

Ten Reasons to Join LLRC

Why **SHOULD** you join a professional organization? What **COULD** LLRC do for you? **WOULD** there be advantages to one organization over another?

The NUMBER TEN reason to join LLRC is that our organization is **rewarding**. When you leave our events, a smile spreads across your face.

The NUMBER NINE reason to join LLRC is the **focused-professionalism**. All of our events provide you with a treasure trove for your profession or an aspect of your profession.

The NUMBER EIGHT reason to join LLRC is **vocabulary relevancy**. We, in fact, speak your language.

The NUMBER SEVEN reason to join LLRC is a beneficial **career enhancement** whether within-district or elsewhere. I wonder how many supervisors or administrators LOOK for organizations in which you actively participate. What a plus when they see a "reading" organization!

The NUMBER SIX reason to join LLRC is members may **specialize**. We have members who can help with areas such as common core, Title I, first grade, High School, on and on. Many of our members collaborate to hone or initiate new projects and procedures which enhance their area of expertise.

The NUMBER FIVE reason to join LLRC is there is always something to **learn** from others. Many of our members have been there and done that, so they have the voice of experience to offer, while our newest members are an excellent source of new, fresh ideas.

The NUMBER FOUR reason to join LLRC is **repertoire development**. If you join our organization, your range of resources could dramatically improve because you are interacting with focused-reading people. You may learn even more if you are on the executive board. We're looking for new board members.

The NUMBER THREE reason to join LLRC is **organization skills**. Involvement on an executive board helps you learn how fundraising works, how finances work, how to market for an event, and how to work as a team. It helps you in the long run for a teaching or an administrative job.

The NUMBER TWO reason to join LLRC is **friendships and fun**. Life is not just about "career." It is about building friendships and having fun. You get a chance to meet people and build good friendships. You will be part of the social activities and will have many fun memories. The conference for 2013 is all about not just learning but taking time for you. These friendships can also result in a mentor type relationship where the two (or more) of you share ideas that will help to boost each other's career and even your personal lives. I have several of these friendships in my life over my 24 year affiliation with LLRC.

AND the NUMBER ONE reason to join LLRC is **networking**. This is the easiest and best way to network with other reading people. Networking can affect all parts of your life. Just think of the possibilities! We cover 22 school districts. This could be a powerful influence for you.

Don't take the **would've, could've, should've road** and find yourself without a membership to LLRC. Join/renew today. PLEASE share this with a friend/non-member.

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