



# Treasure Reading

SoMIRAC  
March 28-30, 2012

**State of Maryland  
International Reading Association Council**

***Fortieth Annual Conference***

**March 28-30, 2012  
Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore**

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual SoMIRAC Conference

Presents

## A Preliminary Program

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

7:30-2:00	<b>Registration</b>	12:30-1:30	Featured Speakers <b>DAVID MONTI</b> <b>JANA ECHEVERRIA</b> <b>KATIE GARNER</b> <b>QUALITY QUINN</b>
8:00-4:30	<b>Exhibits Open</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Leaders</b>
7:45-9:15	<b>Bring Your Boss to Breakfast</b> Featured Speaker: Dr. David Monti		Featured Authors <b>PAUL JANECZKI</b> <b>CHARLENE SMITH</b>
8:15-9:15	Featured Speakers <b>MAVIS SANDERS</b> <b>POCAHONTAS DAVIS</b> <b>JAN MILLER BURKINS</b>	12:30-1:30	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>
	Featured Author <b>EBONY TERRELL SHOCKLEY</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Manipulatives Mania: Using Manipulatives to Design Rigorous Language Arts Lessons that Maximize Student Learning and Productivity (5-12)</i> David Alhadeff</li><li>• <i>BOUNTY-full Blogging: The Real Reward in Reading (3-6)</i> Janet Shearer, Patti Love</li><li>• <i>Children's Book Nook: Creative Use of Children's Literature to Promote Science Literacy (K-8)</i> Dianne Antonielli</li></ul>
	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Step Inside the Intermediate Writing Workshop! (3-8)</i> Susan Verdi, Sarah Calderone, Jessica Gouker, Rebecca Hageman</li><li>• <i>Lifting the Level of First Grade Writers: Take a Year- Long Journey Through a Writer's Workshop Aligned with Common Core Standards (K-2)</i> Patti Hultquist</li><li>• <i>Solutions for Comprehending Nonfiction: Strategies interventions for Striving Learners (K-6)</i> Kelly Davis, Karen Forte, Ashley Davis</li></ul>	1:45-2:45	Featured Speakers <b>PATRICIA EDWARDS</b> <b>JANIEL WAGSTAFF</b> <b>ANDREA THOMPSON</b> <b>KATIE GARNER</b>
9:30-10:30	Featured Speakers <b>PETER AFFLERBACH</b> <b>VIRGINIA PILATO</b> <b>KENNETH WILLIAMS</b> <b>ALTHIER LAZAR</b>		Featured Authors <b>EVELYN KRIEGER</b> <b>LEAH CARAS LARSON</b> <b>MICHELLE Y. GREEN</b>
	<b>Legislative Session</b>		<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Educators Helping Authors Helping Readers 3-12</i> Valerie Ormond, Eddy Ormond</li><li>• <i>Inquiry and the Common Core Standards</i> Carolyn Lang</li><li>• <i>How do You Get Students to Treasure Writing: Start a YAC (Young Authors Club)</i> Tammy Quidas</li></ul>
	Featured Author <b>LOUISE CRABTREE</b>	3:00-4:00	Keynote Speaker <b>LORI OCZKUS</b>
	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Bye-Bye Bubbles and BCRs! Formative Assessments for Comprehension (K-8)</i> Beth Burke</li><li>• <i>Making the Reading and Writing Connection: An Interactive Approach (5-12)</i> Patricia Miller, Andrea Thomas-Munson, Natalie Stephenson</li><li>• <i>Creating a Workshop for Hispanic Parents</i> Montserrat Batle, Annalea Hofman</li></ul>	4:30-6:00	Young Authors' Reception <b>LULU DELACRE</b> (Grades 2-8) <b>MARY DOWNING HAHN</b> (Grades 9-12)
10:45-11:45	Keynote Speakers <b>KYLENE BEERS</b> <b>ROBERT PROBST</b>	7:00-8:30 pm	<b>Celebration of Literacy Feast</b> <b>2012 Teacher of the Year</b> <b>JOSHUA PARKER</b>  <b>(FREE ADMISSION)</b>
11:45-12:30	<b>Lunch</b>		

<p><b>7:30-2:00</b>     <b>Registration</b>  <b>7:45-9:15</b>     <b>Books and Breakfast</b>  Featuring <b>SHARON ROBINSON</b></p> <p><b>8:00-4:30</b>     <b>Exhibits Open</b>  <b>Scholarship Fund Drive:</b> tickets for <b>Literacy Lottery</b> available throughout the day</p> <p><b>8:15-9:15</b>     Featured Speakers  <b>LAURA ROBB</b>  <b>JANET RICHARDS</b>  <b>CYNTHIA LASSONDE</b></p> <p>Featured Authors  <b>DIANA WALLACH</b>  <b>JOHN MANDERS</b></p> <p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How Can We Meet the Complex Texts Challenge? (3-6)</i>  Patricia Richards</li> <li>• <i>Involving All Families in Literacy Activities: Homework That Can be Treasured (K-12)</i> Sharon Pitcher</li> </ul> <p><b>9:30-10:30</b>     Keynote Speaker  <b>DONALD LEU</b></p> <p><b>10:45-11:45</b>     Featured Speakers  <b>KATHY LAURITZEN</b>  <b>JENNIFER SERVALLO</b>  <b>EBONY TERRELL SHOCKLEY</b></p> <p>Featured Authors  <b>JAMES RANSOME</b>  <b>LESA-CLINE RANSOME</b>  <b>LULU DELACRE</b>  <b>MICHAEL DAHL</b></p> <p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Daily 5 in Action (K-6)</i> Janet Doherty, Tara Rose, Linda Tony K</li> <li>• <i>Creatively Integrating the Curriculum While Aligning With the Common Core Standards (K-6)</i> Ernest Bond, Claudia Burgess</li> </ul> <p><b>11:45-12:30</b>     <b>LUNCH and EXHIBITS</b></p> <p><b>12:30-1:30</b>     Featured Speakers  <b>KATHY BUMGARDNER</b>  <b>JOSEPH MCCABE</b>  <b>KATIE GARNER</b></p> <p>Featured Authors  <b>SHARON FLAKE</b>  <b>MARY DOWNING HAHN</b>  <b>ALICE FAYE DUNCAN</b></p> <p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What's Next? An Approach to Using Response to Intervention in the Middle School Setting (5-12)</i> Rashida Betts</li> <li>• <i>Easy Does It:: Easy Approaches to Doing Performance Based Learning in the English/Language Arts Classroom (3-12)</i> Natalie Stephenson</li> <li>• <i>Making the Invisible Visible: Strategy Mapping for Early Readers</i> Leigh Brownell-Currens</li> </ul>	<p><b>1:45-2:45</b>     Featured Speakers  <b>LAURA ROBB</b>  <b>JOAN GAITHER</b></p> <p>Featured Authors  <b>FRANK MORRISON</b>  <b>FRED BOWEN</b></p> <p><b>Concurrent Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Preparing Your Students for Reading in College (5-12)</i>  Dr. Beverly Reed &amp; Professor Mirian Torian</li> <li>• <i>Information Please: Notebook Foldable Strategies for Non-Fiction Text (K-12)</i> Judith S. Youngers, Melanie Matthews, Evalee Parker</li> </ul> <p><b>3:00-4:00</b>     Keynote Speaker  <b>SHARON M. DRAPER</b></p> <p><b>4:00-5:00</b>     <b>Literacy Lottery/scholarship Fund Drive Drawing</b></p> <p><b>7:00-9:00</b>     <b>An Evening with Authors &amp; Illustrators</b>  (ticketed session, <b>NOT</b> a meal event)</p> <p>Featuring:  <b>MARY DOWNING HAHN, JAMES RANSOME, LESA-CLINE RANSOME, FRANK MORRISON, SHARON FLAKE, ALICE WISLER, SHARON M. DRAPER, FRED BOWEN, LULU DELACRE, JOHN MANDERS, DIANA WALLACH, ALICE FAYE DUNCAN, EVELYN KRIEGER, SHARON ROBINSON, Julia Cairns</b></p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b>     <b>Ice Cream Social</b></p>
	<p><b>Hotel Reservations</b>  Hotel reservations may be made by contacting the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn directly between 8 AM and 5 PM. A <b>limited</b> number of rooms are available at a conference rate so early reservations are strongly recommended. The conference rate of <b>\$138.00</b> for Single, Double, Triple, or Quad occupancy is only valid on reservations made prior to <b>March 1, 2012</b>. Contact the Marriott directly by calling 410-785-7000. Ask for Reservations or Ext. 89. Identify yourself as a member of SoMIRAC to receive the group rate.</p> <p><b>Reservation Policy</b>  All reservations require a one (1) night advance payment that will be refundable <b>ONLY</b> if the reservation is cancelled by March 1, 2012.</p>

**Friday, March 30, 2012**

**7:30-2:00**      **Registration**

**7:45-9:15**      **Authors' Breakfast**  
Featuring **ALICE WISLER**

**8:00**            **Exhibits Open**

**8:15-9:15**      Featured Speakers  
**ANDREA THOMPSON**  
**REBECCA WHEELER**  
**JAN MILLER BURKINS**

Featured Author  
**JULIA CAIRNS**

**Concurrent Sessions**

- *"The Little Mermaid": A Treasured Tale for Reading, Writing, and Thinking (3-8)* Carolyn Cook, Sarah Conrad, Christina Goldman
- *Blue for Girl, Pink for Boy? You Must Be Kidding! (Birth-6)* Patricia Dean, Chelsea Corbett
- *Fluency Idol! Engaging Students in Fluency Development (K-2)* Kristine M. Calo, Stephanie Reiter, Elizabeth Orrence

**9:30-10:30**      Keynote Speaker  
**RALPH FLETCHER**

**10:45-11:45**      Featured Speakers  
**ANN MEYER**  
**JAY MCTIGHE**  
**JAY BLANCHARD**

Featured Authors  
**LOUISE CRABTREE**

**Concurrent Sessions**

- *Rtl An Opportunity and a Challenge (K-8)* Collette Keane, Lisa Lowe, Krystal Pugh
- *Writing Process Mini-lessons: Improving Informational and Narrative Writing (K-8)* Leticia Ortega, Laurie Andes
- *Making Student's Writing Bloom (3-8)* Brooke Anthony

**Directions to Conference Hotel**

The Marriott Hunt Valley Inn is located just east of I-83 on Shawan Road, adjacent to the Hunt Valley Business Community.

Take I-695 (the Baltimore Beltway) to Exit #24 (I-83). Follow I-83 to Exit #20A, Shawan Road at Hunt Valley. Hotel is on your right.

**10:45-12:15**      Featured Author  
**NIKKI GIOVANNI**

**11:15-12:30**      **LITERACY EDUCATORS' BROWN BAG LUNCH**

**11:45-12:30**      **LUNCH and EXHIBITS**

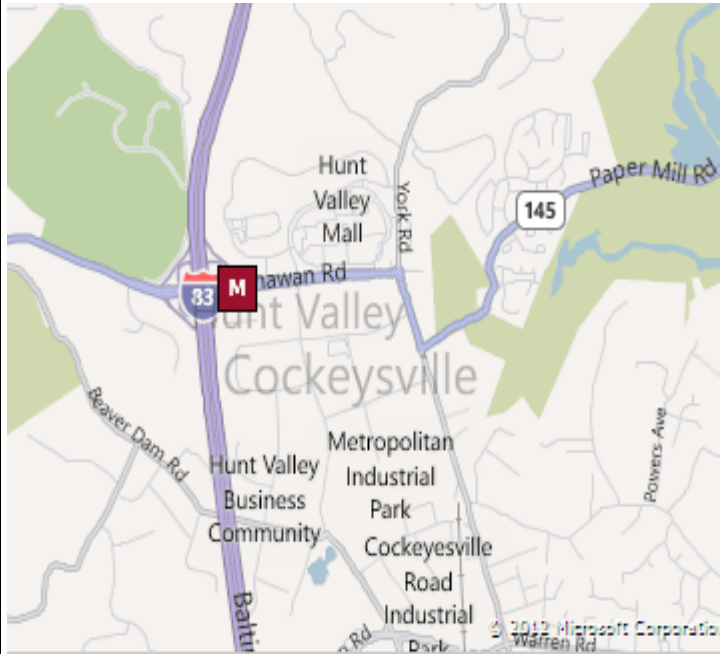
**12:30-1:30**      Featured Speakers  
**SARA KADJER**  
**JENNIFER TURNER**  
**POCAHONTAS DAVIS**

Featured Authors  
**STORYTELLER QUEEN NUR**  
**CAROLE B. WEATHERFORD**  
**RALPH FLETCHER**

**Concurrent Sessions**

- *Using Graphic Novels in the Music and Dance Classroom (5-12)* Cheryl North-Coleman, Carrie Hammond-Roemer, Shannon Cummings
- *Family Literacy: Reading, Writing, and Having Family Fun (Birth-6)* Joyce Wiencek
- *Teaching Literacy With a Tech Twist (3-8)* Jennifer Pleszkoch

**1:45-2:45**      Keynote Speaker  
**VALERIE ELLERY**



## 2012 Somirac Conference Registration

(No On Site Registration)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that are current:  Presenter  State Officer  State Chair  Local President  Past State President

**On-line Registration opens January 2012: [www.somirac.org](http://www.somirac.org)**

	Regular Member	Undergrad/Aide/Retiree Member	Non Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Wed., Thurs., Fri.)	\$140.00 _____	\$115.00 _____	\$190.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday and Thursday	\$115.00 _____	\$95.00 _____	\$165.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday and Friday	\$115.00 _____	\$95.00 _____	\$165.00 _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday (ONLY)	\$80.00 _____	\$60.00 _____	\$130.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday (ONLY)	\$80.00 _____	\$60.00 _____	\$130.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday (ONLY)	\$80.00 _____	\$60.00 _____	\$130.00 _____
<b>Special Functions</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bosses' Breakfast	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I plan to attend the <i>Celebration of Literacy Feast</i> on Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 pm Free Admission			
<b>Box Lunches: Make Selections Below:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuna <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie			
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____	\$15.00 _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Authors' Night (Thursday Evening)	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
Please Indicate Level:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Middle/High			
<input type="checkbox"/> Books and Breakfast (Thursday)	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Authors' Breakfast (Friday)	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____	\$20.00 _____
<b>Total</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **SoMIRAC**

Mail to: **Ellen Dysart, 1046 E. Schumaker Manor Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804**

**BRING YOUR BOSS TO BREAKFAST (Wednesday)** Limited to first 300 people! *Each faculty member must purchase his/her own \$20 ticket. Your boss attends FREE!*

My Boss is \_\_\_\_\_ Please Attempt to seat us with \_\_\_\_\_ County

- \$20.00 for you and your boss is free!
- Payment **MUST** accompany registration form.
- Refunds require a written request made **PRIOR to March 21, 2012**. There will be a **\$20 processing fee**.

**After March 21, 2012 no meal refunds will be issued.**

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### **PLEASE NOTE**

Our conference will once again be **three full days**. Our "Bring Your Boss to Breakfast" function will be held on **Wednesday, March 28, 2012**. As this is a sponsored event with limited seating, be sure to register early. Please be aware that this event fills quickly, usually by the second week of February.

**All members are encouraged to register online. Your user name is your first initial, last name (e.g.- edysart). Your password will be sent to the email address you used when you joined your local council this year. If you did not give an email address, you will not be able to register online. Non-members are also encouraged to register online by clicking on the nonmember registration form.**

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### **BOX LUNCH SELECTIONS for 2012**

**All sandwiches served in a wrap and accompanied by a bag of chips, apple, cookie, soda or water**

**Roasted Turkey** with Sliced Cheddar Cheese and pommery grain mustard

**Chicken** Sandwich with Brie Cheese, Bacon and Plum Sauce

**Tuna Salad** Sandwich with fresh leaf lettuce and sliced tomato

**Vegetarian Delight** – mozzarella, tomatoes, field greens, basil pesto and balsamic glaze

All sandwiches served in a wrap and accompanied by a bag of chips, apple, cookie, soda or water