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To share information in ReAD please submit news by the first of the month to be published the 10th of the month. Issues are published every month except for December-January and summer combined issues. For more information contact Liz Yanoff at yanoffe@strose.edu.

NYSRA, Council, and Partnership News
Liz Yanoff

[2011 NYSRA Conference](#)

Register now for the 2011 NYSRA Conference, April 3-5 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

[2011 IRA Conference](#)

Register as well for the IRA conference May 8-11 in Orlando, Florida..

NYSRA's [Language and Literacy Spectrum Call for Papers and Editorial Review Board](#)

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[Support the NYLA Empire State Book Festival, April 2, 2011, Albany, NY](#)

[Vote for their grant on the Pepsi Refresh Challenge.](#)

[Volunteer at this wonderful event.](#)

[Newspapers in Education](#)

Visit the site for many classroom resources.

NY Education News

Dawn Montague

[Response to Intervention - Guidance for New York State School Districts](#)

Guidelines for implementing Response to Intervention program.

[New York State Archives Announces Student Research Award Contest](#)

The 21st annual NYS Archives Student Research Awards to encourage students to explore the wealth of historical records in New York State.

[RFP-Graduate Level Clinically Rich Teacher Preparation Pilot Program](#)

The Graduate Level Clinically Rich Teacher Preparation Pilot Program RFP.

[2012 Teacher of the Year](#)

Nominations are being sought for the 2012 Teacher of the Year.

[Better Beginnings Award](#)

Nominations are being sought for the 2010-2011 Helen Bach Moss Memorial Better Beginnings Award.

[Teaching with Primary Sources Grant Opportunities](#)

The Teaching with Primary Sources is currently accepting grant applications to support the development of local TPS projects.

[Best Practices for Information Literacy Courses](#)

The Association of College and Research Libraries has published Best Practices for Credit-Bearing Information Literacy Courses edited by Christopher Hollister.

["Celebrate America" 5th Grade Creative Writing Contest](#)

Participants will write a 500 word essay based on the theme, "Why I am Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants."

[Director of Curriculum Services position](#)

The NY State Education Department is accepting applications for Director of Curriculum Services.

[Guides to new 3-8 Testing Program now available](#)

The 2011 Guide to the Grades 3-8 Testing Program in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

[IRA Standards for Reading and Writing Assessments](#)

The revised document provides standards to guide decisions about literacy.

[Educators & Parents Speak Up! National Research Project](#)

Online survey for students, educators and parents about the use of technology for learning.

Literacy News of Interest

Sandi Kurbiel

[ReadWriteThink New York State Writers](#)

As of August we have had several writers in New York State who have published in IRA's ReadWriteThink website. Check out these talented educators' contributions to literacy and get some great ideas for lesson plans. (Click on an author's name to be connected to each article.)

Congratulations to all of our literacy experts:

[Stephanie Affinito](#), [Sue Carmichael](#), [Lauren A. Gibbons](#), [Rose Jackson](#), [Deborah Ann Jensen, Ph.D.](#), [Cynthia A. Lassonde](#), [Tom Lynch](#), [Joy F. Moss](#), [Sue Ornstein](#), [Mary Patroulis](#), [Susan Ruckdeschel](#), [Mary E. Shea, Ph. D.](#), [Lisa Simon](#), [Susan Spangler](#), [Ellen Woolfolk](#), and [Linda L. Young](#).

* If you are interested in submitting an article, click on this link to find information:
[Publishing Articles in ReadWriteThink:](#)

[Teacher Planet Resources](#)

This website is the “mother of all education websites.” It has volumes of educational information, including lists of their own recommendations for other educational websites.

[Discovery Education.com Resources](#)

Find free lesson plans, games, videos, and other resources in all core subject areas.

[Scholastic.com Resources](#)

Many new helpful teaching features have been added, including an email sign-up for free teaching ideas.

[EdHelper.com Resources](#)

This website is a great resource for literacy, mathematics, thematic units, and holiday ideas, and includes an email sign-up for a free newsletter.

[BrainPOP Resources](#)

Check out the great new ideas using technology and graphic organizers in the classroom.

["Room 108" Interactive Educational Games for Primary Grades](#)

Check out the section on Free Teaching Resources, or pay a low monthly fee for the total package which includes lots of fun games to help students in all subjects. There are some great sections devoted totally to kids’ stories, writing, and even a Smart Board section.