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**The Nation’s Premier K-6 Literacy Conference
Showcases New Ways to Increase Student Achievement**

COLUMBUS, OH — More than 2,300 literacy educators from 45 states and 6 countries will gather for the 2016 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference, February 6-9 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus.

The conference offers keynotes, featured speakers, and a host of presenters who have proven track records of student success. Attendees will choose from over 100 sessions that focus on effective teaching and include these hot topics: differentiated instruction, struggling readers and writers, professional learning communities, assessment, English language learners, special populations, and comprehensive literacy.

Keynote Sessions and Speakers

- **Sunday, February 7 — Linda Dorn**, author, Reading Recovery trainer, and director of the Center for Literacy, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
“Engaging Children in Meaning-Making”
- **Monday, February 8 — Anthony Muhammad**, author, educational consultant, and chief executive officer, New Frontier 21 Consulting, Novi, MI
“All Means All! Building a School Culture to Assure Student Achievement”
- **Tuesday, February 9 — Steve Jenkins**, award-winning children’s book author and illustrator, Boulder, CO
“Children’s Nonfiction: Making Sense of the World”

School Administrators Institute

Sessions in the one-day School Administrators Institute on Monday, February 8, will emphasize the importance of building a leadership structure that supports collaboration, teacher expertise, and effective literacy instruction. **Anthony Muhammad**, Monday’s keynote speaker, will open the Institute with “The Will to Lead: Creating Healthy School Cultures.”

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African American Read-In Features First Reading Recovery Student

Prior to the keynote address on Tuesday, local attorney Dante Marshall will be the featured reader as the conference joins the national Black History Month African American Read In. Dante was the first U.S. student to receive Reading Recovery lessons from Ohio State teachers more than 30 years ago.

Exhibitors Offer Latest Books and Teaching Materials

The nation's leading educational companies offer teaching materials in Battelle Hall South. Hours (for attendees only) are Saturday, February 6 from 3:00-6:00 pm; Sunday, February 7 from 8:30 am-5:30 pm; and Monday, February 8 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

About Reading Recovery

For more than 30 years, struggling first-grade readers and writers in North America have benefitted from the one-to-one teaching expertise of Reading Recovery professionals. The intervention, introduced to North America in 1984 by educators at The Ohio State University, has more research proving its effectiveness than any other beginning reading program.

About the Reading Recovery Council of North America

The Reading Recovery Council of North America (RRCNA), a not-for-profit association of Reading Recovery professionals and partners, hosts this conference. The Council provides a network of professional development opportunities and is an advocate for Reading Recovery in the United States and Canada. Based in Worthington, RRCNA is celebrating 20 years of dedicated service to Reading Recovery and early literacy professionals.

Complete Conference Information

http://my.readingrecovery.org/national_conference.php

Keynote Sessions and Speaker Information

http://my.readingrecovery.org/2016_keynote_speakers.php

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