



Request for Presentations Community Literacy Summit 2018

Reading by Third Grade: Our Shared Opportunity, Our Shared Responsibility

The Literacy Center of West Michigan's Community Literacy Summit will be held on **Thursday, January 25, 2018** at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.

The 2018 Summit seeks to convene community leaders, institutional/policy decision makers, parents, and educators to discuss and understand the issues and conditions associated with a child reading proficiently by the end of third grade. The Summit will create a dynamic space for sharing our understandings and exploring opportunities for optimizing reading success for children in West Michigan. Keynote speaker Claudio Sanchez, education correspondent for NPR, will provide a national context for the conversation.

The Literacy Center invites submissions of panel presentations and/or workshops relevant to the achievement of reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Presentations will be scheduled for 9:40- 10:25 am or 10:40- 11:25 am. Some presenters *may be asked* to present at both sessions, if possible.

The Literacy Center is interested in proposals that address the themes listed below in relation to four key questions:

1. What are current barriers to the attainment of proficiency?
2. How are best practices incorporated in the presentation?
3. How does the topic area advance racial equity?
4. Given the questions above, what would be the "call to action" in your presentation?

Themes:

- Attendance and Social Issues
- Bridging Home and School
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Essential Teaching Strategies/Best Practices
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- New Michigan Legislation on Third Grade Reading

- Promoting Positive Student Behavior/PBIS
- School Funding
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Summer Learning Loss
- Teacher Training and Preparation

Abstract Guidelines: Abstracts of 300 words or less should be submitted via the online form at www.literacycenterwm.org/summit by **Monday, October 30, 2017**. Proposals will be reviewed by the selection committee, and applicants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by **November 27, 2017**.

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