



Ventura County Reading Association

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Dear Colleagues,

Ventura County Reading Association has scheduled its 35th Young Authors' Faire for April 14, 2012.

We will once again collaborate with California State University Channel Islands Children's Reading Celebration to present a full morning of activities that will include a special noon presentation by guest author, Lee Wardlaw. Throughout the morning University students will present stories and hands-on activities. The event is free and refreshments will be served.

It is the goal of the Ventura Reading Association to encourage and celebrate reading, writing and the creativity of your students and to provide a venue to accomplish it. The books your students have created in your classroom take on additional special importance when displayed in the college setting. The Young Authors' Faire also gives teachers a chance to see the work that goes on throughout the districts in individual classrooms and to get inspiration from colleagues' efforts.

Holding the event in cooperation with our local university gives parents an opportunity to bring their children to a university's campus to experience a positive and festive environment. It also offers them a unique setting in which to celebrate, honor and encourage their children's writing accomplishments.

Take time to fill out the registration form. Follow-up material and more information will be sent to you in late February, following receipt of your registration. Information is also available at our website, www.vcrareading.org.

Encourage other teachers on your staff to participate as well. You can divide the task of bringing the students' work to the campus and picking it up following the event. We encourage participating teachers to attend, meet and be inspired by Lee Wardlaw, and see the excitement generated by the students who see their own work on display.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We have seen how thrilled children are to see their books displayed and how proud their families are to be a part of the event that showcases their children's work. I am willing to come out to your schools to meet with your teachers to talk about how easy it is to become a part of this experience.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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