

**America's Reading Crisis:
The Impact on our Children, Families, and Community**

You are invited to a community forum designed to raise public awareness about the reading crisis in the United States. The purpose of the forum is to mobilize our community to ensure the reading success of all children in Lackawanna County.

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The Lackawanna County Commission for Women and
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State Representative Bridget Malloy Kosierowski
Senator Marty Flynn

**May 5, 2022
7:00 P.M.
University of Scranton
Leahy Hall (Jefferson Avenue)
Kane Forum
Scranton, PA**

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All are welcome to attend
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Panel Members

David Kilpatrick, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, State University of New York College at Cortland, Premier Reading Researcher

Pam Kastner Ed.D., PA State Lead for Literacy @ PATTAN

Judge Andy Jarbola, Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas

Dr. Linda Thomas-Hemak, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wright Center for Community Health and the Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education

Ty Holmes, NAACP, Lackawanna County Branch President

Amy Luyster, Vice-President, Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

Nathan Barrett M.S., Superintendent, Hanover Area School District, PA State Board of Education

Erin Keating Ed.D., Superintendent, Old Forge School District

Meg Duffy M.S., Principal, Carbondale Area School District

Jessica Kovalski, Parent Representative

Gary Ford, Representative, Local Carpenters 445

“Research over the last 30 years has indicated that most reading difficulties can be prevented, and among those that cannot be prevented, poor readers can make far greater progress than what we have been experiencing in our schools. “

-David Kilpatrick Ph.D.