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Don't forget, now you can become a friend to NYSRA on *Facebook*! Have you?
Thanks to all who contributed their time and expertise to our issue this month!

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NYSRA and Legislative News

The 2020 Charlotte Award

Read as many books from each ballot as you can. You do not need to read all the books on the ballot. Vote on one ballot or all of the ballots, but you may only vote once on each ballot. Some upper grade titles contain adult issues. Please consider what is personally appropriate before reading. Log on to this online survey and vote for your favorite:

<http://bit.ly/2921gkw>.

Any questions contact NYSRA.Charlotte@gmail.com

NEW YORK STATE CHARLOTTE AWARD BALLOT 2020

Named for the main character in E.B. White's Charlotte's Web, the purpose of the Charlotte Award is to encourage students to read outstanding literature and ultimately become lifelong readers. Students in New York State will read titles on the ballot voting for their favorites in each category. Ballots must be received by May 30, 2020. Votes will be tallied, and winners will receive their awards at the NYSRA Conference in November 2020. ** Denotes nonfiction titles.

Primary Ballot

Title	Author	Publisher
Can I Be Your Dog?	Troy Cummings	Random House
Crunch the Silly Dinosaur	Cirroco Dunlap	Random House
Elmore	Hollie Hobbie	Random House
Fruit Bowl	Mark Hoffman	Alfred A. Knopf
Grumpy Monkey	Suzanne Lang	Random House
Imagine That! Let Your Mind Run Wild	Yasmeen Ismail	Bloomsbury
Moon**	Britta Teckentrup	Doubleday Books for Young Readers
No More Noisy Nights	Holly N. Niner	Flashlight
What Will Grow?***	Jennifer Ward	Bloomsbury
Windows **	Julia Denos	Candlewick Press

Intermediate Ballot

Title	Author	Publisher
Annie's Life In Lists	Kristin Mahoney	Alfred A. Knopf
Exact Location of Home	Kate Messner	Bloomsbury
The First Men Who Went to the Moon**	Rhonda Gowler Greene	Sleeping Bear Press
The Heart and Mind of Frances Pauley	April Stevens	Schwartz & Wade Books
My Brigadista Year	Katherine Patterson	Candlewick Press
RA the Mighty Cat Detective	A.B. Greenfield	Holiday House
Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo	Ben Costa & James Parks	Alfred A. Knopf
Sticky Notes	Dianne Touchell	Delacorte Press
Stuck in the Stone Age	Geoff Rodney	Rodale Kids
Write On Irving Berlin! **	Leslie Kimmelman	Sleeping Bear Press

2019 NYSRA Literacy Conference,
Empowering Striving Readers
By Maryanne Barrett



Empowering Striving Readers

November 14–16th, 2019
Albany Capital Center, Albany, NY



Current list of featured speakers for the 2019 NYS READING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Stephanie Affinito, author of *Literacy Coaching: Transforming Teaching and Learning with Digital Tools and Technology* and “Supporting New Teachers Through Tech”

Sandra Athans, author of *Secrets of Sky Caves* and the *Tips and Tricks* series for teaching literacy skills

Erica Barnes, author of “Facilitating Academic Language in Early Childhood Classrooms” and “Shared Book Reading and Preschool Children’s Academic Achievement”

Nancy Castaldo, author of *Back from the Brink: Saving Animals from Extinction and Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel*

Adam Fachler, creator of the EMPOWER method and co-founder of the School on the Square in the Bronx

Lynn Gelzheiser and Laura Hallgren, authors of *Comprehensive Reading Intervention in Grades 3-8: Fostering Word Learning, Comprehension, and Motivation* and expert on *Interactive Strategies Approach—Extended*

Virginia Goatley, Department Chair and a Professor in the Department of Literacy Teaching and Learning at the University at Albany. Her research focuses on teacher preparation and professional development that supports effective classroom practice, including the accreditation and assessment of teacher preparation.

Berit Gordon, author of *No More Fake Reading: Merging the Classics with Independent Reading to Create Joyful, Lifelong Readers*

Amy Guglielmo, author of *Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire* and *How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine*

Stephanie Harvey, author of *Strategies that Work* and *From Striving to Thriving*. Sponsored by Scholastic.

Troy Hicks, author of *Crafting Digital Writing* and *The Digital Writing Workshop*

Katie Kelly, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Literacy Graduate Program at Furman University in Greenville, SC. Co-authored: *Reading to Make a Difference, Smuggling Writing: Strategies that Get Students to Write Every Day, in Every Content*

Area (3-12) and *From Pencils to Podcasts: Digital Tools to Transform K-12 Literacy Practices*.

Kevin Kurtz, children’s nonfiction author of *A Day in a Forested Wetland, Living Things and Nonliving Things: A Compare and Contrast Book, Where Wild Microbes Grow* and more.

Gretchen Oliver, English as a New Language specialist and author of “Professional Development in Support of English Learner Achievement: Science and ESOL Educator Collaborations”

Zoi Phillappakos, author of *Developing Strategic Writers through Genre Instruction: Resources for Grades 3-5* and *Differentiated Reading Instruction in Grades 4 and 5: Strategies and Resources*

Laura Robb, author of *Read, Talk, Write* and *Unlocking Complex Texts*. Sponsored by Corwin.

Jennifer Roy, children’s author of *Yellow Star, Mindblind, Cordially Invited Series* and *Trading Faces*

Donna Scanlon, author of *Early Intervention for Reading Difficulties: The Interactive Strategies Approach* and member of ILA’s RTI task force

Jennifer Serravallo, author of *Understanding Texts* and *Readers and The Reading Strategies Book*

Erik Sweet, New York State Education Department, Office of Curriculum and Instruction, English Language Arts

Charles R. Smith, Jr., author of *Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali* and *28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World*

Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong, authors of *Great Morning! Poems for School Leaders to Read Aloud* and *The Poetry Friday* anthologies

Jeffrey Wilhelm, author of “You Gotta Be the Book: Teaching Engaged and Reflective Reading with Adolescents” and *Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want—and Why We Should Let Them*

Jim Wright, author of the *RTI Toolkit: A Practical Guide for Schools* and “Managing Classroom Behaviors Using an RTI/MTSS Framework”

NYSRA Conference Registration Form

2019 NYSRA Conference Registration Thursday, 11.14.19 to Saturday, 11.16.19 Albany Capital Center	
Registration must be postmarked by 11.1.19 to avoid the additional late and on-site registration fee of \$25.	
Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City:	State & Zip:
Home Phone:	Business Phone:
Affiliation:	Position:
Valid/Unblocked E-Mail (Required for Registration Confirmation):	
Are you a member of a LOCAL NYSRA COUNCIL or AT-LARGE MEMBER of NYSRA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, WHICH LOCAL COUNCIL? _____ OR <input type="checkbox"/> AT-LARGE MEMBER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if you will need a sign language interpreter (Postmarked by 9.30.19).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here and specify if you have special dietary needs:	

Registration Fees, Options (Per Person) and Payment Information

<input type="checkbox"/> \$40 NYSRA At-Large Membership (Allows you to register at the member rate.)	
<p>Package A Regular Full Conference Package (Includes: Thursday Evening to Saturday Afternoon Professional Development, Lunch on Friday and Saturday, and Reception on Thursday and Friday evening) Early Bird Registration Postmarked BY 9.30.19) <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 Non-Member</p> <p>Regular Registration (Postmarked AFTER 9.30.19) <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 School Groups Of 3 To 9 (Submit Together) <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Full Time Student</p> <p>Package B Single Day Conference Package- Friday or Saturday (Includes: Friday or Saturday Professional Development, Lunch on Friday or Saturday, and Reception on Friday Evening if attending on Friday. Please Check Day Attending: <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$125 School Groups of 3 to 9 Submit Together) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Non-Member <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Full Time Student</p> <p>A La Carte Items <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Friday Evening Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Saturday Morning Breakfast</p> <p>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$</p> <p>Please Note: If you are sending 10 or more from the same district, please contact Mary Kline for large group pricing at 315-867-2079. For other Registration questions, please e-mail our registrars at nysraconfreg@roadrunner.com. For non-registration questions, contact us at nysraconf2019@gmail.com.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAYMENT INFORMATION (FULL PAYMENT AND/OR PO MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check # Amount: \$</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NYSRA. (RETURNED CHECKS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$25 NSF FEE.)</p> <p>PO# District:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(WE WILL INVOICE THE DISTRICT)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> AMEX <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MC CARD NUMBER: NAME ON CARD: EXPIRATION DATE: SECURITY CODE FROM CARD: SIGNATURE: _____ DATE:</p> <p>E-MAIL TO SEND RECEIPT: (NYSRA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHARGE YOUR CARD THE CORRECT AMT. IF THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE CALCULATION OF THE AMT. DUE.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A \$25 late registration fee will be assessed for registrations received after 11.1.19 and for On-Site Registrations. 2. Refunds will be made ONLY with a written request postmarked by 11.1.19 and will be processed after the close of the conference. 3. A registration confirmation e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address listed above. Please be sure to provide a valid, unblocked e-mail, 4. NYSRA Taxpayer ID number is: 16-6098728. 5. PLEASE MAIL, FAX, OR E-MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION ALONG WITH METHOD OF PAYMENT TO: <p style="text-align: center;">NYSRA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION C/O MARY & LARRY KLINE 507 BRETT'S WAY, WHITESBORO, NY 13492 FAX: 315-736-3519 E-MAIL: NYSRACONFREG@ROADRUNNER.COM</p>

Newspapers in Education Update - September

By Mary Miller, Education Services Director

Two Important Notes:

1. **SAVE THE DATE** – NYSRA Conference 2020 is scheduled for Rochester, NY at the Hyatt Rochester beginning the evening of Wednesday, November 11 through Friday, November 13, 2020.

2. **Do your students know the difference between real and fake news?**

(Are you sure you always know the difference?) The New York News Publisher Association's News Media Literacy/Newspapers In Education program is now offering interactive presentations that touch on strategies to help increase proficiency in reading complex informational text, how to identify sources, verify news content, and gain a deeper understanding of how news professionals gather and disseminate credible and actionable information – in-print or online. Presentations also review bias, propaganda, hoaxes, rumors, satire, and advertising as well as the importance of understanding one's own digital footprint and what it means to be a good digital citizen.

For more information about how you can help increase News Media Literacy, contact Mary Miller at mmiller@nynpa.com or call 518-265-6201. NYNPA office hours are Monday through Friday 7 am to 3 pm.

As always, Newspaper In Education materials can be found on the NYNPA website at www.nynpa.com/nie.html.

New York State Education News

by Kristen Driskill
NYSED Contributing Editor

[NYS ELA and Math Assessments](#)

The NYS Education Department has released the results of the NYS ELA and Math Assessments. Find the results here by clicking above.

[NYS Library Investment](#)

The New York State Education Department is awarding \$34 million in state aid to invest in our public libraries, an important investment in literacy for our students as well as their families. Read more about it here.

[NYSED Commissioner Elia is Resigning](#)

MaryEllen Elia has resigned from the NYSED Commissioner; read her informative and inspirational letter to parents and educators here.

Literacy News and Links of Interest

by Sandi Kurbiel
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[Back to School](#)

Looking for some great back to school ideas for fall? Check out these great lesson ideas.

[Great Results from a Writing Exercise in Middle School](#)

It's often fun and educational to include writing in a reading curriculum. Read here about a middle school that helped their students feel more comfortable in their school with a simple exercise, and beneath it an article about building a strong classroom culture with stories about real-life heroes.