

Conference Registration

Friday, 10/23/09 - \$85.00 _____
Saturday, 10/24/09 - \$85.00 _____
Both Days - \$150.00 _____
Full Time Student - \$30.00 per day Fri Sat _____
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Make check or PO payable to Youngstown State University-Literacy Conference
Deadline: 10/12/09 - Payment or PO must accompany registration.

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Participants will receive a certificate of attendance for 6 contact hours for each day of the conference attended.

GRADUATE CREDIT: One semester hour of graduate credit will be available from YSU, KSU or UA. Participants must attend both days of the conference and a follow-up session. Details and tuition fees will be available at the conference.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Cancellations made on or after October 8 are subject to a \$35 (\$15 for students) non-refundable deposit fee per person per day. Cancellations must be submitted in writing. **NO** cancellations will be accepted after October 20, 2009. If you are unable to attend, you may arrange to have a substitute attend in your place **with prior notification. NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

HOTEL accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn-Boardman located at 7410 South Avenue, Boardman, OH 44512. Telephone: (330) 726-1611. Conference Rate: \$77.00 per night. Deadline for this rate is 9/22/09.

**Send this form & payment to: Office of Student Accounts & University
Receivables, Youngstown State University, One University Plaza,
Youngstown, Ohio 44555**

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2009 Annual Reading Conference

The Power of Literacy: Our Hope for the Future

Kilcawley Center
Youngstown State University

**Friday
October 23, 2009**
Dr. Nell Duke
Jennifer Walker
Cynthia Lord
Dandi Daley Mackall

**Saturday
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Dr. Patricia Edwards
Diane deGroat
Bruce Langton
Mark Newgarden
Megan Montague Cash



Friday

Nell K. Duke, associate professor of teacher education and educational psychology at Michigan State University, received her Master's and Doctoral degrees from Harvard University. Duke's research focus and areas of expertise include: early literacy development, development of informational literacies in young children, comprehension development, and issues of equity in literacy education. Among her awards are the National Reading Conference Early Career Achievement Award, the IRA Dina Feitelson Research Award, and the NCTE Promising Researcher Award. An author and co-author of various journal articles, Duke has also authored *Reading and Writing Informational Text in the Primary Grades: Research-Based Practices and Literacy and the Youngest Learner: Best Practices for Educators of Young Children from Birth to Five*.

Jennifer Walker, 2009 Ohio Teacher of the Year, is a 13-year teaching veteran in junior high and high school. Currently, Walker teaches English and Advanced Placement Literature and Composition in grades nine through twelve. In 2002 she was National Board Certified in Early Adolescence/English Language Arts. Walker was named the 2008 Youngstown City Schools' Teacher of the Year and has received the NEA Books Across America grant and the WYTV Steel to Scholars grant.

Cynthia Lord's life as a writer began at age four, writing songs with her sister. A former first- and sixth-grade teacher, and teacher in a one-room classroom, Lord has written children's fiction including *Mercury's Fall*; *Rules*, a Newbery Honor Book and winner of the Buckeye Children's Book Award; and, soon to be released, *Touch Blue*.

Saturday

Patricia Edwards, Michigan State University professor and Vice President of IRA and 2010 President, is also the recipient of the MSU 1994 Teacher-Scholar Award and the 2001 Distinguished Faculty Award. She is an author of family literacy programs, a public school teacher and researcher. She has authored several books, two of which are forthcoming in 2009: *Tapping the Potential of Parents: A Strategic Guide to Boosting Student Achievement Through Family Involvement* and *It's Time for Straight Talk: When White Teachers Teach in Multi Cultural Settings*.

Diane deGroat fell in love with painting before she began writing. After attending Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, she designed reading books for publishers of titles such as: *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Flat Stanley* and more. Later she produced *Annie Pitts*, *Artichoke*, and *Roses Are Pink*, *Your Feet Really Stink*. She is currently working on book 12 of the Gilbert series.

Bruce Langton, artist and illustrator of children's books, has an unmistakable style and unique ability to capture not only sporting and wildlife scenes, but also contemporary landscapes. He has won numerous awards including the 1998 Featured Artist for the Northern Wildlife Art Expo. Among his published children's books are *B is for Buckeye: An Ohio Alphabet*; *H is for Hawkeye: An Iowa Alphabet*; *Win One for the Gipper: America's Football Hero* and *Hands as Warm as Toast*.

Special breakout sessions by Dandi Daley Mackall, Mark Newgarden & Megan Montague Cash. Topics include: Comprehension, Vocabulary Development, Content Area Literacy, Reader's Theater, Fluency, Poetry Strategies for Struggling Readers, Adolescent Literacy, Early Literacy and many more.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Mary Lou DiPillo & Dr. Regina Rees, Beeghly College of Education, Youngstown State University; Dr. Nancy Padak & Dr. Tim Rasinski, Kent State University; Dr. Ruth Oswald & Dr. Evangeline Newton, The University of Akron.
OCIRA Conference Chair: Mrs. Angela Economos, VP OCIRA

Friday, October 23, 2009

7:30-8:30a.m.	Registration, Exhibits & Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00a.m.	Welcome & Keynote Address Dr. Nell Duke
10:00-10:15a.m.	Exhibits
10:15-11:00a.m.	Session I
11:00-11:15a.m.	Exhibits
11:15a.m.-12:00	Session II
12:00-12:15p.m.	Exhibits
12:15-1:45p.m.	Lunch - Recognition of 2009 Ohio Teacher of the Year Jennifer Walker
1:45- 2:00p.m.	Exhibits
2:00-2:45p.m.	Afternoon Keynote Address Cynthia Lord
2:45p.m.	Book Signing

Saturday, October 24, 2009

7:30-8:30a.m.	Registration, Exhibits & Continental Breakfast
8:30-10:00a.m.	Welcome & Keynote Address Dr. Patricia Edwards
10:00-10:15a.m.	Exhibits
10:15-11:00a.m.	Session I
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11:15a.m.-12:00	Session II
12:00-12:15p.m.	Exhibits
12:15-12:45p.m.	Lunch
12:45-1:30p.m.	Keynote Address Bruce Langton
1:30-1:45p.m.	Buckeye Children's Book Awards
1:45-2:00p.m.	Break
2:00-2:45p.m.	Keynote Address Diane deGroat
2:45-3:00p.m.	Prizes and Closing
3:00p.m.	Book Signing/Exhibits Required meeting for participants interested in graduate credit

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