

# Conference Facts to Help You Plan

**Administrators** The **Leadership Institute** led by Jenni Donohoo is on Saturday, Feb. 8. The topic is Quality Implementation: Leveraging Collective Efficacy to Make 'What Works' Actually Work. In addition, during each day of the Conference there are sessions that focus on leadership. See page 9 for more information. On Monday, Feb. 10, the **Administrator Luncheon** allows you to network with school and district level peers (\$10 ticket required). See page 9 for details. **Administrators could qualify to attend the Conference for free.** See page 17 for information and full details on the website.

**Attire** Casual and comfortable with layers to suit room temperature variations.

**Author Book Signings** Keynote and featured speakers offer book signings throughout the Conference. Book signings may also take place in the Exhibit Hall at exhibitor booths where books are available for purchase. See Conference mobile app or [www.rrcna.org/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/conferences) for a schedule.

**Clock Hours of Attendance** Earn up to 17.5 professional development clock hours for attending a Leadership or Preconference Institute (5.5 hours) and the Full Conference (12 hours). RRCNA is a recognized professional development provider and provides attendees with a Certificate of Attendance listing clock hours of Institute and Conference sessions. The certificate serves as documentation for professional development that may be applied towards teaching license renewal. Be sure to check with your district for information about specific clock hour requirements in your state.

**Evenings** To facilitate further networking of Conference attendees, no evening sessions will be scheduled. Please see Optional Conference Events for more information.

**Exhibits** Examine the latest publications and newest educational products available. Publishers and other vendors display their products on Saturday, Feb. 8, 3:00-6:00 pm (**Grand Opening and Reception – exclusive time with exhibitors**); Sunday, Feb. 9, 8:00 am-5:30 pm; and Monday, Feb. 10, 8:00 am-5:30 pm. There are no exhibits on Tuesday. See the Conference mobile app for exhibitor booth locations and product descriptions.

**Getting to Columbus** Visit [www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com) for driving directions. Visit [www.flycolumbus.com](http://www.flycolumbus.com) for information on flying into John Glenn Columbus International Airport (formerly Port Columbus International Airport). **Airport Transportation:** Taxis are available on demand (no reservation required) in the ground transportation area of the airport terminal. Airport shuttles available include Columbus Transportation and Arch Transportation. The COTA AirConnect bus provides direct service between the airport and Downtown Columbus, serving downtown hotels and the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

**Graduate Credit Hours** Ashland University offers 1 semester hour of graduate credit for attending 12.5 hours of conference sessions. The cost per semester hour is \$180 and is paid directly to Ashland University. Contact the Ashland University Columbus Center in advance for further details at 614-794-4850 or 877-557-9497. An Ashland University representative will be onsite on Sunday, Feb. 9 and Monday, Feb. 10.

**Hotel Reservations** RRCNA has contracted with four hotels in downtown Columbus. Each are either connected to or adjacent to the facilities where all sessions take place. Reserve your room by Jan. 23, 2020. Each official Conference hotel works directly with RRCNA regarding Conference schedule changes, attendee updates, and special guest events. Make a hotel reservation at [www.rrcna.org/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/conferences). This online reservation system gives you actual hotel room availability and an immediate confirmation. You must have a credit card and an email address to utilize this reservation system. Thank you in advance for booking at one of the Conference hotels. By doing so, you are helping to keep the room rates and registration fees lower. For more details about the hotels, see page 25.

**Location** The 2020 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference sessions are held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel (Conference headquarters hotel), 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH. Located in downtown Columbus, the Conference is adjacent to all official Conference hotels and within walking distance to many restaurants and attractions. Visit [www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com) for more details.

**Meals** A box lunch on Sunday and Monday is included in the Conference registration fee. All other meals are on your own. A name badge and tickets are required for meals.

**Membership Meeting** RRCNA members and prospective members are invited to attend the annual RRCNA Membership Meeting on Monday, Feb. 10 from 4:45-5:45 pm. Come meet the Council staff, Board of Directors, and Committee chairs. All attendees are welcome to offer feedback and ask questions about RRCNA membership. Snacks and refreshments are served, and dozens of door prizes will be awarded!

**Social Media** Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and participate in conversations related to the Conference. Like our page and have immediate access to updates, take advantage of special offers, and interact with literacy educators, speakers, and RRCNA staff. Click on the icons at the bottom of our website or go to [www.facebook.com/LiteracyConference](https://www.facebook.com/LiteracyConference). Follow the Conference on Twitter and Instagram @rrcna\_org and #nccbus.

**Website** Register online, download the Conference mobile app, make your hotel reservations, get updates and more in-depth information on speakers, find local information and maps, and view videos on the Conference website at [www.rrcna.org/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/conferences).

## Optional Conference Events

**35th Anniversary of Reading Recovery in North America Luncheon** Join us as we celebrate 35 years of Reading Recovery in North America's schools. Conference attendees are invited; pre-registration and a ticket are required. There is a \$20 charge for the Sunday luncheon. Sign up when you register for the Conference. See page 16.

**Annual Shopping Trip to Polaris Fashion Place**, a premier shopping complex in Columbus, is on Monday from 5:00-9:00 pm, leaving from the Convention Center connector. A free shuttle bus runs every 45 minutes. A name badge is required to board the bus. Space is limited, sign up when you register for the Conference.

## Events and Attractions Close to the Convention Center

### Downtown Dining and Local Transportation Options

Visit the Conference website at [www.rrcna.org/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/conferences) or visit [www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com).

**Short North Arts District** starts right across the street from the convention center on High Street. The Short North neighborhood is filled with restaurants, bars, shops, and art galleries. Explore on foot or take the free CBUS circulator. Visit [www.shortnorth.org](http://www.shortnorth.org) for more information.

**Arena District** One of downtown's most popular neighborhoods features sports, entertainment, restaurants, and bars. It's located just 1 block west of the Hyatt Regency. Visit [www.arenadistrict.com](http://www.arenadistrict.com) for more information.

**Theater District** Catch the free CBUS Circulator and head south on High Street to find several theaters offering performances. Options include *Application Pending* and *Alice*. Visit [www.capa.com/calendar](http://www.capa.com/calendar) for more information.

**North Market** is home to dozens of unique, independent merchants, and farmers who deliver personal service. Find fresh and prepared foods, gifts, and much more. The historic public market, located between High and Park Streets, is open Sun.-Mon., 10:00 am-5:00 pm and Tues.-Sat., 9:00 am-7:00 pm. Visit [www.northmarket.com](http://www.northmarket.com) for more information.

**Brewery District/Historic German Village** Hop on the CBUS to German Village, an historical neighborhood that can best be appreciated on foot to experience the ambiance, unique architecture, brick-paved streets, antique shops, a massive bookstore, and craft and gift stores. For more information visit <https://germanvillage.com/explore/>

Visit [www.ExperienceColumbus.com](http://www.ExperienceColumbus.com) for more things to do.