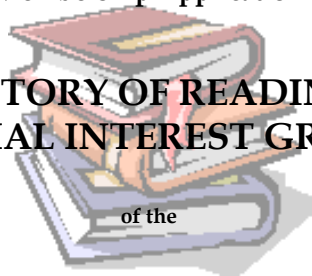


Membership Application



**HISTORY OF READING
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP**

of the

International Reading Association

The *History of Reading Special Interest Group*, founded in 1975, is the oldest and largest professional organization to:

- (1) encourage historical research in the field of reading and literacy;
- (2) provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information about the history of reading and literacy instruction; and
- (3) promote the development of a body of historical knowledge about reading and literacy.

It serves an international membership of 100 college and university professors, independent scholars, students, archivists, public historians, governmental and agency officials, and institutional subscribers such as libraries, museums, and historical societies. The Special Interest Group (SIG) is affiliated with the *International Reading Association (IRA)*, which has members and affiliates in 99 countries, representing more than 90,000 literacy professionals in the North America and 350,000 worldwide.

SIG Member Benefits

History of Reading Newsletter

All members receive a paper version of the biannual *History of Reading News*, which offers timely news of the organization; profiles of key figures in the field; book reviews; information on grants and fellowships; and opportunities in the profession.

Annual Meeting

All members are eligible to submit papers for peer review and presentation at the SIG's annual meeting session, held in conjunction with the *International Reading Association's* conference each May.

Resources Online

All members have access to the SIG's website for locating book reviews, new articles, dissertations, and others doing work on the history of reading and literacy. (<http://www.historyliteracy.org>)

Advocacy

All members can participate in SIG-designed activities to advance the teaching, study, and dissemination of information on the history of reading and literacy.

Awards and Prizes

All members can nominate dissertations, articles, and books for awards and prizes sponsored by the SIG and IRA that recognize the achievements by historians in a wide variety of disciplines and settings.

Note: Membership runs from May 1 through April 30. Members who are not members of the *International Reading Association* (<http://www.reading.org>) receive all the benefits listed above, but are ineligible to stand for office or vote.

