

# WSRA Membership Application

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TODAY'S DATE

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CITY STATE ZIP

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

DUTIES, TITLE & LEVEL/DEPT.

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Some of the information provided will be in the WSRA Membership Directory

Are you a member of International Literacy Association?  YES  NO

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a local reading council?  YES  NO  
If yes, please check council name(s) in list at bottom of form.

I would like to join \_\_\_\_\_ Committee.

Membership is for one year from the date of joining. **Your membership expiration date appears on your mailing label.**

Dues may be tax deductible.

Please join or renew online with a credit card at [wsra.org](http://wsra.org) or you may make a check for \$37.00 payable to WSRA and mail with this form to: WSRA Membership, 909 Rock Ridge Road, Burlington, WI 53105-7230.

## Zones and Their Councils

<b>Central</b>		<b>Southwest</b>	
Central Wisconsin	55050	Hidden Valley	55210
Fox Valley	55125	Madison Area	55350
Headwaters	55200	Muirland	55512
Mideast	55400	Rock River	55825
Wolf River	55950	South Kettle Moraine	55850
<b>Northeast</b>		<b>Southeast</b>	
Door County	55075	Milwaukee Area	55500
Greater Bayland	55150	Racine-Kenosha	55750
Interlake	55250	Southern Lakes	55860
Northeast	55525	Washington-Ozaukee	55875
<b>Northwest</b>		Waukesha County	55900
Ashland Bayfield Counties	55045	<b>Wisconsin</b>	
Eau Claire Area	55100	Wisconsin Professors	
Lake Superior	55300	of Reading	56703
Midwest	55450		
Northwest	55550		
St. Croix Valley	55800		

# COMMITTEES

## WSRA Committees and Task Forces

*Committees and Task Forces carry out WSRA goals. WSRA members are encouraged to serve on one of the following committees:*

### ADVOCACY/ PI34

Collects, prepares and disseminates information to support members as they advocate for the best practices in reading; seeks to become familiar with PI34, to actively influence state policy, and to address the importance of PI34 for WSRA and its members.

### AUTHORS FESTIVAL

Works with local reading councils in organizing Authors Festivals to promote reading and writing enrichment opportunities for Wisconsin students.

### AWARDS & HONORS

Oversees the process of granting awards and honors for exemplary service to literacy education.

### CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Works to promote the daily use of good literature and writing with all students.

### CONVENTION PLANNING

Plans the annual convention.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

Provides support and information to teachers for developing emergent reading and writing programs.

### EARLY INTERVENTION

Provides support and information for developing early intervention programs.

### ELEMENTARY READING

Explores the needs of elementary level teachers of reading, examines research relative to these programs, and prepares information for dissemination.

### ESEA/RTI/ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

Keeps members updated on the current federal and state issues regarding the implementation of Response to Intervention, ESEA and literacy assessment practices.

**FAMILIES & LITERACY-** Develops and carries out plans which convey to parents the value of involvement in reading activities with children.

**HIGH SCHOOL LITERACY-** Explores the needs of high school teachers of reading, examines research relative to these programs, and prepares information for dissemination.

**INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM-** Informs, advises, and supports members regarding matters of intellectual and academic freedom.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP-** Seeks to develop and strengthen partnerships with educational institutes and/or individuals in foreign countries in an effort to expand access to literacy for all.

**LEGISLATIVE-** Studies state and national legislation, disseminates information about legislation which is current, pending or needs development, and interacts with education committees.

**MEMBERSHIP-** Promotes membership in International Reading Association, WSRA, and local councils; encourages members to participate in professional development opportunities and become active in their communities throughout the state.

**MIDDLE LEVEL LITERACY-** Explores the needs of middle level teachers of reading, examines research relative to these programs, and prepares information for dissemination.

**PRESERVICE TEACHERS-** Encourages the next generation of teachers to become members of WSRA, its local councils, and IRA; and supports the professional development of preservice teachers in regard to literacy and literacy instruction.

**PUBLICATIONS-** Sets and monitors policies and procedures needed for Association publications.

**READING & TECHNOLOGY-** Researches and makes recommendations concerning the latest in educational technology.

**READING SPECIALISTS-** Provides leadership and opportunities for the professional growth of reading specialists.

**RESEARCH-** Seeks to determine problems which merit intensive study, stimulates research activities and disseminates research findings.

**TITLE I -** Ascertain and serves the needs of Title I teachers.

### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

The Audit, Finance, and Governance Committees are comprised of members from the Board of Directors.

# COUNCILS/PUBLICATIONS

## WSRA Local Reading Councils

*WSRA and 25 local reading councils coordinate their efforts to promote literacy in Wisconsin. Reading Councils throughout the state sponsor a variety of opportunities that focus on literacy issues and encourage professional growth. Obtain information about your local council at [wsra.org](http://wsra.org).*



## WSRA Nationally Acclaimed Publications

*WSRA publications provide members with information on current developments in literacy.*

*The following publications are included with membership:*

**WSRA Website** Located at [www.wsra.org](http://www.wsra.org), the website includes current information about the state of reading in Wisconsin, WSRA's position statements, online registration forms, and archived Wired Wednesday Webinars.

**WSRA Update** Issues that report upcoming events, special projects, classroom ideas, and Association policies.

**WSRA Journal** Themed, three times a year publication that addresses current topics and present educational strategies for classroom instruction in literacy.

## WSRA Mission Statement

The Wisconsin State Reading Association provides leadership, advocacy, and professional learning for the implementation of effective literacy practices, recognizing the complex nature of literacy and engaging students to apply their literacies in meaningful ways in a changing world.

## WSRA Goals

### ADVOCACY

Develop tools, strategies and interest to motivate WSRA members to engage in advocacy efforts to improve research, policy and practices for literacy programs that best serve students, families and educators.

### COMMUNICATION

Provide leadership in addressing issues and trends in reading and language arts to inform educators, families, and community.

### MEMBERSHIP

Develop and strengthen an active and diverse membership.

### PARTNERSHIP

Create partnerships that foster literacy in the home, school, community, and workplace.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Encourage professional growth opportunities for families, educators, administrators, and community members.

### RESEARCH

Promote and disseminate research findings that will strengthen and support the best practices for instruction in the communication arts.

## WSRA Benefits

*Membership in the Wisconsin State Reading Association is open to all individuals interested in literacy. WSRA members receive reduced registration fees for conventions and institutes. WSRA publications and webinars are included with membership.*

### ANNUAL CONVENTION

The WSRA Convention is a three-day event that attracts more than 2500 participants to Milwaukee in February. It features nationally recognized speakers, authors, teachers, specialists, university faculty, and other professional leaders. Programs are developed for a diverse population of educators from preschool through adult.

### SPECIAL INSTITUTES

WSRA also offers one- and two-day institutes which are held at locations across the state. Institutes focus on topics of interest in literacy education.

### LEADERSHIP

WSRA offers leadership training sessions which bring state officers, committee members, and local reading council officers together to plan and carry out goals for improving literacy in Wisconsin.

### LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT

WSRA contracts with a government affairs consultant to monitor Wisconsin legislation related to reading and literacy. WSRA members receive current information on national and statewide initiatives that involve the profession.

## WSRA Awards, Scholarships & Grants

*WSRA supports improvement of reading instruction and literacy achievement through the sponsorship of the following annual awards and scholarships:*

Pat Bricker Memorial Research Awards  
Literacy Awards  
Outstanding Administrators Awards  
Convention Student Scholarships  
Council Recognition Award  
Exemplary Reading Program Award  
Outstanding Legislator Award  
Outstanding Service Award  
Friends of Literacy Honor Roll  
Literacy Technology Award  
Community Service Grants

## Questions?

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 [goo.gl/LxWvdU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxWvdU)

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*WSRA ... providing  
leadership, advocacy, and expertise*

## WSRA Belief Statements

Expertise Matters

Research Grounds Us

Literacy is a complex process requiring  
a comprehensive approach and a mindset shift.

# JOIN WSRA TODAY!

Over 2600 Members  
Promoting Literacy Since 1956

WSRA is an affiliate of the  
International Literacy Association