

# Charlotte Reading Association Presents:

## Engaging Readers

Council # 36300



### 2011-2012

#### What is the Charlotte Reading Association?

The Charlotte Reading Association is an organization that exists for anyone interested in promoting literacy within the Charlotte community. We welcome professional educators, parents, community leaders, and any interested individuals as members.



#### What are the benefits of joining the Charlotte Reading Association?

- Sponsor a student entry from your school for the Young Author's Contest
  - Network with others about literacy concerns
  - Learn new approaches and strategies
  - Find out about research and reading initiatives
  - Become an automatic member of the North Carolina Reading Association and receive the NCRA newsletter.
  - Receive discounts on registration for the *North Carolina Reading Association Conference Raleigh, North Carolina March 18-20, 2012* [www.ncreading.org](http://www.ncreading.org)
  - Receive reading renewal credit\*
- \*Participants will be informed of procedures for registering for credit at the first meeting.

#### Charlotte Reading Association Programs 2011-2012

All meetings are scheduled from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The program for 2011-2012 will focus on engaging students, teachers, and families in enhancing their literacy capacity.

**September 12, 2011**

**Kickoff Meeting**

Montclair Elementary School Media Center

**September 22, 2011**

**Scholastic Presentation on Engaging Parents**

Location to be announced

**October 10, 2011**

Montclair Elementary School Media Center

**November 14, 2011**

**First Book "Wrap" Party and Presentation**

Montclair Elementary Media Center

**January 9, 2012**

Montclair Elementary School Media Center

**March 12, 2012**

Montclair Elementary School Media Center

**April 16, 2012**

**Young Author's Program**

Montclair Elementary Auditorium

#### Young Authors' Writing Contest

Young Authors is a writing contest sponsored by the Charlotte Reading Association and the North Carolina Reading Association for students in grades K-12. An adult-entry category called Forever Young is also available. Student entries may receive local and state recognition.

**2011-2012 Theme: "The Treasures of North Carolina"**

Young Authors are encouraged to write in poetry or prose, as fiction or non-fiction. Students and Forever Young (Adult) writers might write about travel treasures, natural treasures, historical treasures, treasured memories, buried treasure, treasured people, treasured places...Let your students experiment – they will surprise you! Judging will be based on connection to the theme, overall writing quality, and creativity. Drawings may also be included. Students may receive adult help in editing grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. The content of the writing must be the student's original work.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Each entry that is submitted must be sponsored by a membership in the Charlotte Reading Association. For example, if you have 4 individuals from your school who are members, then your school can submit up to 4 entries to the contest.

**Deadline for submission to CRA:  
November 4, 2011**

*Specific directions for formatting entries and entry forms are available. If interested, contact Debbie Klinghagen, Young Author Committee Chair, Montclair Elementary School  
[debbie.klinghagen@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:debbie.klinghagen@cms.k12.nc.us)*



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*For further information about CRA visit  
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**CRA Membership Application**  
(Please print neatly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip code)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Courier # \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

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\*(Please write neatly. This is how we will contact you for meeting reminders and other important information.)

Membership Dues: \$30.00  
Couple Rate: \$40.00  
Teacher Assistant Rate: \$20.00  
Student Rate: \$15.00  
Make checks payable to **Charlotte Reading Association**

Send membership application, along with check (**no cash, please**) to Anne Zdrojewski @ Hidden Valley courier # 412.

Are you a current member of the International Reading Association? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_ no

**Membership Deadline: October 21, 2011**  
(Registration and dues)