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Greetings Mid-Atlantic Members!

It is almost hard to believe that the fall is here and another semester is in full swing. It seems like it was just a few weeks ago that many of us came together for our regional summit.

In any case, this is sure to be an exciting academic year for our regional group. We are gearing up for the national conference in November, and plans are underway for a few local professional development

activities—all of which are discussed in this newsletter.

Please take a few minutes to review the newsletter, and make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events. Also, don't miss out on the opportunity for a **FREE** national membership! We look forward to seeing many of you at the national conference. In the meantime if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please let us know.

~ The CRLA Mid-Atlantic Team

Join Us at the CRLA National Conference in November

On Wednesday, November 5th to Saturday, November 8th in St. Paul, MN, CRLA will hold its 47th Annual Conference. This year's conference theme is "The North Star: Navigating Teaching and Learning", and will feature exciting keynote speakers, tons of useful breakout sessions, and several opportunities to socialize and network with college reading and learning professionals from all over the country.

CRLA Mid-Atlantic will have a strong presence at the conference, so be sure to look for our table at the Welcome Reception. In addition, we will hold our regional meeting at the conference on Thursday, November 6th from 11:30-12:30. After the meeting, we will host an informal lunch at a local restaurant.

As anyone who attends the national conferences will tell you, this is the ultimate event for professionals in our field. Fortunately, there is still time to register! Visit the conference website for more details.

<http://www.crla.net/conference/2014/>



Contribute to the Newsletter!

There are several ways that you can contribute to our regional newsletter. Each issue will feature the following:

- **Member Spotlight:** we will feature a picture and brief bio of a regional member—this will help us get to know one another a little better
- **Conference Re-caps:** if you attend a useful conference or meeting, write a brief summary to share with our regional group
- **Research and Book Reviews:** have you read an interesting article or book lately? are you working on a research project? write a brief blurb to share the knowledge
- **College Spotlight:** we will feature new and innovative programs being implemented at regional colleges and universities

We would love to hear from you! Please send any contributions to our regional director, Jeanine Williams (jwilliams4@ccbcmd.edu)

2014 Regional College Reading and Learning Summit

On June 6th, we held our inaugural Mid-Atlantic College Reading and Learning Summit in Baltimore, Maryland. Organized around the theme “*Partnering for Student Success: Meeting the Challenges of the Time*”, the summit featured a dynamic keynote address given by Dr. Norman Stahl. He spoke about how we as college reading and learning professionals can embrace the challenges and opportunities for student success that have been brought on by the increasing national attention on college completion. His address was followed by 12 breakout sessions on a variety of topics

including flipped classrooms, enhancing independent learning, and accelerated models for developmental students. You will find copies of the keynote presentation and several of the breakout sessions on our wiki.

(<https://crlamidatlanticregion.wikispaces.com/2014+College+Reading+and+Learning+Summit>)

With over 60 regional members in attendance, the summit was a huge success! You do not want to miss next year’s summit, which will be held in early June 2015. Please be on the lookout for further information in the coming months.



Spring 2014 Webinar Re-Cap

On March 31st, we hosted an interesting and very timely webinar on “Disability Support Services, Academic Support, and Best Practice”. Our speaker, Dr. Jack Trammel (Director of DSS at Randolph-Macon College), addressed the latest issues that DSS

practitioners, academic support staff, and faculty report most often challenge their work with students. A copy of the webinar PowerPoint can be found on our wiki.

Be on the lookout for other FREE webinar opportunities!

Get Involved—Serve as a State Representative

In our efforts to increase activity within our region, we are looking for volunteers to serve as “state representatives” for Delaware, Maryland, D.C., Virginia, and West Virginia. State representatives will be responsible for gathering and maintaining a list of college reading and learning professionals within their states. They will also work with our

regional membership coordinator to encourage membership and participation in CRLA events at the regional and national levels. If you are interested in serving as a the representative for your state, please contact our membership coordinator, Pamela Runge (prunge@harford.edu)

Stay Connected and Win a National Membership!

We are excited to announce that Kyle Goehner, Reading Professor at The Community College of Baltimore County, has agreed to serve as our regional webmaster! This will allow us to improve communication amongst our regional group through regular updates to our Wiki and Facebook page.

If you have not done so already, be sure to join the Wiki and/or follow us on Facebook before October 31st!

On November 1st, we will select two lucky members and pay their dues for a 1-year CRLA membership. You can be a new or renewing national member, but you have to be on our regional Wiki or Facebook page to win.

<https://crlamidatlanticregion.wikispaces.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CRLAMIDATLANTIC>

Upcoming Events

Fall Webinar
October 2014
(details forthcoming)

National Conference
November 5-8, 2014
St. Paul, MN

**Regional Meeting at
National Conference**
Thursday, November 6th
11:30-12:30
(followed by lunch)

**2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic
College Reading and
Learning Summit**
June 2015
(details forthcoming)

Meet the CRLA Mid-Atlantic Team



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