

The purpose of this annual report is designed to give the total West Virginia Reading Association (WVRA) membership a brief summary of our activities during the last 2015-2016 year.

The West Virginia Reading Association was established July 1, 1968 and just celebrated its 48th Anniversary as an International Literacy Association State Affiliate. Our association is one the oldest state affiliates in the International Literacy Association (ILA).

During the summer of 2016 WVRA celebrated its 38th Leadership Conference in Morgantown, West Virginia. The WVRA Executive Board meets quarterly throughout the year.

Bruce Neal was installed as the 49th president in June 2016. He will continue the work begun in 2015-2016 to re-charter WVRA.

Hills Alive Again was the WVRA outreach program to assist local WVRA Council's whose schools were devastated by raging floods in June. WVRA assisted with the 400th Anniversary to celebrate the life of Shakespeare nationally by providing staff development about the FIRST FOLIO.

To increase the number of college graduates in West Virginia, WVRA joined with five state agencies to provide College Dreams Ignited in October.

The Eastern Panhandle still provides its Leaders of Literacy Conference in the spring of each year.

The WVRA Literature Fair is in its second year as a statewide initiative.

INVEST IN READING is the theme of this year's 61st Conference. President Elect Ron Chadwell is also the conference coordinator. This theme recognizes the benefits of placing a high priority on reading.

"Reading From ALL Directions" is the theme of the 62nd Annual Conference. Kathy Blue, the Vice President will be the Conference Coordinator for this conference to be held at the Greenbrier on November 2017.

Under the leadership of Dennis Caldwell, WVRA Treasurer, the organization stays within its budget and is fiscally responsible. The WVRA Conference is the major fundraising activity for the Association.

Chrisanne Diaz, WVRA Membership Chair, reports WVRA has 80 Lifetime members and 126 regular members as of August 30, 2016.