



Professional Learning & Development Committee

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Local Council Liaison



IRC ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL
EMPOWERING LIVES THROUGH LITERACY

Council Map

The map shows various regions across Illinois, each with a color-coded label. The regions include:

- Northwestern Illinois (Freeport)
- Northern Illinois (DeKalb)
- Lake Area (LARC) (Barrington)
- Rock Valley (Sterling)
- Black Hawk (Maline)
- Starrved Rock (Ottawa)
- Joliet (Joliet)
- West Suburban (Elmhurst)
- Chicago Area (CARA) (Chicago)
- South Suburban (Tinley Park)
- Illinois Valley (Peoria)
- Mid-State (Bloomington)
- Illini (Champaign)
- Western Illinois (Macomb)
- Springfield (Springfield)
- Central Illinois (Quincy)
- Mississippi Valley (Quincy)
- East Central (East Central IU)
- National Road (Effingham)
- Lewis & Clark (Jennings)
- South Eastern (ML Carmel)
- Southern Illinois (Carbondale)

Special Interest Councils

- College Instructors of Reading Professionals (CIRP)
- Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE)
- Illinois Language and Literacy Council (ILLC)
- Illinois Title I Association (ITA)
- Secondary Reading League (SRL)

For more information, go to www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

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Purpose:

1. Support IRC Councils and their members with literacy resources that promote literacy development in a host of current, valuable and relevant topics intended to optimize the implementation of literacy for ALL students.
2. Offer high-quality, tailored professional learning & development to districts through the IRC PL &D Cadre.



Committee Responsibilities...

...“Collaborate and Communicate”

Goals:

- Submit literacy learning resources or other materials to the Chair a minimum of one resources per a calendar year and additional material as it may surface. (Of course the more the better!!)
- Support the recruitment and communication of the Professional Learning & Development Cadre whose purpose is to support and provide professional development for Illinois districts or schools.



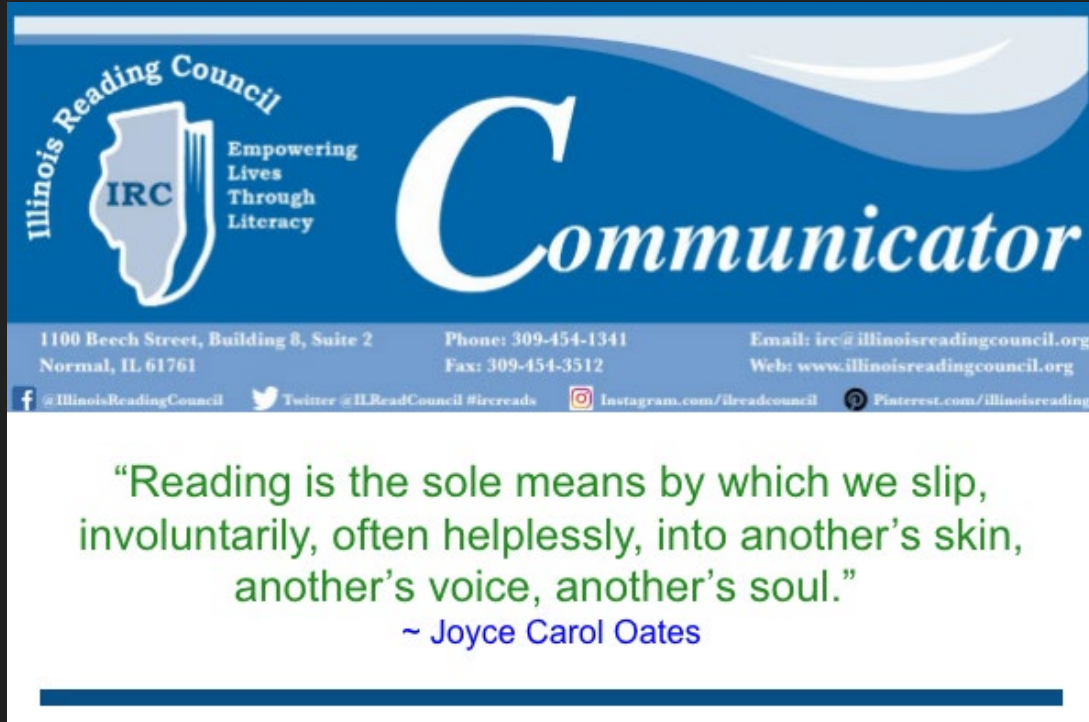
Professional Learning & Development Opportunities to Connect

Methods of Connection:

- **Communicator Newsletter**
- **IRC Quarterly Journal**
- **PL&D Literacy Learning Padlet**
- **Annual IRC Convention**
- **IRC PL&D Cadre of Literacy providers.**
- **IRC Facebook Page**



IRC Communicator



The banner features the Illinois Reading Council logo on the left, which includes a map of Illinois and the text "Empowering Lives Through Literacy". To the right of the logo is the word "Communicator" in a large, white, serif font. Below the logo and title, contact information is provided: "1100 Beech Street, Building 8, Suite 2 Normal, IL 61761", "Phone: 309-454-1341", "Fax: 309-454-3512", "Email: irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org", and "Web: www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org". At the bottom, social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest are listed with their respective handles: "@IllinoisReadingCouncil", "@ILReadCouncil #ircreads", "Instagram.com/ilreadcouncil", and "Pinterest.com/illinoisreading".

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“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.”
~ Joyce Carol Oates

Professional Trade Book Review

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Members are encouraged to submit articles at any time to irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

#WhatIAmReading: Share a book that you are reading in 2 to 3 sentences. Creative pictures of you and your book in your favorite reading spot are encouraged.

IRC Highlight Reels: Share snapshots of successes in your classrooms in 100 to 300 words. Remember no success is too big or too small to share and pictures welcomed!

Other Literacy Topics:

- Why We Need to Read Banned Books
- Tips for Teaching Writing
- Board Games that Teach Literacy Skills
- Literacy Meets STEM
- And any other literacy topics that interest you!

Thank you for helping to inspire your fellow educators! Posts will be shared on social media too!

QUICK LINKS

[Visit the IRC Website](#)

[Full IRC Events Calendar](#)

[Latest on the IRC Conference](#)

[Available IRC Awards and Grants](#)

[Bring IRC PD to your School District](#)

[Learn more about the Illinois Reads Program](#)

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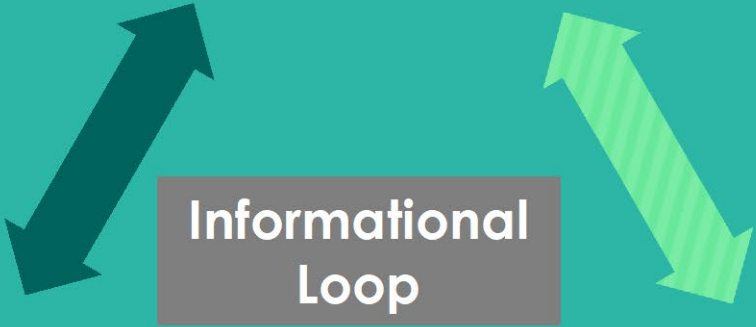




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Lives
Through
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*IRC Mission:
to provide support
and leadership to all
who promote and
teach lifelong literacy*



IRC
Membership



Local Council
Liaisons & Cadre of
Professionals



Local Council Liason



➤ **Submit a resource or literacy informational contribution a minimum of twice a year. (additional resources may be contributed as new material becomes available)**

- **Resource(s) for IRC PL&D Literacy Learning Padlet**
- **Professional trade book review**
- **Informative article (may have been been your councils newsletter)**



Click for Direct Link to: [Professional Learning](#) 

Professional Learning



- To provide timely resources to support IRC council membership and their districts as they implement current educational initiatives as well as offer high-quality, on-site and virtual professional learning aligned to evidence based instructional best practice.

Guidance to locate the Professional Learning page on the IRC Main Site



<http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org>

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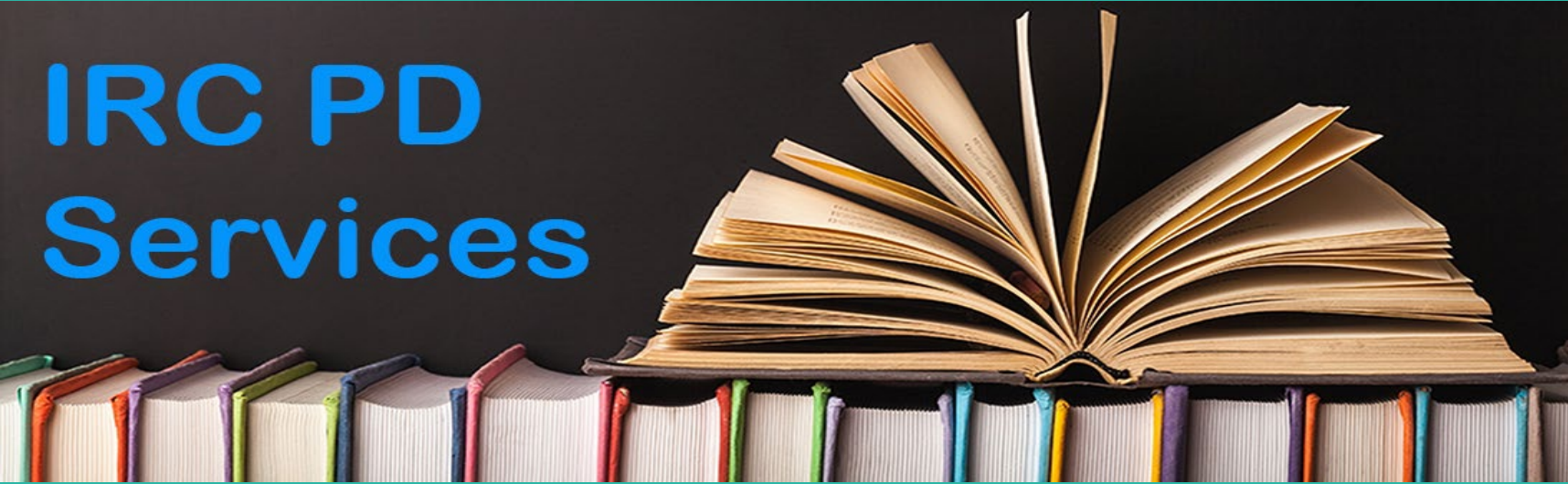
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Literacy Support Grants

Our mission is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.



IRC PD Services



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Forms/Links:

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Professional Learning and Resource Padlet



Literacy Learning Links Padlet, hosts contributions of Council Liaisons and membership



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IRC, Literacy Learning Links, Resource Bank of Teaching and Learning Tools

These resources support best practices in literacy learning submitted by Local IRC Councils and IRC Membership. Continue navigation to the right to see additional column categories.

Researched
Information on the
Science of Reading

Inquiry Based
Learning

Information
Learning, Social
Studies & Science

Literary Learning
(Including the ELA
Standards)

Process and On
Demand Writing

READING RESEARCH QUARTERLY

The Science of Reading Progresses: Communicating Advances Beyond the Simple View of Reading

PDF
Neill Duke, Science of Reading

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Exploring Revisions to the Illinois Social Studies Standards.



Exploring Revisions to the Illinois Social Science Standards - Illinois Civics Hub



leamingforjustice.org

Reflection: What's Your FRAME?

ELA Assessment Content Glossary

Term	Definition
Academic Word	Words and phrases that frequently occur in various contexts and forms and that represent ideas across different content areas (e.g., theory, discipline, justify). Such words may be presented and used in written language in print and in the workplace.
Active Voice	To describe a sentence with the subject of the sentence as the doer of the action in the sentence (e.g., The team kicked the ball).
Adapt	Is using that sets forth a general truth that has general applicability through time and over things (e.g., An oak tree grows).
Adjective	A word or phrase that modifies or describes a noun or pronoun.
Adjective Clause	A dependent clause that modifies a noun or pronoun and is often introduced by a relative pronoun (that, which, who, whose).
Adverb	A word that modifies or describes a verb, adjective, or preposition.
Adverb Clause	A dependent clause that functions as an adverb in a sentence.
Adverbial Phrase	One or more words functioning as an adverbial in the beginning, end, or both of a word and serving to produce a descriptive word or an adverbial phrase in a sentence.

PDF
ELA Glossary of Terms

This glossary of terminology are words that are considered the Academic Vocabulary that students will encounter as they move through their literacy learning in grades K-12. They also support the vocabulary students will encounter in assessments and to be assessment literate.

Achieve the Core



booklistonline.com

Classroom Connections: The Writing Process, by By Kristin Rydholm. | Booklist Online

Picture books featuring the writing process



edutopia.org

3 Authentic Multimodal Projects for Young Writers



IRC Professional Learning & Development Resources

Please complete the following information on this form as a resources submission for the IRC PLC Padlet

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Email *

Your email

Professional Learning Council Liaison *

Your answer

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To Submit a Weblink, Professional Book or other resource, please use the IRC Professional Learning and Development Resource application found on the main landing page for Professional Learning



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Professional Learning Committee (PLC) Liaison Protocol

Thank you for your leadership and willingness to support the Illinois Reading Council's Professional Learning Committee's (PLC) mission of providing the most current literacy educational resources and instructional pursuits for IRC members throughout the year. As your local council's PLC liaison, you will be charged with the two overarching responsibilities outlined below.

1. The local council liaison acts as a conduit between the IRC PLC Chair, their council and its membership. Although there may be no formal in person committee meetings during the year, the IRC PLC Chair may host a virtual meeting as well as regularly communicate with the local council liaisons. The intent and purpose of the Professional Learning Committee is to provide vetted resources on topics of importance for literacy teaching and learning, and updates on national and state educational initiatives. Thus, the PLC goal is to provide quality instructional pursuits that will be of benefit for your council's membership. Communication is a collaborative effort. With that in mind, each local council liaison will be asked to submit topics of interest to our "Literacy Learning Links Padlet" or other literacy teaching resources (see next page for options) regarding instructional practices for optimal literacy learning. Local council liaisons with the support of their council board or membership will submit literacy learning information that they have found to be beneficial to support students optimal learning. IRC PLC Chair will gather this and other literacy learning information and share with the local council liaison on or around each IRC Board Meeting when other opportunities present themselves. This will provide a "loop" of communication between the local councils and the IRC PLC Chair. The liaison will support the local council and the PLC in the following ways:
 - notify council membership of updated resources the PLC Chair and liaisons share throughout the year
 - utilize PLC in seeking answers to questions regarding educational initiatives
 - inform PLC Chair as new professional literacy learning interests are identified
2. Each council within IRC's 10 statewide regions will make a commitment to provide resources for the Professional Learning Committee's Padlet, and/or an article for an issue of the IRC Communicator. Each council will provide a submission during their designated calendar date or at any time valuable literacy learning information becomes available. It is your role, as local council liaison, to identify and submit to the IRC PLC Chair, minimally one of the following: (Specific examples are provided on the accompanying page.)
 - timely resources to share with IRC members on the Professional Learning Committee "Literacy Learning Links Padlet" (replacing LiveBinder)
 - a review of a professional trade book for the IRC Communicator
 - an informative literacy article including, but not limited to, topics such as best practice,
 - instructional strategies, current educational initiatives

Please submit resource links through the Google Form. Other submissions will be sent to the Professional Learning Committee Chair at: pd@illinoisreadingcouncil.org, by the local councils assigned due date or whenever resources become available. This will allow for sharing of new resources at the quarterly IRC board meetings, IRC Communicator, local council newsletters etc. or when appropriate.

Please contact the PLC Chair if you require further clarification regarding your role on this committee. Thank you for your continued support of IRC's mission to promote and teach lifelong literacy.

With much respect for all you do for literacy learners,

Laura Beltchenko pd@illinoisreadingcouncil.org
Professional Learning Committee Chair



Resource Submission Options Professional Learning Committee Local Council Liaison

Please consider submitting during your obligatory assigned timeframe or whenever a valuable recourse presents itself.

1. The [Literacy Learning Links Padlet](#) contains categorized columns leading to websites educators have found to be beneficial in their work implementing educational initiatives. To submit a resource for the Literacy Learning Links Padlet please [complete a brief Google Form](#) that will provide the IRC Chair with necessary information to include the resource in the Literacy Learning Links. (At this time, Local Council Liaisons have been granted permission to submit the form.) The Padlet can be accessed at the following link: <https://padlet.com/lbeltchenko/x90ie3h6hja/bis>. In the Padlet, you will notice categorized topics in columns of resources that include but not limited to: Informational Text, Social Emotional Learning, Writing, Assessment, Gifted Education, Culturally Relevant Teaching etc. As you navigate to the right, additional columns will appear. Based on IRC policy, submissions are not to be endorsing a product. Ex. a specific reading program that only those using the product can assess the links.
2. The **IRC Communicator article** is any informational piece written by you or one of your council members for publication in IRC's e-newsletter. Visit www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/irc-communicator for sample articles written by council liaisons including:
 - Strategies for Struggling Readers in February 2021,
 - Don't Panic About Time Management in the November 2020,
 - Flipping Out Over Flipgrid in August 2020.

The articles, limited to approximately 400 words, can be written specifically to meet your council's submission requirement. Also consider an article that has already appeared in a current or previous edition of your council's newsletter that other IRC Councils will find of benefit. Please be reminded submitting something written by another author may be infringing on intellectual property or copyright unless permission has been granted. If it is an IRC council member submitting their own work directly to IRC, they are granting their permission to publish.

3. A **Professional Book Review** is a narrative summary of the text intended to guide members to professional titles you or your colleagues have found valuable in the literacy teaching and learning process. Visit www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/irc-communicator to read the book review of *Bored and Brilliant: How spacing out can unlock your most productive and creative self*, Manoush Zomorodi in March 2021, IRC Communicator.

Please remember, this is our collective, collaborative and collegial contribution to support ALL educators in their quest to provide optimal teaching and student learning resources and materials. We are all in this together. L.B.



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Personal Learning Journey.
Together We can Guide
Them on a Successful
Literacy Learning Path.***

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