



KSLA Central Eastern Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of Keystone State Literacy Association - Central Eastern, formerly Colonial Association of Reading Educators.

A new name, but the mission, values, and dedication to providing leadership in literacy and education remain strong! Just take a look at the professional, educational opportunities planned for the 2018-2019 school year.

May 1, 2019, Join us at our ***Celebrate Literacy Dinner***, at Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA. Details to follow.

Central Eastern PA Celebrate Literacy Award

This is the time of year when we as teachers really dig in and make the most of our time with our young students. It's also the time when we appreciate the efforts of our fellow teachers and colleagues who are inspiring students in the classrooms. You have the unique opportunity to ***let everyone know that you recognize and appreciate the literacy teaching skills of teachers all around you. Help KSLA-CE recognize an educator who has shown exemplary accomplishments.*** Please take a minute to send the name and a brief description of some of the outstanding efforts you observe so that we may honor and celebrate these hardworking, innovative teachers with the 2019 Celebrate Literacy Award. Outline accomplishments and contributions to Literacy. Click on the link below:

[Celebrate Literacy Award Nomination Form](#)

Nomination deadline: March 15, 2019

Return form to: Julie Borden, 1146 Belair Drive, Allentown, PA

or Email: hedthread@yahoo.com

NEW AND EXCITING - TELL US ABOUT A STAR READER!

KSLA CE-PA C.A. R. E. Award - Considerable Achievement in Reading Excellence Award

The Keystone State Literacy Association Central Eastern Region would like you to consider looking into your heart to ***help us to reward a student who has made great improvements, and or has developed a passion for reading, such that the student has encouraged others to read.***

"Nominate a student for the "CARE Reading Award" - two winners will be chosen at random from the nominations received. Click on the link below:

[Considerable Achievement in Reading Excellence Award Nomination Form](#)

Please send all nominations to Julie Borden by March 25, 2019. hedthread@yahoo.com

Our year in review is below...with pictures. Enjoy.

February 16, 2019: *Fall in Love with Books*, a program featured The ***Keystone to Reading Books*** together with ***Comprehension Tools and Tricks***. A fun Saturday morning led to learning more about the Keystone Books, and we also had a make and take session to make teaching comprehension fun and meaningful. We created the reading eye tool, reading retell glove, the retell fortune teller and the main character man. All the teachers went home with great comprehension tools, and door prizes.



January 10, 2019: Dr. Jill Purdy, Director of Graduate Programs in Education Department at Cedar Crest College presented on ***Trends in Literacy Instruction and More - Strategies on ELLs and Struggling Readers***. We had over 30 attendees at this event and it was very informative. All attendees left with some valuable tips and strategies to use in their classrooms. We had great door prizes and all shared teaching tools that work with building the Big Five of Reading.



October 28 - 31, 2018: KSLA held the 51st Annual Conference, featuring award-winning authors and leaders in literacy research. The sessions held provided opportunities to empower educators, inspire students and encourage leaders with resources needed to make literacy available to all.

August 16, 2018: Melissa Freeman held a **Multi-Sensory Structured Language Workshop**. She provided toolkits to our attendees to use daily with their students. Attendees created a language tool kit to help teach the basics of teaching reading. Also, **Alex Gibb Lucas** presented a segment on **Poetry Slam**. Alex shared how to inspire students to want to create poetry from within. We all learned a lot at our third annual Fall Kickoff to Literacy.



Literacy is the legacy in the students that we teach. Our shared passion as we reach one student at a time, a legacy multiplied. Join us as we continue to pursue excellence in our shared educational profession. For information, contact Julie Borden at hedthread@yahoo.com.