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In this edition

IRA, NYSRA & Local Council News

[Fall 2011 NYSRA Conference](#)

NYSRA's 45th annual conference will be reconnecting the annual professional development offering with the crisp, cool, stimulating fall season. "**Literacy Connections**" will take place at the Hilton Rye Town in Rye Brook, New York, October 23 – 25, 2011. This will be NYSRA's conference for the 2011-2012 school year. Mark it on your calendars and begin to make your plans to connect with speakers, presenters, and educational vendors, along with other educators from across New York State.

[Speaker's Directory](#)

A speaker's directory is being developed for NYSRA councils. Contact Pauline Rasbeck at gram8431@aol.com or Karen Brungard at kbrungard@sllbooces.org for more information.

[NYSRA Charlotte Award Committee](#)

The 2012 NYSRA Charlotte Award Ballot has been announced and you can learn all about these great books at the [NYSRA Charlotte site](#) or the [Charlotte blog](#). Contact the committee Chair Judy Ehrensbeck at judy@ehrensbeck.com for more information or to schedule a presentation at your council. Looking for great summer reading? Check out the NYSRA Charlotte Award nominees!

NY Education News

[Regents Adopt Rules for Evaluating Teacher and Principal Effectiveness](#)

The New York State Board of Regents adopted regulations that will implement a statewide teacher and principal performance evaluation system that includes multiple measures of educator effectiveness. The regulations, which will take effect during the 2011-2012 school year, are required by legislation enacted last year.

[Dr. John B. King, Jr. is elected as NYSE Commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York](#)

The New York State Board of Regents voted to elect Dr. John B. King, Jr. as New York State Education Commissioner and President of the University of the State of New York.

[Regents Reform and Race to the Top update](#)

Resources are listed for the implementation of the New York State Common Core Learning Standards.

Literacy News of Interest

The following authors and illustrators will be speaking at the NYSRA Conference this fall, if you would like to check them out over the summer. Some links are the authors' actual websites and some are related websites:

Ann E. Burg: <http://www.jacketflap.com/ann-e-burg/8770>

Alyssa Satin Capucilli: <http://www.alyssacapucilli.com/>

Peter Catalanotto:

http://www.visitingauthors.com/authors/catalanotto_peter/catalanotto_peter_bio.html

Jan Cheripko: <http://biography.jrank.org/pages/986/Cheripko-Jan-1951.html>

Mary Higgins Clark: <http://www.maryhigginsclark.com/>

Wendell Minor: <http://www.minorart.com/>

Nell Duke: <http://msularc.educ.msu.edu/who-we-are/principal-investigators/duke/>

Valerie Ellery: <http://www.valerieellery.com/valerielandingpagecsr.htm>

J. Patrick Lewis: <http://www.jpatricklewis.com/>

Jerry Pinkney: <http://www.jerrypinkneystudio.com/frameset.html>

Patricia Polacco: <http://www.patriciapolacco.com/>

Laura Robb: <http://www.lrobb.com/web/guest/home>

Alfred Tatum: http://www.stenhouse.com/html/authorbios_220.htm

Walden Media: <http://www.walden.com/>

Neil Waldman: <http://artsnet.net/waldman/index.htm>

Rosemary Wells: <http://rosemarywells.com/>

Vera B. Williams: <http://www.picturebookparty.com/2010/04/vera-b-williams.html>

Gloria Whelan: <http://www.gloriawhelan.com/>

The following websites might make for interesting summer reading:

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/> (Summer reading at the New York Libraries website)

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm> (The importance of summer reading, from the NYS Library website)

<http://www.child2000.org/lit-tipsMenu.htm> (Find reading tips, former Newbery and Caldecott winners, and more)

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/23428> (Reading Rockets has many wonderful suggestions for teachers and parents for literacy in the summer)

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/reading/summer/6101.html> (Teacher Vision has lots of summer book and future lesson plan ideas)

We hope you have a wonderful summer, and come back rested, refreshed, and ready for a new school year!