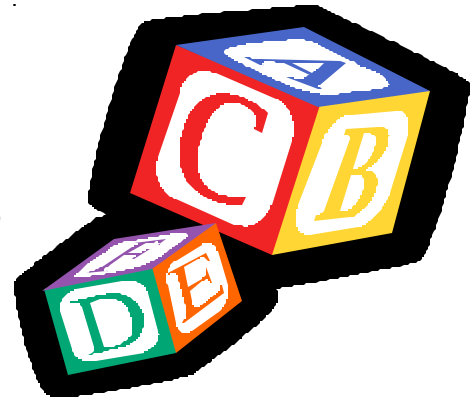


# Building Blocks for Early Literacy April 14-15, 2004

(Limit 275)

*Sponsored by the State Library of Iowa and Iowa  
Department of Education*

**Stoney Creek Inn  
5291 N.W. 84th Street  
Johnston, Iowa**



Intended audience for this conference includes AEA and LEA staff, librarians, early care and education personnel, and teachers.

## Wednesday, April 14

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Barbara Moss** - *"Matters of Fact: Using Nonfiction Literature in Today's Classroom."*

This presentation will provide teachers with information about recent nonfiction trade books appropriate for use with children. It will offer a variety of classroom-tested ideas for using these books, including specific strategies crucial for improving student understanding of non-narrative texts.

*Barbara Moss was a language arts teacher and supervisor in Portage County, Ohio for 17 years. She is presently a professor of literacy education at San Diego State University, where she teaches classes in children's literature and content area reading. She has published articles related to these topics in a number of professional journals. Her recently published book is titled Exploring the Literature of Fact: Children's Nonfiction Trade Books in the Elementary Classroom.*

From 3:15 to 4 p.m. there will be an opportunity for small group discussion.

## Thursday, April 15

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Penny Milburn and LauraBelle Sherman Proehl** - *"Matters of Fact: The State of Our Children. What can we do?"*

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. - This presentation will provide information on the condition of young children in the area of literacy in our nation and state. The condition of young children directly effects their language and literacy development as preschoolers and in later life. This session will briefly describe initiatives focused on improving outcomes for young children in all areas. In addition, an Iowa initiative focused on language and literacy development using story telling as the strategy and the impact on young children will be shared.

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - There will be a series of breakout sessions specifically for people who work with children ages three to five. Tentative session topics include early learning standards, selection of nonfiction books, story retelling, library models for outreach to child care centers and preschools, teaching vocabulary, assessing literacy skills and more.

Registration is \$25 for both days, or \$20 for one day and includes lunch and breaks.

Those participants whose registration is postmarked prior to March 8, 2004 will receive lunch and breaks.

A block of rooms (\$68.00) are reserved for both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Ask for the State Library of Iowa group rate. Reservations: 1-800-659-2220 or call directly at (515) 334-9000. To reach the hotel, take the 86th Street exit (Exit 129) off of I-80/I-35 and go north to Birchwood Court (first stoplight) and turn right. The Inn is located next to the Wynnsong Cinemas.

Scholarships will be available to assist agencies with the cost of substitute teachers and other travel expenses. Please contact Mary Miller at millerme@iastate.edu or 515-727-0656 to request a scholarship form. All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2004.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail for registration confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration for Wednesday, April 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, April 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Both Days \_\_\_\_\_

Payment included \$\_\_\_\_\_ **(Payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to Treasurer, State of Iowa.)**

**No walk-in registrations will be accepted.** Mail registrations to Carol Simmons, State Library of Iowa, E. 12th and Grand, Des Moines, IA 50319. For more information, contact Mary Cameron, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-7572.

**No refunds after April 1, 2004.**