



**Reading Association of Ireland
Cumann Léitheoireachta na hÉireann**



**32nd Annual Conference
September 25th-27th, 2008**

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPES OF LITERACY – BUILDING BEST PRACTICE

Venue: Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines, Dublin 6

PROGRAMME

Thursday 25th September

7:00 p.m. – 8 :00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<p>Official Opening of Conference (Main Hall)</p> <p>Welcome: Brendan Culligan, President RAI Sydney Blain, Principal CICE</p> <p>Keynote Address: Maureen McLoughlin (Guided Comprehension – Helping Students Understand What They Read)</p>

Friday 26th September (Morning Sessions)

9:00 – 9:30	Registration			
9:30 – 10:30	Plenary Session - Jackie Marsh Moving Stories: Moving Image Media and Literacy Education in the Digital Age			
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee			
11:00 – 12:30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1)			
	<p>Mary Ann Reilly Professional Learning</p> <p>Ann Courtney The Importance of Early Analysis & Feedback</p>	<p>Caroline Colfer & Annie Fisher Understanding Talk as a Tool for Learning</p> <p>Tara Concannon – Gibney Becoming Literate – The EAL Learner in the Infant Classroom</p>	<p>Jennifer O’Sullivan In Other Words - Reading the Visual</p> <p>Richard Reid Responsiveness to Intervention</p>	<p>Martin Gleeson ‘Pupil Self-Assessment in a Strategic Approach to Comprehension Instruction’</p> <p>Elaine McDonald A Collaborative Approach to the Provision of Research based, Balanced Literacy Instruction</p>
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch			

Friday 26th September (Afternoon Sessions)

1:30 – 2:30	Plenary Session - Maureen McLoughlin Ideas for Teaching Comprehension-based Strategies			
2:30 – 4:00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2)			
	<p>Janet Coleman The Essential Elements of Reading</p> <p>Mark Forget Convincing All Teachers to Use Reading and Writing to Learn in their Classrooms – A Successful Paradigm</p>	<p>Sinéad Lambert Formative Assessment in Process Writing – Peer & Self Assessment for Learning</p> <p>Peter Afflerbach Reading Assessment Challenge: Examining Student Development in Reading like an Historian</p>	<p>Noella McKenzie Becoming a Writer: Teachers and Children Learning Together</p> <p>Lesley Dowding Building Best Practice across Curriculum Strands</p>	<p>Gene Mehigan Best Practice in Building Reading Vocabulary</p> <p>Julia O'Sullivan On Top of the World: Language, Culture and Learning to Read in Northern Canada</p>

Saturday 27th September

9:00 – 9:30	Registration			
9:30 – 11:00	Plenary Session - Brian Murphy Building Best Practice in Literacy Education Internationally and in Ireland: Gender Still on the Agenda!			
11.00 – 11:30	Coffee			
11:30 – 1:00	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2)			
	<p>Tina Hickey Helping Teachers to Teach Irish Reading</p> <p>Séamie O'Neill The Use of Authentic Irish Texts at the Upper End of Primary School</p>	<p>Claudia McVicker Using Comic Strips as a Text Structure for Improving Comprehension</p> <p>Kelly McNeal, Salika A. Lawrence, Melda N. Yildiz Inference, Synthesis, and Critical Thinking: Developing Students' Literacy with Comics and Graphic Novels</p>	<p>Therese McPhillips Dyslexia in Primary School</p> <p>Ellen Reynor The Development of Oral Reading Fluency: Using The Repeated Reading Technique with Children with Dyslexia</p>	<p>RAI Literacy Development Awards for Teachers 2008</p> <p>Research presentations by the award winners.</p>
1:00 – 2:00	Closing Address - Mark Morgan FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY AGM			