

MEDIA ALERT
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**WGTE PUBLIC MEDIA TO HOST LITERACY SUMMIT WITH
LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EDUCATION LEADERS**

Toledo, OH – On September 9, WGTE Public Media is hosting a special free Raising Readers Literacy Summit for educators, education leaders, elected officials, community leaders and more to discuss the current state of school readiness among children and how we can work together to improve early literacy in our region.

This event marks the official end of the five-year-long Raising Readers grant, which enabled WGTE to positively impact reading and literacy outcomes among disadvantaged children ages 2-8 living in the 43605 and 43609 zip codes.

WHAT: Raising Readers Literacy Summit

WHEN: Thursday, September 9, 2010
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Dana Conference Center
On the Campus of the University of Toledo Health Science Campus

WHY: To begin discussions and collaborative efforts to improve early childhood literacy in the community.

WHO: Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
Pam Johnson, Ph.D., Executive Director of Ready to Learn, Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Washington, D.C.
Sandra Miller, Ph.D., Director of Early Learning and School Readiness, Ohio Department of Education
Panel including:

Greg Braylock, Education Specialist, United Way of Toledo
Jim Funk, Executive Director, Read for Literacy
Pam Johnson, Executive Director, Ready to Learn, CPB
Sandra Miller, Director of Early Learning and School Readiness
Bob Vasquez, President, Toledo Public School Board

WGTE will also offer a live video stream at www.knowledgestream.org of the entire event, and online participants can provide comments and questions throughout the day.

Call Jen Homier to schedule an interview or for further details. The full agenda can be found online at wgte.org.

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