



# RLI

## Reading Leadership Institute

### 2019-20

Dear Colleagues:

This is an invitation to enroll for the 2019-20 Reading Leadership Institute. Our theme for the year will be:

#### **Engagement in Literacy**

The dates for the 2019-20 school year will be:

**Friday, October 18, 2019**

*Engagement through Inquiry*

**Dr. Maria Grant**

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

*Engagement through Writing*

**Dr. Sonja Cherry-Paul**

**Friday April 24, 2020**

*Engaging Readers Who Struggle*

**Dr. Tim Rasinski**

The meetings are held from 11:30 (lunch) to 3 p.m. at NLU's North Shore Campus, 5202 Old Orchard Rd., West of Old Orchard Shopping Center and 94 (Eden's Expressway).

Attached are an overall description of RLI, an enrollment form, and invoice.

**Please return the enrollment form even if you plan to submit payment at a later date though check or PO.** If you are submitting a PO, please send a copy to Debra Gurvitz when you submit it to your school/district.

**All payments should be made to the Reading Leadership Institute, NOT to National Louis University.** Enrollment forms and payment should be sent to our institute manager, Debbie Gurvitz, at the address on the form.

Sincerely,

Camille Blachowicz, Donna Ogle, Debbie Gurvitz, Sophie Degener, Ryan McCarty



## Reading Leadership Institute

**Mission:** The purpose of the Reading Leadership Institute is to assist in the development and support of a network of literacy decision-makers in reading and language education. The philosophy of the project is professional empowerment through the collaborative development of knowledge and leadership skills.

**What is a literacy decision-maker?** A literacy decision maker is a professional whose responsibility and influence extends beyond a single classroom. Literacy decision-makers include educators and school-based leaders who are respected by colleagues, parents, students, administrators and the wider educational community as professionals who are skilled at communicating with and inspiring others. They may also be university and community educators, authors, editors and others involved in providing preparation, resources and leadership to the literacy community. Literacy leaders typically hold advanced degrees. School-based leaders frequently serve as team leaders, grade leaders, staff developers, coaches, curriculum leaders or specialists.

**What is the structure of the Reading Leadership Institute?** Through a series of leadership workshops, RLI assists school-based leaders in

1. Updating knowledge of best practices in literacy education;
2. Interacting with the Reading Leadership Institute directors and other participants to refine knowledge;
3. Keeping abreast of state and national issues in literacy.

The Reading Leadership Institute participants form a leadership network that can provide staff development and consultation to districts on a variety of needs and topics. The members provide ongoing leadership to their districts through developed skills, knowledge and networking.

**Who are the directors of the Reading Leadership Institute?** The Reading Leadership Institute is directed by Dr. Donna Ogle, Dr. Camille Blachowicz, Dr. Debra Gurvitz, Dr. Sophie Degener and Dr. Ryan McCarty. All are nationally known educators with extensive experience in staff development and literacy education. Other professionals will participate as guest speakers during the course of the year.

**Format:** The Reading Leadership Institute meets three times during the year. Meetings take place at NLU's North Shore Campus on designated Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with lunch and networking from 11:30-12:15). Clock hours for retaining Illinois Professional Educator License are available.

**Cost:** The fee is \$375 for new participants and \$350 for returning members. Membership is limited to allow for interaction. To register, please complete the attached enrollment form.



# Enrollment Reading Leadership Institute 2019-20

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**Please list name, school address and e-mail address of each enrollee here** (use back if necessary):

Number of new enrollees: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$375

Number of returning members: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$350

**Total enrollment fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check one and return to address below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment by check enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment to follow

**Send forms and checks to:**

Reading Leadership Institute  
c/o Dr. Debra Gurvitz  
4104 Picardy Dr.  
Northbrook, IL 60062

**Make Checks Payable to: Reading Leadership Institute**



# CPS Invoice

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**Invoice: RLI 2018-19**

**CPS Vendor Number 97753**

Debra Gurvitz/Gurvitz Ed Consulting  
DBA: Reading Leadership Institute CPS

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