

Colonial Association of Reading Educators



NEWS

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September 2016

President's Corner

By Julie Borden, CARE President

As the president of The Colonial Association of Reading Educators, I would like to invite you to attend all of our CARE events this year. Recently, we had our first ever "Kickoff to Literacy" on August 22nd, and it was our most well-attended event ever! Our forty educators came together to learn some new techniques on center-based literacy strategies for the new school year.

Our next event will be "Literacy Apps for the Classroom," which will be held on September 28th from 4 to 6:30pm at Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21 on 4210 Independence Drive in Schnecksville. Our presenter will be Eric Lech from CLIU 21. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

We are looking forward to a great year and want to provide you, the educator, with enriching events! Please contact Melissa LaRusso, our program chair, at missyme@gmail.com with any thoughts or ideas of new topics that you would like to see presented.

Membership Drive

By Julie Borden, CARE President

CARE started off the 2016-17 school year with a membership drive. Our goal was to increase membership this year by five members, and it is close to being met. Consider becoming a CARE member and enjoy all of the benefits, too. Contact our membership chair Darlene Sanderson at darlene.sanderson08@gmail.com.

The Colonial Association of Reading Educators' (C.A.R.E.) mission is to encourage and promote literacy in order to develop lifelong readers.

Kick-off to Literacy Event

CARE was host to the first annual “Kick Off to Literacy” Event, which was held at Lindberg Park in Allentown on August 22nd from 4 to 6pm. Over forty educators came together to gather new ideas for the elementary and preschool classrooms for the upcoming school year.

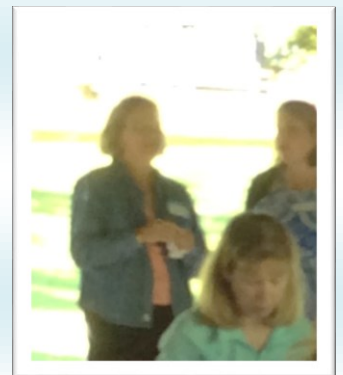
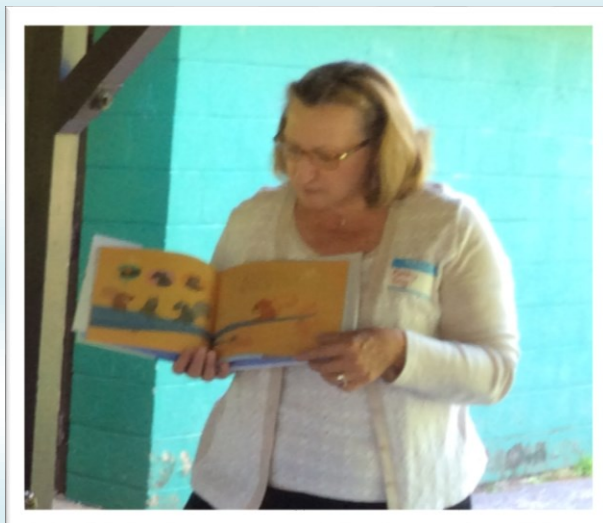
CARE President Julie Borden welcomed everyone, and then the entire group shared something about themselves during the Birthday Circle ice breaker. Later, teachers rotated through three “Make and Take” stations, creating hands-on, center-based tools for the upcoming school year.

The stations included Tricky Word sort trays, Oodles of Noodles, and Message in a Bottle. Excitement ensued as Oodles of Noodles brought pool noodles into the classroom for fun literacy-building skills. Educators created discovery bottles that built literacy skills at the Message in a Bottle station. All of the educators went home with some fun and exciting tools to start the school year.

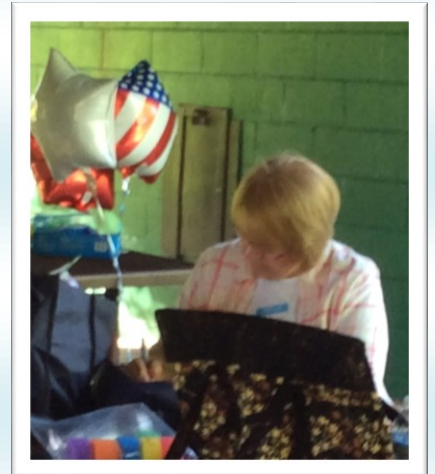
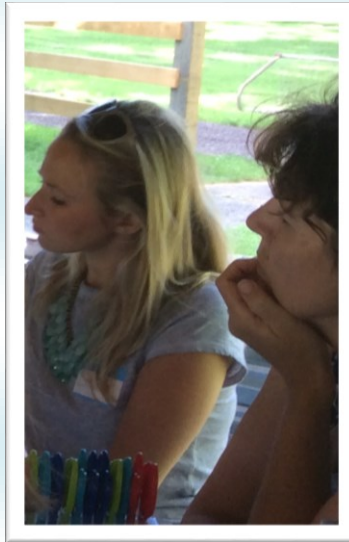
Thank you to our presenters Julie Borden, Melissa LaRusso, and Christina Crews. Also, thanks to Kathy Sagl for sharing her book talk that highlighted current books reviewed this summer. At the end of the event, two lucky winners went home with sets of these books. Many door prizes were given away, and Act 48 hours were earned as well.

In addition, a membership drive was held during this event. CARE gained three new members. Welcome to our new members of CARE!

Book Talks



“Make and Take” Stations



Membership Drive



Welcome to Our New CARE Members

By Darlene Sanderson, CARE Vice President/Membership

The Colonial Association of Reading Educators welcomes new members: Krista Gerbasio, Wendy Goldman, Laura Gorman, Ann Kinney, Scott Leiber, Kay Lopez, Nicole Mandry, Jessie Moser and Angela Ronco. Information related to our events and membership may be found on CARE's newly updated website www.care-ksra.org and Facebook page. Please note that often our correspondence to school email addresses is blocked or not delivered to your inbox. Any questions about membership or updating your contact information may be directed to Darlene Sanderson at darlene.sanderson08@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest in joining CARE and for helping to continue our mission "to encourage and promote literacy in order to develop lifelong readers." Be active, be passionate! It will be a great year!

"CARE" Meet Your Representative Meeting

By Millie Henning, CARE Secretary

Members of the Colonial Association of Reading Educators (CARE) met with State Representative Marcia Hahn, 138th Legislative District, on July 29, 2016 at 10:00am at her office on 196 West Moorestown Road (Rt. 512), Wind Gap, PA 18091.

The purpose of the hour long meeting between Representative Hahn and CARE leaders Nancy Brackbill, Alex Gibb, and Millie Henning was to introduce CARE to Rep. Hahn. This conversational and informative meeting was also held to solicit Rep. Hahn's support for Literacy Advocacy in PA and to collect print materials pertaining to PA literacy, government, and history suitable for classroom use. These materials will also be distributed at the KSRA (Keystone State Reading Association) Advocacy Booth at the forty-ninth annual KSRA Conference, which will be held in the Seven Springs Mountain Resort from Saturday, October 22nd to Tuesday, October 25th.

Information provided to Rep. Hahn included that CARE was formed in 1981 to share information with other concerned educators. CARE leaders met to exchange current reading research and new instructional techniques. Attendees explained that CARE participates in state, national and international events and conventions and is a local reading council of the Keystone State Reading Association. In addition, attendees explained that the reading council is open to any individual interested in promoting literacy efforts; Act 48 credit hours were provided for the professional development offered.

Rep. Hahn gave a clearer understanding of her job and the ways she already supports educational efforts in PA. She described how she regularly visits local classrooms to personally inform students of the legislative process. One extremely valuable tool that was mentioned was www.legis.state.pa.us, which enables visitors to follow the progress of educational bills

introduced in the state House and Senate. In addition, she has education information posted on her website

<http://www.rephahn.com/>.

As the meeting continued, CARE leaders and Rep. Hahn discussed ways for mutually supporting each other's literacy efforts in PA. Some of them included arranging for a legislative or advocacy booth at local/state conferences, inviting key officials to visit a school or district, co-sponsoring educational and legislative events, holding informational breakfast on various topics for legislators, and utilizing media resources. Rep. Hahn was given a membership in CARE and KSRA including newsletters, announcements of activities and invitations to meetings to keep her informed of our activities and efforts in advocating for literacy in Pennsylvania.

Many thanks to Representative Hahn for the extremely generous amount of print materials that were given to the CARE leaders for educational use and for spending time with us to discuss literacy advocacy and education.



This photo was taken at the office of Representative Marcia Hahn at the CARE "Meet Your Representative" meeting on July 29, 2016. Pictured from left to right are: Nancy Brackbill, Millie Henning, Representative Marcia Hahn and Alex Gibb.

Books N Bagels

For some volunteers summer plans included being part of the activities at the Summer Reading Club held at Allentown Public Library. It was a free program for children ages infant to ten years old in the Allentown and Salisbury school districts. The program enticed students to reading over summer vacation. The theme for this year's program was On Your Mark, Get Set, READ! By being a member of the club, children were eligible to participate in many programs and events, including Books N Bagels, which was **one of the programs CARE provided support.**

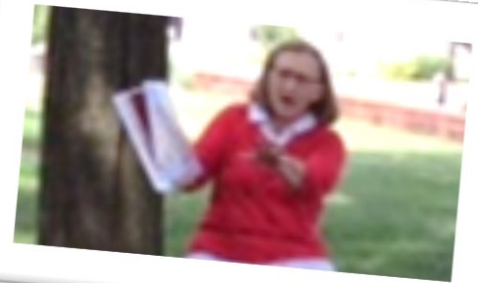
CARE members and officers met at the Allentown Public Library, Friday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am during June 6th to August 13th for one hour of reading fun. They distributed bagels with a beverage to the children, while parents and guardians remained with the children. The children were treated to a selection of stories from the children's collection of the library. Stories were read aloud under the shade tree on the grounds in front of the library. Lots of fun literacy memories were created this Summer at the Allentown Public Library.

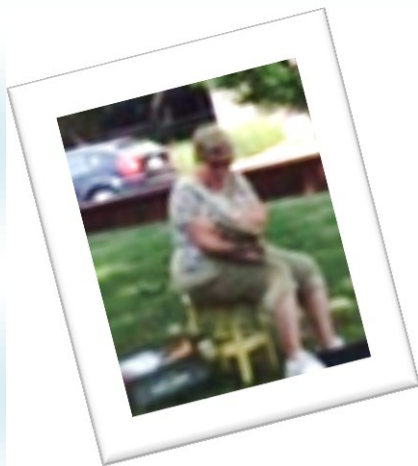
Thanks to all of those who attended and donated their time for this great cause!





Reading Under the Shade Tree. . .





...In front of the Library



Will You Be Attending?

By Sherry L. Hoffman

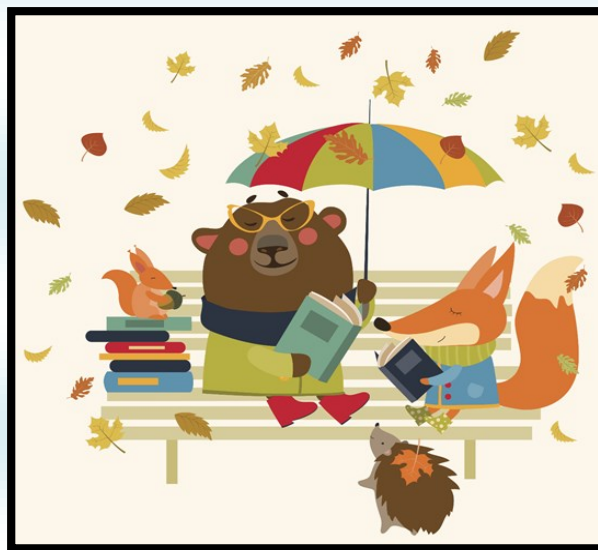
Have you considered attending the forty-ninth annual KSRA (Keystone State Reading Association) Conference? This year the annual KSRA will be held at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort from **Saturday, October 22nd to Tuesday, October 25th**. The theme is “Literacy Changes Lives,” and CARE members know how much that statement is true.



Reading is powerful and so are you. You have the ability to create, inspire, and lead others into a positive direction of learning and reading. Please check out www.ksra.org to register and/or learn more details concerning this literacy event being held this October 22nd to 25th.

As stated earlier, CARE members will be in attendance. Stop by the KSRA Advocacy Booth to pick up some handy classroom materials related to literacy in PA, history, and government.

Year after year, the conference has proven to be a wonderful experience combined with authors, presenters, and special events. According to the KSRA website, Anna Landers, 2016 Conference Chair, believes that the conference “will have attendees ready to change lives and share the power of literacy!” What better time than Fall to reflect on how you are going to carry out the school year and help to be a catalyst in changing the lives of the readers in your life, including yourself?



Fall in Love with Literacy

KSRA Conference 2016
Literacy Changes Lives
Forty-Ninth Annual Conference
October 22 – 25, 2016
Seven Springs Mountain Resort



Return this form with payment to:
Kathleen Dailey
5248 Annendale Drive
Erie, PA 16506
Phone: 814.732.2714

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

Name _____
Last First Name on Badge

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Mobile Phone () _____

Email _____

School District or Employer Name _____

Group Contact Person (If Applicable) _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ E-mail _____

KSRA Members: Local Council _____ KSRA# _____ Exp. Date _____

Full-Time Undergraduate Students must complete the following:

College or University Name

Signature of Professor

Conference Registration Directions (Registration fees and options on reverse side)

1. Personal or institutional checks, money orders, signed purchase orders, and *Visa* and *MasterCard* are accepted. A \$30.00 fee will be charged for returned checks.
2. To qualify for KSRA member rates, *you must be a member when you register*. The local council name, KSRA membership number, and expiration date must be listed, and the expiration date must be after October 31, 2016. A KSRA membership form can be found at www.ksrapa.org. Groups of 10 or more qualify for the KSRA member rates when all registrations and payments are received at the same time.
3. **Full payment is required with registration.**
4. Verification of registration via email will be sent prior to conference if the early registration is received postmarked by October 1, 2016.
5. **Early registration rates apply when registration *and* payment are postmarked on or before October 1, 2016. All registrations postmarked after October 1, 2016, will be charged the On-Site rate.**
6. Refunds may be requested in writing and postmarked on or before September 30, 2016. A 20% fee will be deducted from registration refunds. **Special event and meal fees cannot be refunded.**
7. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Hotel charges include breakfast and dinner beginning with dinner on the day of arrival and ending with breakfast on the day of departure and all applicable taxes and meal gratuities.
8. On Sunday and Monday, those not registered for the hotel may purchase dinner tickets at the KSRA registration desk until 10 a.m.
9. Check if you require: Vegetarian Meals _____ No Seafood _____ Specify Other _____
10. Specify aids or services needed during conference: _____
11. **Mail registration form and payment to: Kathleen Dailey, 5248 Annendale Drive, Erie, PA 16506.**
Phone: 814.732.2714; Email: kathleendailey.ksra@gmail.com For email, write "KSRA" in the subject heading.



2016 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONS

- **Note:** To qualify for the KSRA member rate, you must be a member when registration is sent.
- Membership forms are available at ksrapa.org.

Early Registration Postmarked by 10/1/2016	KSRA Member		Non-KSRA Member <i>(Includes KSRA 1 year membership)</i>		Full-Time Undergraduate Student <i>(Includes KSRA 1 year membership)</i>		Retired KSRA Member	
Full – Saturday to Tuesday	\$275		\$375		\$165		\$150	
Sunday Only	\$140		\$185		\$85		\$85	
Monday Only	\$140		\$185		\$85		\$85	
Tuesday Only	\$105		\$150		\$75		\$75	
Total Registration Fee								

On-Site & Postmarked After 10/1/2016	KSRA Member		Non-KSRA Member <i>(Includes KSRA 1 year membership)</i>		Full-Time Undergraduate Student <i>(Includes KSRA 1 year membership)</i>		Retired KSRA Member	
Full – Saturday to Tuesday	\$325		\$425		\$195		\$195	
Sunday Only	\$165		\$200		\$105		\$105	
Monday Only	\$165		\$200		\$105		\$105	
Tuesday Only	\$130		\$165		\$95		\$95	
Total Registration Fee								

Special Event & Meals Registration						
	Hotel Guest		Not Staying At Hotel			
Sunday Author Breakfast	\$5		\$25			
Sunday Author Luncheon	\$25		\$25			
Authors' Tea	\$15		\$15			
Monday Author Breakfast	\$5		\$25			
Monday Author Luncheon	\$25		\$25			
Tuesday Author Breakfast	\$5		\$25			
Tuesday Luncheon	\$25		\$25			
Saturday Buffet	<i>Included in Hotel Cost</i>		\$50			
Sunday Breakfast			\$25			
Sunday Dinner			\$50			
Monday Breakfast			\$25			
Monday Banquet			\$50			
Tuesday Breakfast			\$25			
Total Special Events & Meals			Hotel Guest Total: \$	Non-Hotel Guest Total: \$		

Saturday Special Event Tours		
Fallingwater Tour - Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Includes transportation)	\$35	
Glades Pike Winery Tour - Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Includes transportation)	\$12	

Total Conference Registration Fees, Special Event Fees, and Meals \$ _____

Make Check, Money Order, or Purchase Order payable to: KSRA Conference 2016

Personal Check Check # _____ Institutional Check Name _____
 Purchase Order # _____ Money Order # _____
 Credit Card **MasterCard** **Visa** (all information MUST be included)
 Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____
 Name on Card _____ Signature _____



Colonial Area Reading Educators and CLIU 21 Present

Literacy Apps for the Elementary Classroom

Presented by Eric Lech, CLIU21 Facilitator

Sept. 28th 4-6:30, Registration 4-4:30, Session begins at 4:30

Location: Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21, 4210 Independence Drive

Schnecksville, PA 18072

Eric Lech is a Staff Development Facilitator at [Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21](#) in the Curriculum & Instruction/Educational Technologies Department. With previous experience teaching HS Spanish in traditional and online environments, serving as a technology coach for grades K-12, and acting as a virtual academy coordinator, Eric has a wealth of knowledge and experience in classroom technology integration across a variety of classroom situations and subject areas. Some of his favorite workshop topics include Integrating iPads in the Classroom, Learning to Think with Computer Programming, and Tools for Blended Learning. His professional interests include online and blended learning, mobile technologies, personalized education, and elementary computer programming.

Bring an iPad or laptop and join us for an informative evening.

Cost: CARE Members \$5.00, non-members \$10.00, 2 ACT 48 hours will be awarded.

RSVP/please email Christina Crews at christinacrewsmed@gmail.com

Or call her at 610 393 1174 by September 24th.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

As always, CARE appreciates those individuals and establishments that support our shared mission in literacy!

Thank You!

Cedar Crest College

Moravian College

Muhlenberg College

*Barnes & Noble: Lehigh Valley Mall, Southmont and
Shops at the Promenade*

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21

Judith's Reading Room

Support of the Keystone State Reading Association and Officers:

Dr. Nancy King

Dr. Connie Unger

Dr. Katie Blamey

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Donna Moser

Taryn Troiani

Cathy Leiber

CARE continues to nurture the professional relationships established with our sponsors, members and all literacy advocates in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Monroe counties. It is our goal to hold workshops and meetings at a location convenient to you.

We encourage you to continue to maintain your membership in the Keystone State Reading Association and support your local council's activities.

Literacy Limelight

Do you know of a workshop, seminar or event that your colleagues might find interesting or helpful?

Let us know! ☺



Do you know of a workshop, seminar or event that your colleagues might find interesting or helpful? Send us an email with the details! Thanks in advance for helping to carry out CARE's mission to "encourage and promote literacy in order to develop lifelong readers!"

Mark Your Calendars...

Literacy Apps for the Elementary Classroom

Sept. 28, 2016

4 to 6:30pm

Registration 4 – 4:30pm

Session begins at 4:30pm.

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21
4210 Independence Dr.
Schnecksville, PA 18072

Barnes and Noble Educator Reception

**With Author Felicia Sanzari
Chernesky**

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016

6 – 8:30pm

Center Valley Barnes and Noble
2960 Center Valley Pkwy Ste 742
Center Valley, PA 18034

Barnes and Noble Educator Reception

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016

6 – 8:30pm

Lehigh Valley Mall
801 Lehigh Lifestyle Center
Whitehall, PA 18052

Barnes and Noble Educator Reception

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016

6 – 8pm

Southmont Center
4445 Southmont Way
Easton, PA 18045

49th Annual Keystone State Reading Association Conference

Oct. 22 to Oct. 25, 2016

Theme: Literacy Changes Lives!

Seven Springs Mountain Resort
777 Waterwheel Dr.
Seven Springs, PA 15622

Email: Julie Borden, President at hedthread@yahoo.com or
Melissa LaRusso, President-Elect/Program at missyme942@gmail.com



Websites

Colonial Association of Reading Educators www.care-ksra.org

Keystone State Reading Association www.ksrapa.org

International Literacy Association www.literacyworldwide.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

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