

**Delaware Valley Reading Association  
in cooperation with  
Tri-County Reading Council**

Invites you to please join us

**FALL BRUNCH MEETING**

**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

**8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**

**DoubleTree Guest Suites, Plymouth Meeting, PA**

**Special Guest Speaker**

**DR. Richard Allington**

Professor of Education at University of Tennessee

**"Why most struggling readers continue to struggle: It is us not them"**

Even when schools provide an intervention program for struggling readers the intervention design is not powerful enough to double or triple the rate of reading acquisition. Thus, too many struggling readers get an intervention that adds an additional month's reading growth over a year but that means they still fall further behind. In this session you will learn about 8 research-based features of intervention design that could turn struggling readers into achieving readers.

*Credit for 1.5 hours of Act 48 will be available*

Upcoming Events: November 22 - GA/DVRA Teach to Reach Conference  
January 10 - Murph Crawford Conference - Middle Schools Best Practices



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**Please respond by October 2**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tri-County (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ DVRA (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose check payable to DVRA with registration

Mail to:

Jim Reynolds, 537 Crescent Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038 (215-576-1531)

## DIRECTIONS

Doubletree Guest Suites  
640 West Germantown Pike  
Plymouth Meeting, PA  
(610) 834-8300

Located directly across from Plymouth Meeting Mall

*From Center City*, take Interstate 76 west to Exit 331B – Plymouth Meeting/Route 476. Take Route 476 north to Exit 20 – Germantown Pike West. At the third light, turn right onto Hickory Road. Go to first light and make a left onto Fountain Road. Hotel is at the first stop sign on your right.

*From the Pennsylvania Turnpike*, take Exit 333 – Norristown. Following signs to Plymouth Road, turn left at the first light onto Plymouth Road. Turn right onto Germantown Pike at the next light. Proceed on Germantown Pike and turn right onto Hickory Road at the second light. Go to first light and make a left onto Fountain Road. Hotel is at the first stop sign on your right.

**Dr. Allington** is a Professor of Education at the University of Tennessee. He was an elementary school classroom teacher and a Title I director in poor rural schools prior to beginning his career as a teacher educator and instructional researcher. His research interests include reading/learning disabilities and effective instruction, especially in classroom settings. His publications include over 100 articles, chapters, monographs, and books. He served or serves on the editorial advisory boards of *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Review of Educational Research*, *Journal of Educational Psychology*, *Reading Teacher*, *Elementary School Journal*, *Journal of Literacy Research*, and *Remedial and Special Education*.

Dr. Allington has served as president of the National Reading Conference and the International Reading Association. He received the William S. Gray Citation of Merit from IRA for his contributions to the organization and the profession. He was co-recipient (with Dr. Anne McGill-Franzen) of the Albert J. Harris Award for contributions to improving professional understanding of reading/learning disabilities and was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame.

Dr. Allington is author or co-author of several books including:

*Classrooms That Work: They Can All Read And Write* (AllynBacon),

*Schools That Work: All Children Can Read And Write* (AllynBacon),

*What Really Matters for Struggling Readers: Designing Research-based Programs* (Allyn-Bacon),

*Big Brother and the National Reading Curriculum: How Ideology Trumped Evidence* (Heinemann),

*Learning to read: Lessons from Exemplary First-grade Classrooms* (Guilford), and

*Reading to learn: Lessons from Exemplary Fourth-grade Classrooms* (Guilford).

Dr. Allington is co-editor of the recently rereleased *No Quick Fix: The RTI edition* (TeachersCollegePress). He has a forthcoming book, *What really matters for reading fluency* to be published in 2008 by AllynBacon.