



# Rochester Area Literacy Council (RALC)

## Bi-monthly Newsletter

### Back to School!

September/October 2021

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### Summer 2021

Rochester Area Literacy Council (RALC) board members met for the annual summer retreat to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited to welcome new and returning executive and board members. Check out our [2020-2021 professional development calendar](#). Some highlights include our Launching Literacy Fall event, [book clubs](#), Spring Speaker event

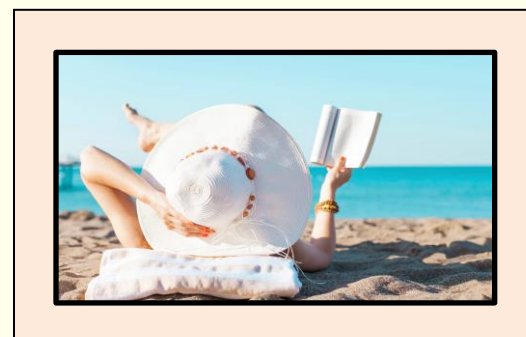
featuring Dr. David Kilpatrick, Live Local Literacy, and more!

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#### TOP STORIES

### Rochester Area Literacy Council Membership

Renew or join the Rochester Area Literacy Council for the 2021-2022 school year. [Membership information and rates can be found on the New York State Reading Association Regional Directors and the RALC Local Councils page](#). Members get access to our newsletters, discounts, and free member events. Members can also join our monthly board meeting and connect with other educators. The RALC Early bird rate (\$5 discount for professionals) ends September 30th! Please make sure only one RALC membership is in your checkout before payment.



### Why join RALC?

- ❖ Automatically a member of the New York State Reading Association. See the [Top 10 benefits of becoming a NYSRA member](#). PLUS...
- ❖ Reduced rate to attend the annual New York State Reading Association conference.
- ❖ Reduced rate (or free) for many NYSRA and local professional development sessions offered throughout the year. Check the NYSRA calendar for updates.
- ❖ Reduced rate to attend professional development sessions hosted by Rochester Area Literacy Council. See the RALC calendar for amazing learning opportunities!!!
- ❖ Attend RALC meetings to improve literacy in our community.
- ❖ Attend RALC members only events.
- ❖ Attend book clubs throughout the year for FREE!!!
- ❖ Receive the monthly ReAD newsletter & Language and Literacy Spectrum publication from NYSRA with national, state, and local literacy information and strategies.

- ❖ Receive the bi-monthly RALC newsletter with events and literacy information.
- ❖ Network and grow your literacy knowledge with others in our area.

[REGISTER HERE!](#) Current members, having trouble accessing the early bird fee? Click [here](#) for step-by-step directions.

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## **New York State Reading Association Conference**

The annual New York State Reading Association (NYSRA) conference on November 11-12, 2021 will be virtual. Check out the [NYSRA website](#) for information and registration. There are a lot of amazing speakers you won't want to miss. All RALC members are also members of NYSRA and receive the discounted NYSRA rate.

## **Launching Literacy: October 1st LIVE/October 2nd virtual**

Join us for the annual [Launching Literacy](#) event to meet with RALC members. This year the event has two formats: remote or a live outdoor gathering. Come find out more about our organization and meet with other people in our area who are passionate about literacy and learning. Bring/ share a professional book that has impacted your practice or a book that you are planning on reading with your students this year. Registration is posted on the NYSRA website. Free event for members. Register for the October 1st LIVE session at Trata [here](#). Register for the October 2nd VIRTUAL session [here](#).

## **Rochester Reads**

This year we will be hosting a variety of book club options free to our RALC and NYSRA members. Stamped for Kids!, Equipped for Reading Success, and Shifting the Balance. Check out the link for more information on date and times. [RALC Bookclub Info](#) Sign up for 1, 2, 3, or 4 book club options through the [NYSRA website events page](#).

## **Community Connection**

RALC supports local member projects to promote literacy in our community. We collaborate with Kathleen Cali to stock a Little Free Library. The Little Free Library is located in the Southwest Area Neighborhood Center (SWAN) at 275 Dr. Samuel McCree Way. Please email [rochesterarealiteracycouncil@gmail.org](mailto:rochesterarealiteracycouncil@gmail.org) if you are interested in helping coordinate, promote, or restock the library throughout the year.

## **Website Highlight**

Check out the [Lee and Low blog](#): a blog on race, diversity, education, and children's books. Lee and Low curate books and resources to promote diversity. Check out the website for a variety of resources. Here is Lee and Low's [Anti-Racism Diverse Reading List](#) for PreK-8.

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