

Richmond Area Reading Council Spring Conference

Make plans to attend the Richmond Area Reading Council Spring Conference which will be held April 15, 2010, at Reams Road Elementary School, 10141 Reams Road, Richmond, Virginia 23236. Two remarkable speakers will be featured: Joan Kindig, PhD., Associate Professor of Reading Education at James Madison University, and Ginjer Clarke, author of children's books from Richmond, VA.

Professor Kindig teaches classes in Reading and Children's Literature to pre-service teachers and graduate students. Active in both children's and adolescent literature, she recently served on the 2008 Caldecott committee and the Odyssey 2009 committee. She has also been a member of the Newbery Medal committee. She will speak on motivating readers with a presentation entitled, "I'll Read It if I Have To: The Reality of Reading."

Mrs. Clarke writes fun, fact-filled nonfiction children's books about weird, wonderful animals. She has presented at more than 75 elementary schools, spoken at reading and writing conferences, and appeared at many bookstores and libraries. Mrs. Clarke's books, most of which are part of Grosset & Dunlap's All Aboard Science Reader series, have sold a combined total of more than 2 million copies worldwide. Her books *Freak Out!* and *Gross Out!* were on *Publisher's Weekly's* 2006 and 2007 lists of top 100 best-selling children's books.

The conference is free for RARC members, \$10.00 for students, and \$20.00 for non-members. Attendees may join RARC for 2010-11 at the conference for \$25.00 (\$15.00 for students) and attend the conference free.

Bring a school supply for Ghana (new pencils, pens, handheld pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, highlighters, small boxes of crayons) and receive an extra door prize ticket.

Enjoy time catching up with area colleagues, visit with local vendors, and win fabulous door prizes! You won't want to miss it!