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Benefits of the Kansas Reading Association:

- Professional Development Opportunities
- KRA Annual Conference Emphasizing Literacy
- Awards for Research and Literacy Advocacy
- Kansas READ Month Activities
- Online Discussions and Networking
- Professional Book Study Opportunity
- Community Service Projects Impacting Local and Global Literacy
- Speakers Bulletin
- Kansas Journal of Reading
- Spring and Fall Newsletters
- Electronic Book Bag Resources

Anyone who is interested in supporting the goals and activities of KRA may become a member. Each member may select a local council, like Topeka Area, or state-at-large assignment. For more membership information please visit our website at www.kansasread.org.

You may contact the KRA president with any questions at president@kansasread.org.



Our Mission:

To promote learning through quality literacy experiences for all.





The Kansas Reading Association is a nonprofit professional organization whose members include Preschool-Grade 12 teachers, college and university faculty, administrators, specialists, librarians, parents, and other persons interested in reading education from across the state of Kansas.

Founded in 1964, KRA is the state affiliate of the International Literacy Association. ILA is a global network of individuals and institutions committed to worldwide literacy and has 56,000 professionals internationally.

Both KRA and ILA support literacy professionals through a wide range of resources, advocacy efforts, volunteerism, and professional development activities. Members promote high levels of literacy for all by:

- Improving the quality of reading instruction
- Disseminating research and information about reading
- Encouraging lifetime reading habits

Opportunities for involvement exist at local, state, national and international levels.

2016-2017 Topeka Area Local Council Schedule

Join us as we explore literacy

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

5:30-6:30

**North Fairview Elementary
Seaman School District**

Ms. Melody Gatti and Ms. Carla Chavez will present on Dyslexia.

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

5:30-6:30

**Meadows Elementary
Topeka School District**

Flint Hills Writing Project

APRIL 25, 2017

5:30-6:30

Location to be determined

Possible topics: New Literature or Integrating Technology in English Language Arts

Important Dates:

September 2016

Kansas READ Month: See www.kansasread.org for ideas

October 2016

4-5 State Conference in Manhattan, KS

November 2016

14 Deadline for Statewide Book Study

February 2017

1 Bill Martin Jr. Voting

March 2017

2 Read Across America" Day

NIEonline.com "NIE" week

April 2017

9-15 National Library Week

May 2017

1-7 Children's Book Week

July 2017

15-17 ILA Convention in Orlando, FL

Summer 2017

TBA Summer Leadership

October 2017

30 KRA State Conference in Ottawa, KS

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