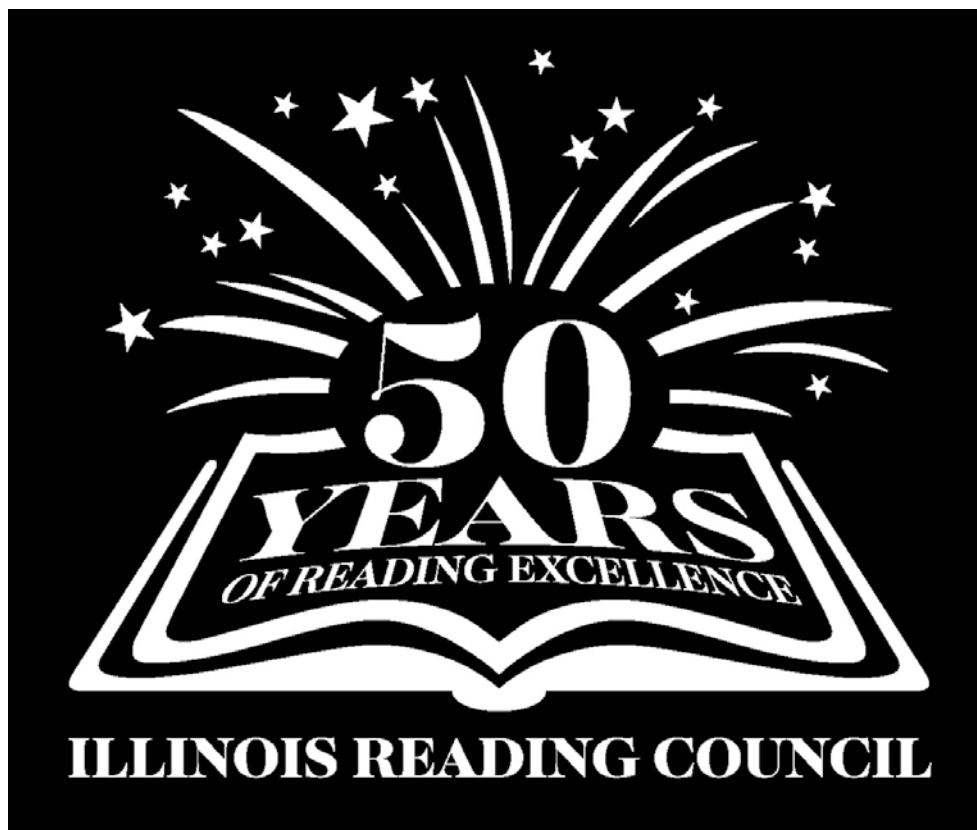


# Call for Program Proposals

**Illinois Reading Council Conference  
October 5 - 7, 2017  
Peoria, Illinois**



The Illinois Reading Council encourages you to attend the 50th Annual Reading Council Conference. The Program Committee is planning many outstanding professional and social opportunities.

**Registration and Housing forms will be available in Spring 2017.**

*To learn more about the 2017 IRC Conference, please visit [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org).*

**2017 PROGRAM PROPOSAL**  
**50th Illinois Reading Council Conference**  
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**PROGRAM FORMAT**

The Illinois Reading Council is accepting Program Proposals for the 50th Annual Reading Council Conference from October 5-7, 2017 in Peoria, Illinois. The Program Committee is planning many outstanding professional and social opportunities. Proposals are encouraged for small group sessions which will be scheduled for 60 minutes. A few proposals requesting a double session will be considered.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- Proposals that emphasize interaction across disciplines, interaction across roles, new issues or topics, innovative or novel ways of viewing traditional issues, topics, materials or methods and evidence of familiarity with current practice and/or research will be given priority.
- Proposals that promote commercial materials or programs will not be accepted.
- Proposals that contribute to the achievement of an overall program balance in the range of topics, the grade levels covered, and the professional and geographic distribution of the participants have priority.
- The Program Committee reserves the right to disqualify proposals that are not legible, concise, well-worded, complete, and submitted on time.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Teachers, researchers, librarians, administrators, and others interested in promoting reading and related literacy areas are encouraged to submit program proposals.
- Presenters may submit more than one proposal.
- As a professional, nonprofit organization, the Illinois Reading Council is unable to provide honoraria to program participants or to reimburse for materials, travel, meals, or hotel expenses.
- All presenters whose program proposals have been approved must pre-register and pay conference fees no later than the last day designated for pre-registration (**August 15, 2017**). If not, name and presentation may be removed from the final Conference program due to printing deadlines.
- The person submitting the proposal must receive advance consent from each listed presentation associate.
- Each presentation room will be equipped with an LCD projector and screen. All other audio-visual equipment is the responsibility of the presenter(s).
- Using the Internet in a presentation can create technical complications that may disrupt a session. Unlike an office or school environment, Internet in convention centers and hotels is not 100% reliable due to numerous temporary users connecting at any given time. Please download and save video to your computer if you are using it in a presentation.
- Please observe the word limits for presentation titles and abstracts. Only concise, clearly worded proposals will be considered.
- Proposals must be submitted online at [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org) by **March 1, 2017**. Each person submitting a proposal will be sent an acknowledgment by email when the proposal is received. Subsequent correspondence will also be sent by email.
- Applicants will be notified of the Program Committee's decisions by May 1, 2017. It is the responsibility of the person submitting the proposal to relay the committee's decision to each presentation associate listed on the program.

**Individuals seeking conference information should contact:**

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