



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hagerstown Rotary Literacy Summit

### Agenda: Friday, May 15, 2015

7:45 am - 8:15 am	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>
8:15 am - 8:20 am	<b>Overview of the Summit</b> Dr. Donna Hanlin, Summit Chair
8:20 am - 8:35 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Dr. Guy Altieri, President, Hagerstown Community College Dr. Clayton Wilcox, Superintendent, Washington County Public Schools Mary Baykan, Director, Washington County Free Library Jason Rappaport, President, Hagerstown Rotary Club
8:35 am - 8:45 am	<b>Warm Up</b> Kathy Kerns, Early Childhood Advisory Council As a participant, consider your role in building a literate community.
8:45 am - 10:15 am	<b>Keynote Speakers</b> Dr. Lillian Lowery, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lowery will discuss the current condition of early childhood literacy in Maryland and share state-wide initiatives that are underway to address the issue. Kimberly Scott, Managing Partner, Literacy Powerline Ms. Scott will expand participants' exposure and thinking on the topic of early childhood literacy to the national view and discuss successful community collaboration initiatives. Ralph Smith, Senior Vice President, Annie E. Casey Foundation Dr. Smith will share his experiences in working with the Campaign for Grade Level Reading and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
10:15 am - 10:30 am	<b>Break</b>

## **Breakout Sessions I**

### **A. Steps in Building a Literate Community (cont. from Keynote) Room #211-213**

Presenters: Kim Scott, Literacy Powerline  Ralph Smith, Annie E. Casey Foundation	This session will explore more specifically the steps to achieving early childhood success in Washington County. We will examine two strategies; 1. Coalition Development for Early Childhood Success, and 2. Early Childhood Literacy Programs: What works?
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10:30 am - 11:30 am

### **B. Community Literacy Initiatives: Collaborations for Community Change Room #210**

Presenters:  Jeanne Singer, JD, CPA  Kathy Powderly, Executive Director, HARC  M. Douglas Becker, M.D.	This session will feature dynamic presenters who will share their work on several community-based literacy initiatives. Jeanne Singer, JD, CPA (Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer) will share the work of the Cradle to Career Network Kathy Powderly, Executive Director of the Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC), will discuss the Community Book Drive and Parent Learning Parties. Dr. Becker, retired pediatrician, will discuss Reach Out and Read, a literacy initiative driven by the medical community.
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### **C. Connecting Executive Function to Best Practices in Early Childhood Room #214**

Presenter: Amy Weaver, Educational Consultant	Helping Children strengthen executive functioning isn't complex – it's a matter of understanding child development and using that in daily activities and routines. Research shows that the window of opportunity to learn these important life skills is at its peak during the early childhood years. In order to have the best possible outcomes for a productive and successful adult life, children must be given the tools when their brains are most open to receive the information. If you want productive and focused employees and business leaders, it all begins in early childhood. Discover how keeping activities focused on children's interest, using simple materials and developing rituals in daily routines helps children to strengthen executive functioning that builds strategies for future success.
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### **D. Let's Create a Link for Literacy: Partnering with Washington County Public Schools Room #212**

Presenters: Stacy Henson, Coordinator for Early Learning; Matt Semler, Director of Elementary Education; Mary Pat Holter, Vickie Kane & Sara Dillow, Teachers; Andrea Semler, O.T., Birth to 5 WCPS	Many children in Washington County enter Kindergarten a year or more behind their classmates in both academic and social-emotional skills. This dilemma can trap these young learners in a cycle of continuous catch-up in their learning. As a school system we would like to showcase the various partnerships that currently exist between our schools and community, and we would like to further extend additional opportunities that may promote literacy advancements for our earliest learners. Come learn how you can get involved!
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11:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Lunch and Networking**

12:05 pm - 12:15 pm	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Ann Rotz - Little Free Libraries, video and prize drawing</p>
12:15 pm - 12:50 pm	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>Stacey Collins, PNC-Growing Up Great Campaign; Cassandra Latimer, Citi – Literacy Kits; Michael Reyka, Meritus Medical Center</p> <p>Panelists will share current initiatives in their workplaces that inspire employees and the community to promote literacy. A question and answer session will follow for group discussion and sharing of ideas.</p>
12:55 pm - 1:55 pm	<p><b>Breakout Sessions II</b></p> <p>(SEE BREAKOUT SESSIONS I)</p>
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p><b>Commitments</b></p> <p>David Hanlin, Chair, Rotary Literacy Task Force</p>