

# Mississippi Reading Association



*Read Around Mississippi*

Celebrating Mississippi Authors: "Through Reading, Writing & Speaking"



**39th Annual Conference \* December 6-9, 2009**  
**Biloxi, MS**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009:** Plan to join hundreds of educators from all over the state of Mississippi, December 6-9, 2009 for MRA 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Beau Rivage, Biloxi, MS.

The conference theme: Read Around Mississippi: Celebrating Mississippi's Authors through Reading, Writing, & Speaking will provide a pathway to activities that are centered around the content of the language arts framework in the areas of reading, writing, listening, speaking, viewing, research, and inquiry.

Come and be prepared to explore, learn, relate, and connect. You will hear top speakers, share ideas, and select from conference sessions from a variety of strands.

Come to MRA's Annual Conference for ideas and inspirations that will benefit you and your students for years to come.

**REGISTRATION:** Register early! Forms may be downloaded from the web page: [www.msreading.org](http://www.msreading.org)

**PROPOSALS:** You're invited to present at MRA's Annual Conference. We are seeking quality proposals in all areas of reading, at **ALL** levels: PreK-12. Share your experience and expertise at one of the premier events to address the issues and concerns pertinent to the development and delivery of reading instruction.

Tough economic times = greater need for well-trained specialists. Share your strategies, knowledge, creative ideas, best practices, and effective programs in support of reading education.

Proposals related to these topics are encouraged, but not limited to: Vocabulary Development, Comprehension, Family Literacy, How to Involve Parents, Language Arts Frameworks, Improving Reading Using Test Scores, The New Accountability System/Language Arts, Leadership Teams & Reading, Reading Excellence through the Arts, Questions Strategies in Reading, Teaching Reading Comprehension Strategies, Reading Assessment, The School Librarian & Reading, Universal Screener(s)-Reading, Differentiated Instruction, Response to Intervention, Motivating Struggling Readers, Inclusion, Teaching Reading to ELL and Gifted Students, Individualized Reading, Teaching Reading without Using the Basal, Shared and Guided Reading, Handwriting, The Writing Process, Reading Research, 5 Dimensions of Reading, Reader's Theater, Teacher Mentoring, Storytelling, Poetry, Reading in the Middle School and High School, and the list goes on-and-on.

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**LOCATION & LODGING:** Reservations will be telephoned directly to the Beau Rivage Reservation Department at (888.383.7037). In order to receive the group rate, callers must identify the affiliation with the Mississippi Reading Association.

**EXHIBITORS:** Visit our Exhibit Hall! Exhibitors will be on hand at the conference offering the latest resources.

**SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS:** Scholarships for graduate school or grants for innovative classroom teaching will be awarded. To apply, download forms from [www.msreading.org](http://www.msreading.org)

## Conference Program



### Sunday, December 6, 2009

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Early Registration

Welcome Reception-The Delta Blues

Comes to the Coast

Exhibitors' Reception (Invitation Only)

### Monday, December 7, 2009

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Showcase

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration

First General Session – Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ilean

Exhibits Open, ~ Ribbon Cutting/ Visit Exhibitor

Concurrent Workshop

Luncheon- Ticketed Event

*Speaker:*

Featured Sessions

Concurrent Workshops

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Board of Directors' Dinner (Invitation Only)

### Tuesday, December 8, 2009

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Second General Session - A Showcase of Authors

Exhibits Open

Featured Sessions

Concurrent Workshops

Luncheon –Ticketed Event

*Speaker:*

Featured Session

Concurrent Workshops

Exhibitors' Showcase

Featured Session

Concurrent Workshops

### Wednesday, December 9, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

President's Breakfast

Third General Session-Door Prizes-Must be present to win

## REGISTRATION FORM

**Yes! Register me today for the 2009 Mississippi Reading Association Conference, December 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2009 ----Beau Rivage Hotel & Resort, Biloxi, Mississippi**

Name:

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Last First Middle Initial

### **Work/Student Contact Information:**

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Organization

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Address City State Zip

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Work/School E-mail Address

### **Home Contact Information:**

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E-mail Address

- If you or your work place uses spam filtering tools, please make sure that your e-mail account will accept messages from <http://www.msreading.org> e-mail addresses.

**Title** Please circle one: *Classroom Teacher, Reading Teacher or Specialist, Title I Teacher, School Librarian, Reading Supervisor, Parent, Tutor, College/University Faculty, College/University Librarian/media specialist, Undergraduate Student, Publishing Company, Private Consultant, School or District Administrator, Graduate Student, AmeriCorp, Speech/Language Pathologist, other \_\_\_\_\_*

**Pre-registration** (Mailed in by Nov. 14)

**Professional Educator: \$75.00 (until 11/14/09)**

**Full-Time Student: \$50.00 (until 11/14/09)**

**Retired: \$50.00 (until 11/14/09)**

**Luncheon Monday: \$25.00**

**Luncheon Tuesday: \$25.00**

- Membership Dues (2010) are included in registration fee
- **If you register by 11/14/09, you will receive a MRA T-Shirt with your registration packet.**  
Please circle your T-shirt size. M L XL XXL You will receive an XL, if no T-shirt size is indicated.

**ALL other registration**

is On-Site (After Nov. 14)

**\$90.00 (after 11/14/09)**

**\$55.00 (after 11/14/09)**

**Registration Fee Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PO # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_**

Pre-Registration may be paid by check or purchase order. Mail to: **Mississippi Reading Association, P.O. Box 13291, Jackson, MS 39236**

