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**District Literacy Leadership (DiLL) Special Interest Group**

**International Literacy Association**  
**Sunday, July19, 2015**

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** America's Center St. Louis, 266

**District Literacy Leadership Praxis: Transforming Practice through Leadership**

Intersecting literacy & educational leadership, DiLL SIG members discuss what happens in schools when quality teachers, engaged students, families, communities, & principals with literacy expertise unify. This session begins with an overview by an assistant superintendent from St. Louis Public Schools following by district literacy leaders from across the US and Canada who will share the practices they engage in, fostering high-quality literacy.

**Overview: A Local View – A Local Perspective: Literacy Leadership in St. Louis**

**Dr. Paula D. Knight, Assistant Superintendent,**

St. Louis Public Schools, St. Louis, MO USA

**Panelists: Dr. Pamela Mason,** **Director, Language and Literacy Program**

Jeanne Chall Reading Lab

Harvard Graduate School of Education  
Boston, MA USA

Past Chair of International Literacy Association’s Diversity Committee **Mr. Michael Bowden, Elementary Principal, School District # 73**Kamloops, B.C., Canada

President, British Columbia Literacy Council of the ILA  **Dr. Kathy Brashears, Professor, Curriculum and Instruction**Tennessee Tech University

Cookeville , Tennessee USA

Past President, Tennessee Reading Association of the ILA

**Ms. Nakia Jackson, Elementary Principal, Audubon Elementary**

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

Doctoral Candidate, Literacy, Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, LA USA

**Moderator: Dr. Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell, District Literacy Leadership SIG President**

Coordinator of Elementary Grades Teacher Education Program

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA USA

Past President, Iowa Reading Association

*\*please join us for a brief 30 minute business immediately following this panel presentation*