The mission of the International Reading Association is to promote reading by continuously advancing the quality of literacy instruction and research worldwide.

NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

The 2014 Council Leadership Academy was a huge success! Over 120 leaders from across North America gathered in Tampa, Florida for a two and a half day intensive training session. The area of focus centered on effective nonprofit management. Council leaders not only had an opportunity to learn from IRA Board Members and Staff, but also had an opportunity to connect and network with other councils leaders.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

“If we don’t establish trust, then we don’t have the foundation to practice leadership.” – Dr. Tony Andenoro

“As a first time participant in the Council Leadership Academy, I learned so much that will benefit me in my position as the IRA state coordinator and will also benefit our state council. The networking with officers from other states was a valuable experience. It is inspiring to hear about all of the wonderful things that other councils are offering to their members. Thanks so much for the planning that was involved in offering this experience to us.” – Carol Lutz, Indiana State Reading Association

“Our statewide council participants enjoyed attending CLA. We feel honored to have received the IRA Distinguished Council of the Year Award. The training sparked several new ideas and fueled the flames of several more ideas that will help take the Illinois Reading Council to the next level. We are really excited to begin implementing the things we learned and to raise the council achievement bar to new heights.” – Cynthia Gerwin, Illinois Reading Council
CLA attendees interacting with Keynote speaker, Dr. Tony Andenoro from the University of Florida.

IRA COUNCIL MENTOR PROGRAM
If you are interested in being a part of the IRA Council Leaders’ Mentor program please complete the information sent via the Mentorship Program survey. This survey will be going out to all 2014 Council Leadership Academy attendees in the next few weeks. If you did not attend the 2014 Council Leadership Academy, please contact your Council Advisor for more information.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY
International Literacy Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 8, 2014. Let us know how your council will be celebrating this occasion!

The ability for a group of people to do remarkable things hinges on how well those people can pull together as a team.

~ Simon Sinek

The deadline to submit the 2014-15 Officer Report Form has now passed. If you did not receive confirmation that your online submission has been received please contact councils@reading.org immediately.

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