



**Alameda County Reading Association  
2009 David H. Russell Award  
Excellence in Reading Instruction**

*Candidates nominated in previous years must be nominated again to be considered for the 2009 award.*

Name of person nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) last name first name

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

School Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

Give COMPLETE INFORMATION about the nominee. (Use a separate sheet of paper.) A well written, carefully detailed review of the nominee's contributions is very important. The Committee's decision is based on the written description received. Please organize information using the following guidelines:

1. Duties and responsibilities (job description, school name, district)
2. Contributions over and beyond professional obligations may include:
  - a. Curriculum Materials Committee
  - b. Language Arts Committee
  - c. Reading Improvement Committee
  - d. National Council of Teachers of English
  - e. International Reading Association
  - f. CTA
  - g. NEA
  - h. Parent/Teacher Activities
  - i. Youth groups
  - j. Sunday school teacher
  - k. Summer camp advisor
  - l. Presentation at workshops and conferences
  - m. Involvement in state committees (book adoptions, frameworks, etc.)

PLEASE SUBMIT THE NOMINATION TO: Cheri Benafield  
31100 Fredi St.  
Union City, CA 94587

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline: April 10, 2009**

**Alameda County Reading Association's 2009  
David H. Russell Award: EXCELLENCE IN READING INSTRUCTION**  
In memory of **David H. Russell**, former professor at U.C. Berkeley

Dear Colleague,

Over the past three decades, the teaching of reading has become increasingly complex, yet there are those among us who rise to this challenge. We should take time from our busy schedule to recognize and honor these exceptional professionals.

The David H. Russell Award for Excellence in Reading Instruction, presented by the Alameda County Reading Association of the International Reading Association, is one of the opportunities for us to provide recognition to a deserving colleague.

A teacher, administrator, or other certificated person, who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the improvement of reading instruction in Alameda County Schools is eligible for this award. Such contribution is understood to include devotion of time and energy above and beyond the usual professional obligation to teach children to read. The nominee need not be a member of any reading association.

A \$100.00 stipend accompanies the award to be used at the discretion of the recipient to improve reading in Alameda County.

Your cooperation in helping to find the best qualified recipient will be very much appreciated. The award will be presented at the end of the year meeting of the Alameda County Reading Association.

Sincerely,

*Cheri Benafield*  
Cheri Benafield  
Award Chairperson

**Past Recipients**

2008	JoEllen Anderson
2007	Donna Lindsay
2006	Debbie Nemeck
2005	Merry Jones
2004	Terri Quesinberry
2003	Carmen Jorgenson
2002	Elaine Geeting
2001	Lynn Gurnee
1999	Joyce Kieffer
1998	Judith Jund
1997	Nancy Fellrath
1996	Nancy Villarreal
1995	Dorothy Yanagi
1994	Leo Hinkel
1993	Barbara Nealy
1992	Pat Brajkovich
1991	Susan McKittrick
1990	Kay Towne
1989	Lila Chambers
1988	Ethel Murphy
1987	Jean Ficklin
1986	Roy Piper
1985	Vivienne Schieb
1984	Virginia Betzer
1983	Romie Kuchenmeister
1982	Kathleen Miller
1981	Phyllis Golston
1980	Sybil Hoffman
1979	Pat Crocker
1978	Russell Saunders
1977	William A. Costa
1976	Ralph Williams
1975	Pat Tanabe Endsley Sr. Eileem M. Cronin, PhD
1974	Dorothy Cravens
1973	Nelouise McNutt
1972	Virginia Reid
1971	Velma Elliot
1970	Madeline Barch