

Literacy Leaders' Network Invitation



2009-10

Dear Literacy Leader,

On behalf of the Maine Department of Education, we are sending you this invitation to participate in the *2009-10* Literacy Leaders' Network (LLN). This network, formed in 2007, provides opportunities for Maine educators who work at the K-6 level and who are interested literacy related instruction and assessment topics to network with colleagues across the State. Goals of the LLN include opportunities to:

- Network and share ideas with other literacy leaders
- Dialogue about common literacy topics and issues
- Engage in professional development
- Learn about literacy initiatives available to Maine educators
- Collaborate with a community of other literacy leaders

In essence, the network is a professional learning community with literacy as its central topic. Like last year, the LLN meetings will be held in a variety of sites located regionally across Maine. Also, in response to requests from last year's participants, an additional regional meeting has been added to the schedule. The MDOE is hopeful that hosting meetings in these various locations will reduce travel time and encourage even greater participation by Maine educators. LLN meetings will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the following locations on the stated dates (snow dates are provided in parentheses):

Location	Meeting Dates
Young School in Saco	October 14 , January 13 (20), March 10 (17)
Brown School in South Portland	October 22, January 14 (28), March 11 (18)
Wiscasset Primary School	October 6, January 12 (26), March 9 (23)
Paris Elementary School in Paris	October 8, January 14 (21), March 4 (11)
Maine Department of Education in Augusta	October 22, January 14 (21), March 18 (25)
Manson Park School in Pittsfield	October 22, January 21 (28), March 18
Mallet School in Farmington	October 20 (21) , January 25 (26), March 22 (23)
Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden	October 8, January 7 (14), March 11 (18)

Asa Adams School in Orono	October 18, January 4 (11), March 15 (22)
East Belfast Library	October 13, January 5 (12), March 9 (16)
Ellsworth—RSU 24 District Conference Rm.	November 2, January 25 (Feb. 1), March 8
University of Maine at Machias	October 15, January 27 (Feb. 3), March 16 (24)
Calais Elementary School	October 13, January 28 (Feb. 4), March 18 (25)
Enfield Station School in Enfield	October 7, January 6 (13), March 10 (17)
Houlton Higher Ed Center	October 27, January 14, March 11
Caribou, Van Buren, Fort Kent	October 19, January 7 (14), March 2 (9)

Based on feedback from last year, several topics will be considered during LLN meetings in the coming year, including aspects of Response to Intervention (RTI) implementation, supportive coaching practices, small group differentiated instruction and intervention practices, and vocabulary development. Participants will be able to select a professional text related to one of these topics for text-based discussion, and facilitators at each site will assist participants with learning-focused protocols to expand educators' knowledge of this year's selected topics. Time will also be provided for participants to engage in informal networking, and snacks will be provided. In April, participants will have the opportunity to network with participants from other regionally located sites at a Spring Gathering in Portland, Bangor, or Presque Isle.

If you are interested in joining the network, please review and select a location convenient for you. Then, complete the attached registration form and return it with the \$30 registration fee.

Registrations must be received by September 25, 2009. You will receive an email confirmation and directions to the location after your registration is received. Questions can be emailed to LeeAnn.Larsen@maine.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity. We'll look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

Lee Anne Larsen
Literacy Consultant and Maine Reading First Director

Maine Department of Education--Literacy Leader Network
2009-10 Registration

Name _____ Position _____

School _____ Telephone _____

Email (needed for confirmation) _____

Check off the location at which you plan to attend. Snow dates are in parentheses.

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Check off the Spring Gathering session you plan to attend from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Check-Off	Location	Meeting Dates
	Keeley the Katerer in Westbrook	April 8, 2010
	Spectacular Event Center in Bangor	April 15, 2010
	Edmund's Center in Presque Isle	May 6, 2010

Please mail registration forms with \$30.00 registration fee (made payable to *State of Maine*) by September 25, 2009 to: Debbie Violette at MDOE, 23 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333

