



May 26, 2009

Dear Vendor:

Youngstown State University, The University of Akron, Kent State University and the Ohio Council of the International Reading Association (OCIRA) are sponsoring their Annual Fall Reading Conference on Friday, October 23, 2009 and Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. The theme of this conference is *The Power of Literacy: Our Hope For the Future*. Our featured speakers are **Dr. Nell Duke – creator of informational text reading skills series; Dr. Patricia Edwards, Vice President of IRA; Diane De Groat, children’s author; Bruce Langton, Illustrator; Cynthia Lord, children’s author; Mark Newgarden and Megan Montague Cash, children’s authors; and Jennifer Walker, 2008 Ohio Teacher of the Year.**

We invite you to join us as a vendor for what continues to be a well-attended conference. Costs to vendors will be \$50.00 per table for one day. If you choose to display on both days the cost of your tables for the second day will be \$35.00 per table. Additionally, box lunches will be available at \$10.00 per lunch each day. We would appreciate any door prizes you can provide and we will announce your contributions during the conference. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Hotel accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn-Boardman, located at 7410 South Avenue, Boardman, Ohio 44512. We have secured a YSU conference room rate of \$77.00. You can contact the hotel by phone at 330-726-1611. Deadline for the reduced rate is September 22, 2009.

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year’s conference, please complete the attached form with your check payable to ***Youngstown State University – Literacy Conference***. Send to: **Office of Student Accounts and University Receivables, Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555**. You can also reach me by phone (330-941-3215) or email (mldipillo@ysu.edu) with questions.

OCIRA President-elect Angela Economos and I look forward to another successful conference and appreciate what you can offer the literacy community in support of their great work!

Sincerely,
Mary Lou DiPillo, Ph.D.
Associate Dean, Beeghly College of Education

The Power of Literacy: Our Hope For the Future

**Youngstown State University/The University of Akron / Kent State University
and**

Ohio Council of the International Reading Association (OCIRA)

Fall Reading Conference 2009

Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, 2009

7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Youngstown State University, Kilcawley Center

Vendor Information:

Contact Person: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Email: _____

Please complete relevant information. I/we will be vending at the conference:

Number of tables needed Friday: _____ x \$50 per table = _____

If you choose to purchase a table on Friday and Saturday the Saturday price is reduced.

Number of tables Saturday: _____ x \$35.00 per table = _____

Number of box lunches Friday: _____ x \$10 each = _____

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Enclosed is a check payable to Youngstown State University in the amount of _____
(tables and box lunches)

Are you willing to donate a door prize? _____ Yes _____ No

Please list any additional needs you might have: _____

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