

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

History of Reading Special Interest Group

53rd Annual IRA Convention Atlanta, Georgia, United States May 4-8, 2008

In response to IRA's desire to have consistency in all programs for the 53rd Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, the History of Reading SIG must have its programs ready to submit to IRA Headquarters by June 1, 2007. Therefore, proposals for presenting at the History of Reading SIG in Atlanta, Georgia from May 4 -8 must be **received by April 30, 2007**.

A proposal may relate to any area of reading and literacy but will have a greater chance of acceptance if it addresses the organization's intended purpose. The purpose of the History of Reading SIG, as stated in its constitution, is to "encourage historical research in the field of reading and literacy, to provide a forum for exchange of ideas and information about the history of reading and reading instruction, and to promote the development of a body of historical knowledge about reading and literacy."

Criteria for judging the merit of a proposal shall be:

- 1. Consistency of the proposal's subject and content with the History of Reading SIG's purpose as stated in its constitution. (30 points)
- 2. Clarity of the proposal and of its use of primary as well as secondary sources (30 points). (We encourage a list of references or a bibliography.)
- 3. Potential for generating interest in a large segment of the History of Reading membership. (20 points)
- 4. Uniqueness and originality of the proposal (10 points)
- 5. Potential for adding new information to the body of knowledge (10 points)

**PROGRAM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET
HISTORY OF READING - INTEREST GROUP**

International Reading Association

53rd Annual Convention at Atlanta, Georgia, 2008

DIRECTIONS: Follow these steps in submitting a proposal.

1. On a separate sheet, prepare a 200-300 word abstract of the paper to be presented at the History of Reading SIG in San Antonio. (Do not include in the word count the words you use for references/bibliographies.) Include the title of the paper, but do not list author(s) or affiliation(s). Proposals will receive a blind review and will be judged by the criteria included in this call.

2. Submit one (1) copy of the cover sheet and three (3) copies of the summary to: **Paul J. Schafer, School of Education, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778.** Electronic submissions should be sent to: pschafer@sbu.edu. All submissions **MUST** be received by April 30, 2007.

1. Full title of paper as you wish it to appear on the program:

2. Principal contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____(Work) _____(Home)

Email address: _____

3. Author's name and affiliation:

First author's name and affiliation: _____

Second author's name and affiliation: _____

Third author's name and affiliation: _____

Have you presented at a History of Reading SIG meeting before? YES___ NO___