



Putting the Pieces Together *for Literacy*

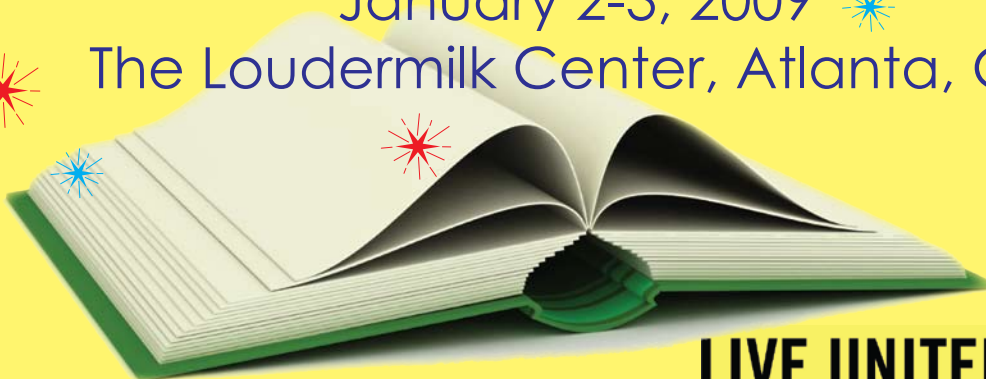


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SYMPOSIUM

January 2-3, 2009

The Loudermilk Center, Atlanta, GA



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START

A Symposium for Teachers of Early Readers

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Smart Start, the early learning division of United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, is pleased to invite you to attend *Putting the Pieces Together for Literacy*. This engaging two-day symposium on **January 2-3** will inspire and inform, excite and educate.

New this year: Nationally-acclaimed guest speakers, innovative resources and more creative suggestions for supporting children and their families. Two days of powerful learning and inspiration you won't want to miss!

Exciting KEYNOTES

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Jeanette Betancourt, Ed.D., Vice President, Outreach and Educational Practices, Sesame Workshop

Dr. Betancourt's responsibilities at Sesame Workshop include the strategic branding and delivery of domestic and international outreach initiatives into multiple languages, as well as the research that accompanies each project, assuring that content, language, and educational strategies are appropriate for diverse ethnic and cultural groups. She has directed Sesame Workshop Outreach projects in the areas of bilingual education, literacy, music, health and safety, resiliency, and child care. Prior to joining Sesame Workshop, Dr. Betancourt was the Director for Project Visiones, a bilingual vocational training program for Latino child care professionals at Columbia University.

Sponsored by Sesame Workshop

David Dickinson, Ed.D., Author, *Opening the World of Learning (OWL)* Professor, and interim Chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning at Vanderbilt University's Peabody School of Education.

Dr. Dickinson received his doctoral training at Harvard's Graduate School of Education after working as an elementary school teacher in the Philadelphia area. For 20 years, he has studied language and early literacy development among low-income populations and developed and studied varied approaches to helping preschool teachers more effectively support children's language and literacy growth. He has served on many national advisory panels, including serving as a Commissioner to NAEYC helping it revise its program accreditation standards.

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Lea M. McGee, Ph.D., Author, *Transforming Literacy Practices in Preschool*, Marie Clay Chair of Reading Recovery and Early Literacy at The Ohio State University.

Dr. McGee received her Ed.D. from Virginia Tech and has previously taught at the University of Alabama, Boston College, and Louisiana State University. She is author and co-author of five books and numerous articles, and was co-director of Project EXEL, a 2002 Early Reading First grant awarded to the Alabama Department of Children's Affairs. Dr. McGee frequently works with teachers in their classrooms, and is a recognized expert in preschool and kindergarten literacy programs. She currently works with Reading Recovery Teacher Leaders and Teachers in helping them accelerate the learning of the lowest performing first grade children.

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Afternoon Keynote Regi Carpenter, Storyteller.

Regi Carpenter is the National Storytelling Network's 2008 JJ Reneaux Emerging Artist and winner of numerous awards for performing, recording, teaching and writing. Regi's wit, compassion, and craft are reflected in her acclaimed workshops, keynotes, adult and children's programs.



Closing Session Shawn Brown, Integrating Music

Shawn Brown formed Role Model Productions 15 years ago and began working with at-risk inner city youth. He now writes and implements unique and entertaining curriculum for early learning centers, including The Super Fun Show, a musical curriculum enhancement program.

Day 1
SPOTLIGHT



Learn "what works" from successful Early Reading First projects!

Teachers and coaches share their best and brightest ideas in a poster panorama!

Day 2
SPOTLIGHT

SCHOLASTIC






New and creative classroom enhancements! Literacy will be in the spotlight from curriculum resource suppliers in our learning Galleria.


More than 20 Workshops!

... and many more inspiring "how to" sessions


Building Community Literacy with Kaplan Hands-on Books



An exciting interactive session exploring ways to create culturally responsive, learner-centered books that you print right in your classroom—with easy-to-use software, using your own digital images and text! Discover how sharing these books can help connect with students and their families.



Let's Move It, Move It: Literature and Music



Have you ever heard a child sing a popular song from the radio in the classroom? Why not use that song (remixed) to teach literacy? You'll learn to creatively replace the undesired lyrics with literacy lyrics!

Building Better Brains through Literacy Connections




Learn the basics of how the brain processes information and share new literacy activities that are designed to foster brain development, language skills, and comprehension.

Nursery Rhymes: A Global Perspective

Learn about the cultural origin and historical context of nursery rhymes as we know them today. Plus - come join us in creating a nursery rhyme that will reflect our time and place in history!

The Early Bird Gets the Worm: Writing with Young Children



Learn strategies designed to promote emergent writing throughout your daily classroom routines. Children will develop confidence in their abilities and a love for writing!



Door Prizes!
Giveaways!

Deadline! Mail Your
Registration by
Wednesday,
November 12!!

Happening at Early Reading First SYMPOSIUM January 2-3, 2009

Info you should know!

Meals/Refreshments: The Symposium includes buffet breakfast and lunch on both Friday and Saturday. *Limited vegetarian selections will be provided in the buffet meals. Please be advised that food is freshly prepared in a setting that may include exposure to peanuts, tree nuts, peanut oil, milk, eggs, wheat/gluten and other potential food allergens. If you have a food allergy, you are welcome to bring your own meal and utensils in a sealed container.*

Meeting Site: The Loudermilk Center, 40 Courtland St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30303

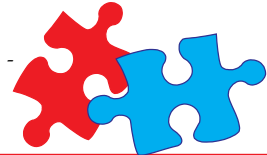
Lodging: If you are traveling from outside Metropolitan Atlanta, numerous downtown hotels are in close proximity to The Loudermilk Center, including the Ellis Hotel,

176 Peachtree Street NW, 30303. Phone: 404-523-5155. The hotel is within walking distance from the Center. A block of rooms is being held there until Dec. 7 at \$134 per night per room; mention Early Reading First when you call. You are encouraged to make your reservations early; please call the hotels directly. Overnight accommodations are at your own expense.

Transportation and Parking: Meetings start promptly and you are encouraged to allow enough time to arrive at the meeting site prior to the start time. The Loudermilk Center is MARTA-accessible. Parking is free at the United Way parking deck. For directions: <http://www.loudermilkcenter.com/map.asp>

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REGISTRATION FORM



EARLY READING FIRST SYMPOSIUM, Friday, Jan. 2 (8:30AM – 4:00PM) and Saturday, Jan. 3 (8:30AM – 3:00 PM). Includes buffet breakfast and lunch each day. Free parking at United Way parking deck with validation at Symposium.

Please Print:

NAME: _____

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If you are a member of Metropolitan Atlanta DREAM, READERS or LIGHT Projects, check the one that applies:

Instructional staff or Administrative staff

HOME ADDRESS - Street: _____

HOME Address - City, State, Zip: _____

HOME OR CELL PHONE: _____

Check One:

I understand that if I am a member of the instructional staff of the Metropolitan Atlanta DREAM, READERS or LIGHT projects, I will receive a complimentary registration and an educational stipend for attending the Symposium. (Administrative staff members receive complimentary registration only.)

I understand that if I am NOT a member of the instructional or administrative staff of the Metropolitan Atlanta DREAM, READERS or LIGHT projects, payment of \$195 must accompany my registration, payable to: United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta/Smart Start.

To register for the Early Reading First Symposium, please complete this form and mail it by November 12 to:
CARE SOLUTIONS, INC., c/o Symposium Manager, 500 Sugar Mill Rd., Suite 170A, Atlanta, GA 30350.
Mail your form by November 12. First-come, first-served. Limit 200 registrants.

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After November 15, please call for new mailing address.