

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



Solving the most challenging literacy needs will take all of us.

About the Symposium

The 3rd Annual **Literacy and Justice for All** Symposium brings together educators and school leaders, community-based practitioners, funders, leaders, and education champions for a comprehensive learning experience that elevates literacy in the classroom and beyond, through sessions that highlight both learning innovation and tested, evidence-based practice.

Symposium Details

March 2nd, 2024 - 8am-5pm
Oakland Marriot City Center

Featuring workshops, plenary sessions, and in-person networking, the Symposium is a dynamic space and high impact opportunity to **learn, strategize, elevate, and collaborate** about literacy at an in person conference in March.

Literacy and Justice For All represents a collective vision for **literacy as a driver of social change and transformation, demanding that each of us believe in the ability of every child to THRIVE.**

The literacy crisis is solvable. We invite you submit proposals that consider our central theme:

How do we build a future where every young person is on a path to learn and love to read and thrive, in school and beyond?

About the Breakout Sessions

We invite proposals for a variety of breakout sessions covering engaging topics and instructional methods aimed at improving reading success through instruction, site and system leadership, supportive learning environments and improved conditions for learning, and advocacy. We are interested in research and innovation in how students learn to read, the science of reading, and the brain. Participants should walk away with new approaches and/or perspectives to apply to their practice.



We are soliciting proposals for our March 2 in-person symposium breakout sessions.

We are committed to centering Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) presenters and practitioners from and in service of our learning communities.

Workshop Length: All workshops will be 60 minutes; please plan 50 to 60 minutes of interactive workshop content. There will be additional time built in for introduction and evaluation.

Session Content Strands

- **Promoting Effective Practice & Instruction:** Evidence-based practices and approaches for improving literacy instruction and student reading, both in and out of the classroom.
- **Partnering for Impact:** Building collective vision and leveraging supplemental and community supports to support literacy across school, home, and community.
- **Leadership for Literacy:** Cultivating literacy leaders and champions. Designing and leading system-level change.
- **Literacy and Social Justice:** Justice, liberation, transformation, and identity.

We encourage session proposals that highlight various themes and approaches to learning, including:

- Case studies in improving literacy systems and outcomes for children.
- Student and family-centered approaches to teaching and learning.
- Teacher preparation, support, and retention.
- Dyslexia and students with disabilities.
- Supporting literacy for young children through adulthood, including instruction and intervention for older students.
- Literacy for multilingual and English learners.
- Supporting whole identities in teaching and learning toward advancing racial justice.

Each Proposal Should:

- Identify one primary content strand that best fits their proposal topic.
- Identify the target audience for their session.
- Identify 2-3 clear learning objectives for session participants. Offer concrete strategies, frameworks, or tools to inform practice.
- Be highly engaging and interactive.
- Be learner-centered and practitioner-focused.

**We encourage workshops that share successful models for teaching and learning and for scaling and improving systems. Session proposals should clearly demonstrate learning goals, targets, and offer resources and learning beyond selling a particular program.*

We are committed to centering proposals that:

- Build off research-based evidence and practice.
- Offer case studies and or examples of what has worked in classrooms, school, program sites, systems and beyond.
- Focus on inclusion and equity and address the diverse needs of learners, their families, and communities.
- Feature presenters from BIPOC, LGBTQ and other historically underrepresented communities.

Trainers Receive:

- Half off Symposium registration fee (for up to two presenters).
- An opportunity to highlight your school, organization, or program's success.
- Opportunity to network, collaborate, and learn from others' expertise.
- For school-based educators and family/youth-led workshops, we acknowledge the preparation and time required to prepare and present a quality breakout session and are committed to equity and lifting up these voices not traditionally compensated for their expertise. To encourage presenters from these groups, we are offering free registration.
- Hardship scholarships will be available and will be announced closer to registration opening. If you have any questions about the scholarship, email Symposium@oaklandliteracycoalition.org.

How to Apply

- All proposals should be submitted via [online form](#) by July 14, 2023.
- Please read the full guidelines and selection criteria before submitting your proposal.
- Each workshop proposal should have a designated Lead Trainer to serve as the primary point of contact. All communication will be directed to the Lead Trainer.
- All presenters must agree to being available in person, all day on March 2, 2024.
- Submit a bio for each presenter. Session description and bios will be used for marketing materials.
- For submission issues or questions, please contact symposium@oaklandliteracycoalition.org.

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Key Dates

June 1st:

Request for proposals open

July 14th:

Proposals due

July 24th:

Selected proposals notified via Lead Trainer

July 31st:

Lead Trainer confirms participation

December 1st:

Trainers submit all materials to organizers

March 2nd:

Day-Long Symposium

Presenters must be available to present on March 2nd. Exact workshop slot will be determined in September/October.

Please contact symposium@oaklandliteracycoalition.org with any questions.