**WVRA: CHANGING LIVES THROUGH READING**

In 1968, we started a reading (R)evolution as the first professional organization in our state dedicated to improving reading education. Then and now, WVRA members have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to encouraging and supporting all West Virginia readers. More than 50 years later, we remain confident, committed, and caring West Virginians who are dedicated to the importance of reading and literacy.

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

This year, the 66th conference will celebrate and embrace the transformational nature of literacy. The conference theme is*“Literacy:  A Joyful Transformation*” and reflects the amazing power that literacy offers, including the potential to spark imagination, inspiration, and wonder. The conference will present sessions and speakers that demonstrate and align with the following strands:

* + Strand I: *Joy, how can we bring joy into reading and literacy instruction?*
    - *How are you intentionally placing joy at the heart of your reading and literacy curriculum?*
  + Strand II: *Transformation, how has literature transformed your classroom?*
    - *How have you used young adult and children’s literature to promote happiness, empathy, and joy?*
  + Strand III: *Happiness, how has writing experiences and instruction brought forth tools that promote happiness?* 
    - *For students and teachers, how has writing became a time of celebration and time to cherish?*
  + Strand IV: *A joyful transformation, how are you designing and delivering reading and literacy instruction that embraces and supports all learners?*

**Day at a Glance: *Thursday, November 17th, 2022***

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| Time | Event | Location |
| 7:30am-3:00pm | Registration  Exhibits  Networking | Exhibit Hall |
| 8:30am-9:45am | ***Opening Session***  Welcome!  *The Madge McDaniel Award* presentation; Recognition of nominees and award winners  *Poetry Out Loud* poem presentation  Keynote Speaker: Chase Young, Ph.D., *You are Artists Inspired by Science, and You are Awesome!* | Chesapeake Room |
| 10:00am-11:45am | ***Concurrent Sessions: 10:00am – 10:45am***  ***11:00am – 11:45am***  ***10:00am – 11:45am***  *Paint & Sip Party: The Rainbow Fish*, Kelly LaCava**,** Owner, Artist |Wild and Wonderful Paint Parties | Various locations |
| 12:00pm-1:00pm | Lunch  Author Luncheon:  Carylee Carrington; Publications include *Everyone, Just Like Me* and *Pretty Hair* | Dining out experiences  Crystal Room |
| 1:05pm-1:25pm | Welcome back!  *Poetry Out Loud*, James Wolfe, Arts in Education Coordinator, WV Department of Arts, Culture and History | Chesapeake Room |
| 1:30pm-3:15pm | Concurrent Sessions  ***1:30pm-3:15pm***  *Paint & Sip Party: The Rainbow Fish*, Kelly LaCava, Owner, Artist |Wild and Wonderful Paint Parties | Various locations |
| 3:30pm-4:30pm | *The Eddie C. Kennedy Award* presentation; Recognition of nominees and award winners  Keynote speaker: Donna Peduto: *Sparking Early Literacy: Reversing Pandemic-Era Learning Losses*  The West Virginia Public Education Collaborative: *Sparking Early Literacy Growth* highlights | Chesapeake Room |

**Day at a Glance: *Friday, November 18, 2022***

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| Time | Event | Location |
| 8:30am-12:30pm | Exhibits  Networking | Exhibit Hall |
| 8:45am-9:45am | ***Opening Session***  Welcome back!  *The Cynthia Lorentz-Cook* presentation; Recognition of nominees and award winners  *Poetry Out Loud* presentation  Keynote Speaker: Allison Swan-Dagen, Ph.D., and Aimee Morewood, Ph.D., Courtney Shimek, Ph.D., Melanie Cox & Monica Elsea/Gillion: *We’ve All Heard It… “I Don’t Want to Write,”: Two Teachers Approach Engaging Their Early Writers* | Chesapeake Room |
| 10:15am-11:00am | Concurrent Sessions  ***10:15am-11:40am***  Student Literature Project Showcase  *Paint & Sip Party: The Rainbow Fish*, Kelly LaCava, Owner, Artist |Wild and Wonderful Paint Parties | Various locations |
| 11:10am-11:40pm | Roundtable Talks | Various Locations |
| 11:45am-12:15pm | *Student Teacher Showcase*  The West Virginia Public Education Collaborative: *Sparking Early Literacy Growth* poster session  *Poetry Out Loud* Presentations | Exhibit Hall |
| 12:30pm-1:30pm | Lunch  Author Luncheon: Cat Pleska; Publications include *One Foot in the Gravy: Hooked on the Sauce, and Riding on Comets: A Memoir* | Dining out experiences  Crystal Room |
| 1:45pm-3:00pm | Closing of Conference  The Dr. Jennie Bechtold Award; Recognition of nominees and award winners  Gina Pepin, Ed. D, *The Power of Joyful Reading*  Door Prizes | Chesapeake Room |