

**West Virginia Reading Association's
69th 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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**Oglebay Resort
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 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):

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

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd):

___ 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)

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 presider).

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 origination 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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