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Call for Program Proposals

The Michigan Reading Association invites you to submit a program proposal for the 62nd Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference entitled, "Literacy Drives the Future." The conference will be held at the COBO Center in Detroit, MI on March 17-19, 2018.

Proposals must be received via our online proposal system no later than October 6, 2017. The Program Committee will consider all proposals submitted by the due date. Notification of the committee's decision will be sent no later than December 4, 2017. **The individual submitting the proposal is responsible for notifying co-presenters of the Program Committee's decision.**

Proposals that support conference strands will be given precedence. The following are anticipated strands for the 2018 Annual conference:

STEM Integration Strand

Key words and phrases: reading, writing, intertwined, disciplines, science, technology, engineering, math, integration

Assessment and Data Management Strand

Key words and phrases: designing robust assessments, analyzing data, leveraging results, quick instructional decisions, evidence-based practices

Special Populations Strand

Key words and phrases: diverse learners, instructional interventions, culture, language communities, socioeconomic strata, gender identities, special education categories, literacy, design effective differentiated instruction, MTSS

Literature, Social Justice, and Cultural Relevance Strand

Key words and phrases: diversity, social justice, facilitate the reader's ideation of sociocultural equity and opportunity, cultural relevance, author's intent, illustrator's choice, power relations, varied genre, quality literature

Wrap-Around Services Strand

Key words and phrases: policy, process, practice, whole child, family engagement, community involvement, health/wellness, counseling, school psychology, social services, multi-tiered systems of support, wrap-around

Early Literacy Strand

Key words and phrases: developmentally appropriate practices, early childhood through 3rd grade, literacy development, intentional literacy practices, life-long success for our youngest readers, phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, guided oral reading, vocabulary strategies, writing, reading comprehension

Writing Strand

Key words and phrases: traditional writings, digital formats, code switching abilities when writing blogs, wikis, or more traditional pieces of works, argument, exposition, narration, the writing process, technical writing, conducting research, the use of technology, digital modes of writing, traditional modes of writing

Career and College Transitions Strand

Key words and phrases: Personalized learning options, postsecondary, high school, transferable academic competencies, professional awareness, advantageous experiences, Dual Enrollment, Early/Middle College, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate programs, student government, job shadow, literacy rich environments, bridging the gap between high school and postsecondary, contextualized curriculum, new technologies, evidence-based literacy practices

It is important to note that there are some situations that would disqualify a proposal. The following are circumstances that would result in ineligibility:

- Promotion of commercial materials or programs
- Topic does not fit a 2018 conference strand
- Presenters and co-presenters have not registered for the conference by 1-15-18
- Presenters and co-presenters have not paid for the conference by 1-15-18

Please consider the following statements when submitting a proposal:

All proposal presenters and co-presenters are required to register and pay for the conference.

- Registered presenters and co-presenters who cancel following the 1-15-18 deadline will be eligible for a 50% refund of the conference registration fees.
- Upon electronically signing a proposal form, it is understood that presenters and co-presenters will not receive honoraria or reimbursement for travel, hotel, or related expenses.
- Upon request, each presentation room will be equipped with an LCD projector, table, and screen.
- Handouts and any additional AV equipment will be the responsibility of the presenters.
- Speakers are limited to three proposal submissions.
- Speakers cannot be guaranteed all submissions will be accepted.
- The 2018 Proposal Form must be submitted online.

All questions or concerns about submitting a proposal should be directed to the Michigan Reading Association office in Grand Rapids. Please, visit our website for further support and detailed information:
www.michiganreading.org