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Prairie Area Reading Council

Winter 2022 Newsletter



From the Desk of the President

Happy Winter!!!

Please join us for the upcoming PARC events we have planned for Winter and Spring!

Feel free to email us if you have any questions! PARC Co-Presidents:

Tracy Billie @ tracybillie12@gmail.com or Laura Riley @ dlmriley@gmail.com

DATE	PARC EVENT	REGISTRATION
January, 2023 	Family Literacy Night @Westmont Public Library Jan 13, 2023 4:45pm - 6:45pm	Family Literacy Night Bring your own blankets or sheets, pillows, and a flashlight to build your fort. Enjoy a story together around the "campfire" and then crawl into your fort to read with your family. This is a special after-hours program. Please arrive before the Library closes at 5 pm to ensure entrance to the program.
March 1, 2023 	5:30-7:00pm Math and Mirth w/Boomer Crotty Place: TBD	Math and Mirth w/Boomer Crotty Cross-curricular, hands-on multidisciplinary presentation using Math & Lit in the classroom Did you know there is a wealth of children's literature that centers around mathematics? Let's discuss how to pair math and reading to increase problem solving and critical thinking while having fun! Resources and data presented will broaden and enhance BOTH a child's math and reading skills, analysis, and comprehension. Offer your students a way to combine subjects - it will add up to a classroom full of smiles and understanding!

IRC Conference

March 9-10, 2023: Illinois Reading Council will host the [54th Annual IRC Conference](#) in Springfield, Illinois. Please take a moment to peruse the highlights planned for 2023.

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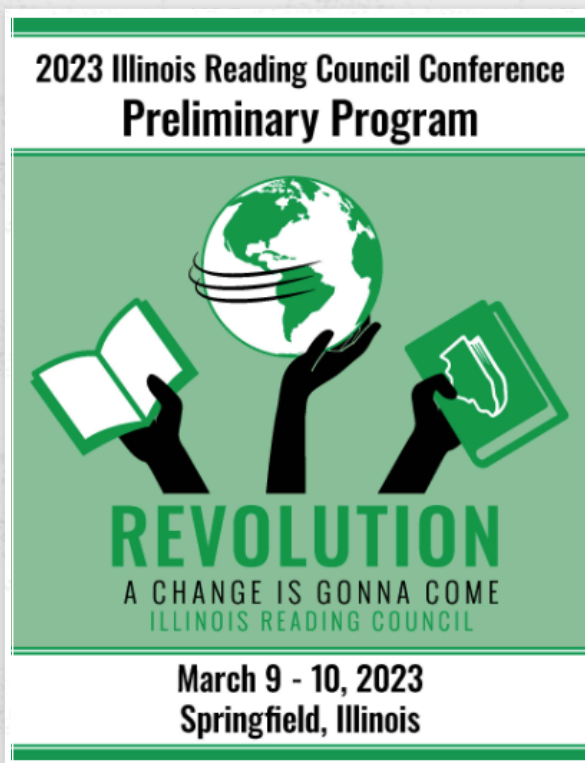
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Illinois Reads

[Have you checked out the Illinois Reads book choices for 2022?](#)



Join us at PARC!

[Join the IRC](#) on our Board!

We are currently looking for new **PARC Executive Board** members for **2023-2024!** Apply directly to Laura Riley at dlmriley@gmail.com

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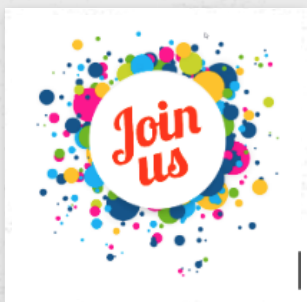
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Know someone who wants to become a member?

Mission Statement: *to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.*

While there are 32 local councils or special interest councils, the price of joining a local or





Service Project

PARC participated in a Community Service Project this fall. We collected 14 new or gently used children's books at our September back-to-school event. These books were donated to [Bernie's Book Bank](#). "*Bernie's Book Bank is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that sources, processes and distributes free, quality children's books to increase book ownership among under-served children throughout Chicagoland.*" We also collected 33 gently used adult books that were distributed to [Free Little Libraries](#) throughout the area. Free Little Libraries' mission is "*Building community. Inspiring readers. Expanding book access.*" Thank you to all members that participated in this Service Project.



Council of Excellence

IRC just announced:

"Congratulations on receiving the 2022 Council of Excellence Award for your (PARC) council work done throughout 2021-2022." from Carrie Sheridan at IRC.

2022-2023 Board Members

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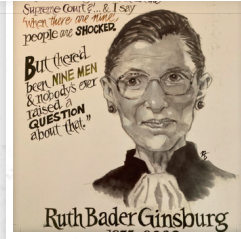
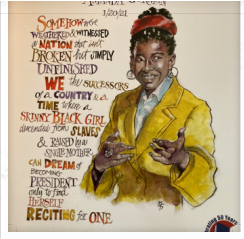
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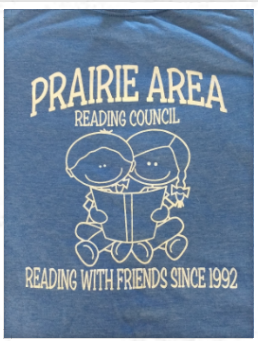




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Announces events for 2022-2023

Registration can be found in the PARC newsletter or contact Tracy Billie @ tracubillie12@gmail.com or Laura Riley @ dlmriley@gmail.com

<p>September 12, 2022</p> <p>Meet 'n Greet @Gatto's, Downers Grove Apps from PARC, drinks on you! 5:30-6:15pm</p> <p>Back to School: Book Gossip with Kathleen March @ Anderson's Bookshop, Downers Grove 6:30-7:30pm Shop @Anderson's after Gossip</p>	<p>January, 2023</p> <p>Family Literacy Night @Westmont Public Library</p> <p>More information can be found in our newsletter</p> <p>**Bring a book (new/used) to each event for an additional raffle ticket to win a prize!</p>	<p>March 1, 2023</p> <p>Math and Mirth Cross-curricular, hands-on multidisciplinary presentation using math & lit in the classroom with Boomer Crotty</p> <p>At TBD 5:30-7:00pm</p> <p>More information can be found in our newsletter</p>
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