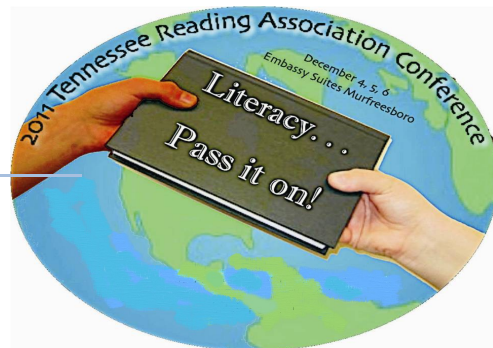




Have YOU registered for the 2011 Fall Conference?



Sunday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Embassy Suites Murfreesboro

1200 Conference Center Boulevard

Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

Registration is open for the annual conference. We have many exciting things planned for the conference this year. For more information or to register, simply go to www.tnthreads.org.

The conference committee has worked hard to compile a list of authors and presenters that has something to offer to all attendees. Whether you are a classroom teacher, an administrator or a literacy coach, this conference is for you.

If you plan to stay at the conference hotel, please contact the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro hotel to make your reservation. Make sure you tell the registration desk that you are registering for the TRA Conference to be eligible for the discounted price of rooms. You may book online at http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/MBTESES-Embassy-Suites-Nashville-SE-Murfreesboro-Tennessee/index.do. The group code is RDA. Room rates are \$ 139.00 plus tax for single occupancy and \$149.00 plus tax for double occupancy (\$10.00 additional per person over 2). The conference rate is available until November 9th, but rooms are filling up so reserve yours today.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Jana Crosby at janacrosby@comcast.net or at (615) 972-4804.

Featured Speakers Include:



Chris Crutcher

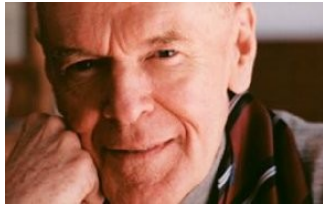
Spokane, Washington
Author & Consultant

*Chinese Handcuffs, Ironman,
Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories,
Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes,
Whale Talk, The Sledding Hill*



Patricia McKissack

*Goin' Someplace Special
Ma Dear's Aprons
Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman
Tippy Lemmey
A Picture of Freedom*



Richard Peck

*Three Quarters Dead
Long Way from Chicago
The Year Down Yonder
Secrets at Sea
A Teacher's Funeral*



John Micklos

Newark, Delaware
Author, Consultant,
Former Reading Today Editor

*Daddy Poems
Mommy Poems
Grandparent Poems
Alexander Graham Bell*



Maureen McLaughlin

IRA Vice-President

*Critical Literacy
Research-Based Reading Lessons for K-3
Research-Based Reading Lessons for 4-6*



Jane Feber

*Creative Book Reports
Active Word Play*



Allan Wolf

Asheville, North Carolina

*The Watch That Ends the Night: Voices
From the Titanic
More than Friends: Poems from Him and Her
Zane's Trace
The Blood-Hungry Spleen and Other
Poems About Our Parts*



Taryn Souders

Winter Park, Florida
Math Teacher & Author

Whole-y Cow: Fractions are Fun

Featured Speakers Include:



Snead Collard

The Governor's Dog is Missing
Hangman's Gold
Double Eagle
Dog Sense
Teeth
Animal Dads
Reign of the Sea Dragons



Kevin Cordi

Ohio Dominican University
Founder of the Voices Across
America Youth Storytelling

*Raising Voices: Youth Storytelling
Groups and Troupes*



Helen Hemphill

Nashville, Tennessee
Vanderbilt University Adjunct Instructor

Long Gone Daddy
Deadwood Jones
Runaround



Jacquie McTaggart

Independence, Iowa

From The Teacher's Desk;
If They Don't Learn the Way You Teach,
Teach the Way They Learn

Session Topics Include:

Common Core Standards
Family Literacy
Fluency
Curriculum
Reading in the Content Areas
Vocabulary
Connecting Math and Literacy
Struggling Readers
Science and Literacy
Digital Media
Early Literacy
... and many more



Denise Brennan-Nelson

Howell, Michigan

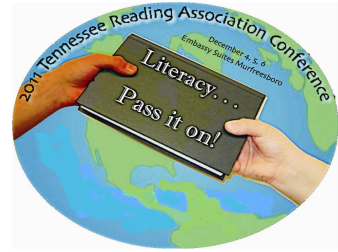
Willow: Most Outstanding Children's Book for 2009 (Mom's Choice Awards)
Buzzy the Bumblebee; Grady the Goose
Someday is Not a Day of the Week

Additional authors include: Debbie Clements, Nelson Lauver, Deborah Shine, and Motheral and Burton.... Many of these authors will be present at the luncheon and for signing their books at scheduled times.

Pre-Registration will close on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

Authors' Luncheon Registration and Information

Monday, December 5, 2011



Dear TRA Conference Participants,

We have an exciting authors' luncheon planned just for you! Not only has **Chris Crutcher** agreed to serve as our key-note luncheon speaker, but many authors plan on joining us at the luncheon tables. They include **Richard Peck, Patricia McKissack, Allan Wolf, Denise Brennan-Nelson, Kevin Cordi, John Micklos, Sneed Collard, Taryn Souders, Bill Landry, Jacquely McTaggart, and Jane Feber.**

While listening to Chris Crutcher and conversing with the author seated at your table, you will dine on a scrumptious lunch consisting of "Lynchburg Chicken: grilled breast of chicken glazed with our signature Jack Daniels barbecue sauce, topped with bacon, sautéed onions, peppers, mushrooms, and melted Monterey Jack cheese" (from Embassy Suite's menu), salad, and dessert. If your diet is restricted to a vegetarian menu, please note this on the form below.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference and hope that you will join me at the authors' luncheon! I can't wait to tell my friends and students that I met with real authors and came away with great ideas to implement in my classroom; as an advocate of literacy, I am certain that you feel the same way.

Warmly,
Kathy

Kathy Brashears, Ed.D.
TRA 2011 Conference Co-Chair
TRA Vice President

Request for One Author Luncheon Ticket

I understand that each request/check for an author luncheon ticket will be documented in the order received, and only the first 100 participants being awarded luncheon tickets. The tickets are non-refundable.

Name of Conference Participant _____

Please make your check for **\$30.00** payable to Tennessee Reading Association and mail to the following address:

Randall Kincaid
Tennessee Reading Association Luncheon Coordinator
226 Cedar Street
Sevierville, TN 37862