



Wisconsin State Reading Association

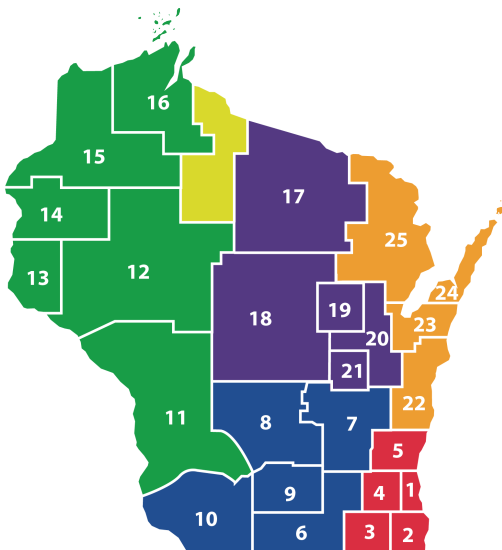
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WHO IS WSRA?

WSRA MEMBERSHIP

- The Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) is a professional organization that averages 2200 members annually. Membership is **\$39** per year.
- One-third of WSRA is comprised of reading specialists/reading teachers/interventionists/coaches.
- One-third: classroom teachers ranging from 4K through high school.
- One-third: college professors, full-time undergraduate students, retired educators, librarians, gifted & talented educators, special education educators, ELL educators, and adults/technical educators.

WSRA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- 25 local reading councils covering every part of Wisconsin
- 19 Committees including: Advocacy, Children's Literature, Digital Literacies, Early Childhood Literacy, Early Intervention, Elementary, Families and Literacy, Intellectual Freedom, International Partnership, High School, Legislative, Membership, Middle Level, Preservice Teachers, Publications, Reading Specialists, Research, Title I, & Young Authors Workshops
- Task Force: ESEA/RtI/Assessment Task Force
- Wisconsin Professors of Reading Special Interest Council
- WSRA's Board of Directors

WSRA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Expertise matters



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- Focus on literacy professional development
 - Annual conference averaging 2000 attendees
 - Topical workshops/institutes around the state
 - Webinars
 - Professional publications such as *WSRA Journal*, *Update*, *RtI at the Crossroads* monograph
 - Supporting teachers in their licensure process, PI34
 - Local council meetings
 - Professional study groups
 - Position statements on critical issues
 - Read It Forward (professional book study groups)
 - Online Literacy Learning Academy – coming soon!



WSRA PARTNERSHIPS: Literacy requires a comprehensive approach

- Support the Wisconsin Literacy Research Symposium through the UW System
- Network with CESAs, Wisconsin Education Innovations, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, University System, content organizations to provide workshops and institutes
- Work with legislators and DPI to promote and develop legislation and policies supporting effective literacy practices
 - Read to Lead Task Force with the focus on teacher expertise
 - PI 34
 - Teacher Preparation programs
 - Kindergarten Screener
 - District Reading Specialist
 - Maximizing the use of highly qualified reading specialists/reading teachers/literacy coaches/in classrooms
- Special initiatives:
 - Development of Families and Literacy DVD for parents of children from birth through age 5
 - Support Little Free Libraries in park campgrounds.

WSRA RESEARCH: Research grounds us

- Promote and disseminate research supporting effective literacy practices
- Provide education about research, its strengths and limitations
- Award research scholarship: Pat Bricker Memorial Research Scholarship
- Provide research strands at conferences
- Research effective practices, for example:
 - Promoted Kindergarten screeners and intervention
 - Provided professional development on the Response to Intervention as part of the IDEA Law
 - Shared ways to implement the State Standards in English Language Arts



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