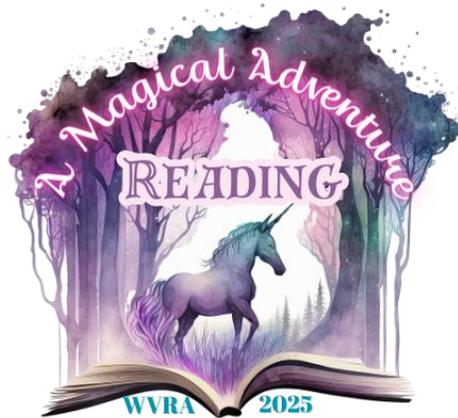


**West Virginia Reading Association's  
69<sup>th</sup> Conference  
November 20 – 21, 2025**



***Call for Proposals***

***Submit program proposals on the theme of:***



**READING... A MAGICAL ADVENTURE**

Reading and Writing instruction is a Science to embrace. However, to enhance the Science of Reading, a focus on reading for pleasure and a love for reading will be a major focus of the 2025 WVRA Reading Conference.

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Wheeling, West Virginia**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE AUGUST 15, 2025**

**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

**The Science of Reading for Pleasure: Transformative Mental Engagement**

Reading is a profound cognitive experience that extends far beyond simple entertainment, offering transformative benefits for mental and emotional well-being.

**Neurological and Cognitive Benefits:**

- **Brain Activation:** Simultaneously engages language processing, visual perception, and emotional response centers
- **Cognitive Enhancement:** Improves memory, attention span, and problem-solving capabilities
- **Critical Thinking:** Develops analytical skills through narrative exploration

**Psychological and Emotional Advantages:**

- **Empathy Development:** Enables perspective-taking by immersing readers in diverse character experiences
- **Stress Reduction:** Provides mental escape and promotes psychological relaxation
- **Creativity Stimulation:** Encourages imaginative thinking through narrative engagement

**Key Factors Influencing Reading Enjoyment:**

- **Personal Material Selection:** Matching books to individual interests and reading level
- **Early Positive Experiences:** Establishing a foundational love for reading
- **Social Interaction:** Enriching reading through discussion and shared insights

**Linguistic Benefits:**

- **Vocabulary Expansion:** Exposure to diverse linguistic expressions
- **Language Comprehension:** Improving communication and expressive capabilities
- **Reading emerges not merely as a leisure activity, but as a sophisticated mental exercise promoting holistic personal development.**

## Proposal Evaluation Criteria

- ❖ Strongly connects to the conference theme – **Reading... A Magical Adventure**
- ❖ Incorporates technology, intergenerational, civic, or higher education partnerships.
- ❖ Adapts instruction for students with diverse and special needs.
- ❖ Integrates reading/English language arts instruction in all content areas.
- ❖ Integrates reading and writing instruction

## Key Deadlines

- ❖ **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS IS August 15, 2025**
- ❖ Notification of a proposal's acceptance will be e-mailed to the author by **September 7, 2025**
- ❖ All program presenters must register for the conference and pay conference fees by **October 16, 2025**

## General Information

- ❖ Mail or electronically submit the complete proposal or proposals on or before **AUGUST 15, 2025** to:

**Brian Bailey**  
**428 Borgman Road**  
**Kingwood, WV 26537**  
**bebailey@k12.wv.us**  
**304.413.5501 (cell)**

**Word Process and submit this proposal either electronically or through the US Postal Service.**

Email [bebailey@K12.wv.us](mailto:bebailey@K12.wv.us) or an electronic copy of this form

### 1. Proposal Author's Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  I would prefer to receive text messages.  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of WVRA:  YES  NO  
Best Time to Call: \_\_\_\_\_ AM or PM. Member of ILA:  YES  NO

### 2. Other Proposal Presenter's Information (Cut, Paste, Complete and Copy item 2 for additional presenters).

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**4. Title of the Presentation (Make conferees want to attend this session and please limit the title to ten words or less):**

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**5. Program Description for the Conference Program (30 words of less to make conferees want to attend the presentation):**

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**6. Type of Presentation:**  Session (45 Minutes)  Workshop (90 minutes with a 15 minute in the middle)

**7. Scheduling Date and Time Preference (In Order of Preference 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>):**

No Preference  Thursday AM  Thursday PM  Friday AM  Friday PM

**8. Topic and Audience**

**Reading Topics**

Phonemic Awareness  
 Comprehension  
 Phonics  
 Fluency  
 Vocabulary  
 Writing  
 Other (please explain)  
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**Inter-Disciplinary Instruction**

Math  
 Science  
 Social Studies  
 Health  
 Physical "Education"  
 The Arts  
 Foreign Language

**Intended Audience**

Birth – Pre-K  
 Title I  
 Early Childhood (K-2)  
 Intermediate (3 – 5)  
 Middle (6 – 8)  
 High School  
 Special Education  
 Parents  
 Community/Civic  
 All Attendees

**9. Abstract and Session Introduction (Two Additional Attachments)**

- ❖ On one separate piece of paper, write a 250 word or less abstract that summarizes the presentation. This summary should include the following:

**A. Title of the Program**

**B. The Program Objective(s);**

**C. The Content to be Presented;**

**D. Presentation Method(s).**

- ❖ On another sheet of paper, write a very brief **ONE PAGE** introduction to your presentation and biographies of the presenters that is pertinent to the presentation that will make the audience want to hear the presentation. (This Sheet is very **IMPORTANT**, It will be used by your session president).

## Statement of Intent

The presentation team, presider, and I (the proposal author) understand and agree that if the proposal is accepted by a peer review process, the entire group will:

- ❖ Recognizes that the West Virginia Reading Association is a professional, non-profit organization and is unable to provide honoraria or reimburse presenters for materials, travel, technology, fees, meals, or hotel expenses.
- ❖ **Register for the WVRA Conference and pay all registration fees on or before October 16, 2025.**
- ❖ Supply the laptop computer/computers or any other audiovisual devices used during the presentation. A projector and screen will be provided by WVRA.
- ❖ Prepare and print handouts or materials prior to arrival at the conference.
- ❖ Be responsible for paying any fines for copyright violations occurring during the presentation.
- ❖ Will not expect the West Virginia Reading Association to reimburse any expenses for members of the team.
- ❖ Obtain written parental or legal guardian permission for presentations that use students or students' works a part of the presentation.
- ❖ Notify Brian Bailey immediately about any changes in the status of this proposal.

Proposal Author's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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