

2023 Call for Proposals: New Session Types Video Transcript

Hello, Everyone! This is Jeanine Williams, CRLA Past- President. I have the privilege of serving as Co-Chair of the 2023 Annual Conference, along with President-Elect Jon Mladic. I am excited to announce that the Call for Proposals is now live, and I wanted to offer a walkthrough of some of this year's new additions.

This year's conference will offer a variety of session types ranging from pre-conference institutes and 60-minute concurrent sessions to digital poster presentations and immersive self-care activities.

With CRLA's new emphasis on advocacy, we are introducing Advocacy and Activism Assemblies. These are 60-minute concurrent session that focus on successful strategies for advocating for CRLA-related causes on a classroom, institutional, or community level. These sessions aim to equip attendees with the knowledge and practices that lead to ongoing and effective change.

Digital Poster Sessions allow presenters to share their research or wise practice in a less formal setting than a presentation--sharing content via a display monitor as attendees informally rotate from one session of interest to another. These sessions should focus on "hot topics" in literacy, developmental education, and learning support, and they should be a review of research and wise practice, along with an annotated reference/resource list. Those accepted for digital poster sessions will also have the opportunity to have their materials published in a repository of advocacy resources for CRLA members.

Learning Over Lunch is a fresh take on CRLA's traditional "Lunch with a Mentor". We are opening this opportunity to a larger pool of CRLA members who wish to share their knowledge and expertise in an intimate round-table conversation with like-minded individuals endeavoring to bring about real change--all while enjoying a fine meal. This year promises to be exceptional, as we welcome proposals centered on **advocacy** and **self-care**.

Another exciting addition to this year's conference is a **Self-Care Room**. This will be a common space open throughout the conference for relaxation, reflection, and ideation. While the "self-care room" will primarily be an unstructured space, we would also like to offer some structured programming for attendees.

Sunrise Movement and Meditation are 60-minute sessions held each morning of the conference, where attendees will be guided through gentle movement and meditation. These sessions can include activities such as basic yoga, stretching, quiet music, prompts for journaling, and guided meditation.

Midday Mindfulness are 30-minute sessions held each day during lunch hour, where attendees will participate in activities that promote mindfulness. Proposals in this realm should focus on

guided self-care practices that attendees can benefit from at the conference and continue to utilize afterwards.

These new session types are just a taste of what we have in store for this year's conference. We are eager to receive your proposals and we hope that these new offerings inspire many more of you to submit. Please see the full call for proposals at CRLA.net and feel free to contact Jon Mladic and me with any questions!