literacy Walk – additional fee required - 7:00 - 8:00 am**

**General Session - Becky Bone - 8:15 - 10:00 am**

**“Harvesting Hope: Growing Better Readers with Powerful Books that Build Vocabulary and Comprehension”**

**Morning Breakout Sessions - No preregistration required – 60 or 90 minute sessions**

Effective Use of Math Journals	Books That Make a Positive Difference – Author: Julia Cook
What If There Were No Nebraskans?	More Feathers and Verses
Using Systematic, Multi-sensory Techniques for Teaching Reading and Spelling – A-Z Reading	Intervention Games and Activities for Beginning and Struggling Readers
Language Arts Centers for Kindergarten to Grade Three	Powerful Fluency Strategies
Hands-On Activities for RTI Workshop	Getting Kids Reading

**Awards and Author Luncheon - Eric Ode**

12:00 - 1:30 pm - must register and pay additional fee to attend