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A Message From The President

It seems so long ago, but I do thank all of you that were able to attend our first meeting of this school year. It was a “joint venture” with the local chapter of Illinois Computing Educators on the topic of “Linking Literacy and Technology.” We were excited that our Illinois Reading Council president, Susan Cisna, was in attendance, as well as Dr. Mike Oberhaus, Rock Island/Milan School superintendent. After learning more about taking good digital pictures, we had some time to take our own pictures in or outside the meeting site. We then brainstormed a lengthy list of literacy uses of digital images. If you find just one new idea from the list, I’ll be satisfied! (See the attached list.)

Our second meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, to “Wine, Dine, Share a Line.” Four book studies are in full swing – with a combination of face-to-face and online book discussions. Please make plans to attend the culminating activity at the Lavender Crest Winery in Colona to hear more about each book. Door prizes will include a professional book of your choice, and lunch or a glass of wine on us. To insure we have adequate space and



Our mission is to provide support and leadership to educators as they promote and teach lifelong literacy.



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accommodations, please RSVP me via e-mail if you are planning to attend.

Please mark your calendar for our final meeting on Saturday, April 30, for an informative presentation from Illinois author, Bob Raczka. For more information about Mr. Raczka and his books, visit his website www.bobraczka.com. Bob writes picture books about art, and will share ways to incorporate art into your language arts lessons.

I anticipate many of you will be attending the 43rd Annual Illinois Reading Conference, March 17-19 and will look for you there! Encourage your colleagues to attend the conference with you, and if not already a BRC member, to join our local chapter to take advantage of many other literacy opportunities and benefits.

Berni



Please welcome these members to Black Hawk Reading Council who share our goal of bringing quality literacy opportunities to all:

Jeanne Anderson Shelley Atkinson Corrie Ball Samantha Beresid
Michael Carton Gloria Funia Lorie Gibson Melanie Hergert
Maggie Hyde Amy Kreiser Sarah Manecke Amy Moon Randy Musser
Diane Olson Dee Robb Shelley Newcomb Dee Robb Marilyn Sieben
Staci Sipp Ann Spence Ashley Stern Jenna Thompson Anne Wood

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.

IRC has joined Scholastic, Inc. in their global literacy campaign, **Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.** Visit the Scholastic website that has valuable resources for parents and teachers, including The Reading Bill of Rights: A Child's Right to Read; literacy events for schools, including free webcasts exclusively for schools; and for everyone.

You are What You Read: A Community About Books where you can share your BookPrint and the FIVE books that shaped your life. You can also share what literacy and reading in the 21st Century means to you.

www.scholastic.com/readeveryday

Illinois Young Authors Conference

New!!! ILLC and IRC are cosponsoring the 37th Annual Illinois Young Authors Conference on May 21, 2011 at ISU in Normal, Illinois. Registration materials are available now and due by April 4, 2011!

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/yac.html



Art from Brodart book wholesaler catalog.

HERO by Mike Lupica

In a major departure from his usual sports fiction, the author writes a high-concept, high-octane action thriller. When the father he idolizes dies in a covert government operation, 14-year-old Billy Har-

riman is determined to find out who killed him, and why. With major issues unresolved at the end, a sequel is sure to come for this surefire hit. **Gr. 6-10**

Looking for a Good Book?

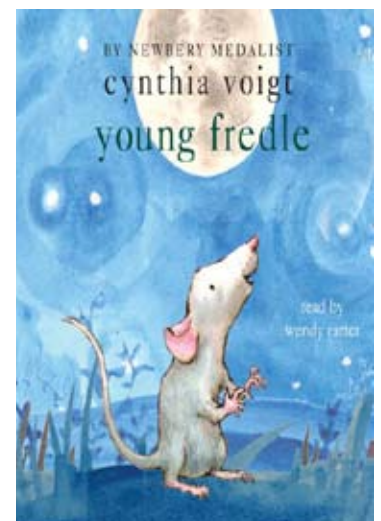
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip Stead

Friends come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. In Amos McGee's case, all sorts of species, too! Every day he spends a little bit of time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company, and reading bedtime stories to the owl. But when Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo, his animal friends decide it's time they returned the favor. **Primary**

Young Fredle by Cynthia Voigt

In award-winning author Cynthia Voigt's latest novel, Young Fredle, a brave little house mouse ends up alone in the great outdoors, where he discovers the beauty of stars and buttercup, and the pleasure of doing things for himself.

Intermediate

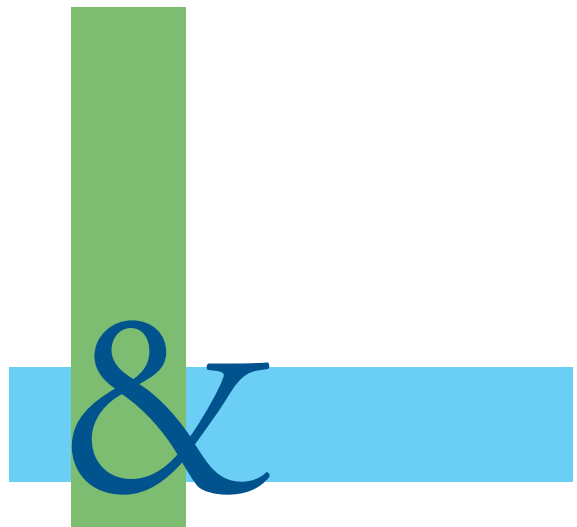


“Wine, Dine, Share a Line”

February 19, 2011 11:00 am

Lavender Crest Winery, Colona

After book study groups have concluded, this meeting will bring together all groups to discuss what they've learned while enjoying the first glass provided by BRC. Join us whether you've read the books or not. See the flyer for website link and directions.



“The Language of Art with Bob Raczka”

April 30, 2011 9:00 am

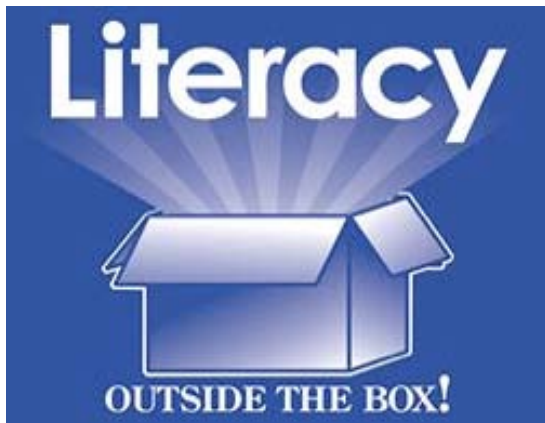
Eugene Field School, Rock Island

Bob Raczka, author of many books connecting great to children's lives, will present his beautiful books and ways to share the amazing art with your students. You will be pleasantly surprised!



For the first time ever, BRC has its own graphic tee in two color combinations-black with bright lime or turquoise with bright lime. The shirts will be available at each meeting for \$10 in sizes M-2X. E-mail Berni if you'd like one in each color :)

2011 IRC Conference



Literacy Outside the Box! March 17-19, 2011 Springfield, Illinois

Follow IRC Conference developments and get to know the speakers even better by following the IRC Conference blog at literacyoutsidethebox.blogspot.com.

Or join the IRC Ning to view the Final Program Book, handouts from featured speakers and presenters, or to network with other educators at <http://illinoisreadingcouncil.ning.com/>.



<http://www.microsoft.com/education/teachers/guides/freetools.aspx>

Microsoft offers **free** tools to help engage students in a variety of subject areas—from art to music to science and beyond. Teachers can use these interactive tools to encourage self-directed learning or to create fun, dynamic group projects. The tools are simple to download from the Web. For the most part, they don't require special training, so you can start using them quickly and help your students do the same.

3 of the FREE TOOLS:

- AutoMovie, an innovative feature, lets you create a polished movie complete with transitions and music minute.
- Take your class on a virtual field trip to the Sphinx in Egypt or the Louvre in Paris and let them explore in in about a 3-D.
- More teachers are using photo storytelling to start their lessons. Have students create digital slideshows using Microsoft Photo Story, instead of dioramas in an old shoebox.

Linking Literacy and Technology

Joint Meeting of Rock Island Computing Educators and Black Hawk Reading Council
September 9, 2010

Examples of integrating digital pictures and literacy:

- Environmental Alphabet books; Environmental Print Books
- Parts of Speech; Vocabulary
- Poetry
- Descriptive writing
- Predictable, simple text books: I am reading.; I am writing.
- English/Spanish Picture Dictionaries
- Nonfiction Science Sequence Stories
- Idioms Come Alive

Brainstormed list of additional literacy uses:

- Take pictures of story elements that books they have read (setting, problem, solution, rising/falling action, climax, etc.)
- YouTube/TeacherTube videos of student book recommendations (fiction and nonfiction)
- Take pictures of students during activities (once a month) to create photo journals
- Geometry/Shape walk (math)
- Curriculum 21 by Heide Hayes Jacobs
- Storyboarding and Graphic Organizers
- How-to books, showing process
- Fractured fairy tales with captions in pictures
- Emotions, empathy, vocabulary related to this topic
- Blogging, wikis, ePals sharing personal connections to literature
- Author's page with pictures
- Rhyming pictures
- Primary Sources
- Picture QAR
- Where my feet have gone? Flat Stanley digitally
- Storytelling—look at a picture, create a story, tell what happened before, or after, etc.
- Sequencing pictures
- Pizza party fractions, write story problems
- Photos of measurements, what is appropriate measurement for situation
- Make photo books with art, digital images, captions
- 10 apples, counting photos from different vantage points.
- Collaborative projects like Kidlink or iEarn, etc.

See the following website for samples and handouts 101 Simple Digital Photo Activities & Projects for K-5 Students; trade books for inspiration and introduction of digital photography projects:

www.rockdale.k12.ga.us/personal/mholbrook/dig_photos/default.aspx

We hear the silent auction items are amazing...Try to support this event sponsored by the Bi-State Literacy Council!

A novel evening
THE 14TH ANNUAL
Winter Blast for Literacy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011
5:00 TO 9:00 P.M.
STONE CREEK INN
101 18TH ST., MOLINE, IL

PASTA BUFFET, DESSERT, CASH BAR
RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION

MAGIC BY NATE STANIFORTH

TICKETS PURCHASED IN ADVANCE:
\$25 FOR BS LC MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
TICKETS PURCHASED AT THE DOOR:
\$25 FOR BS LC MEMBERS; \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS

SCHEDULE

5:45 P.M. PASTA BUFFET OPENS
6:15 P.M. & 7:15 P.M. MAGIC SHOW BY NATE STANIFORTH
8:00 P.M. LIVE AUCTION
8:30 P.M. SILENT AUCTION CLOSES
RAFFLES DRAWN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

RSVP

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Join Us For Our Next Meeting!

“Wine, Dine, Share a Line”

Saturday,
February 19, 2011
11:00 am



[Lavender Crest Winery](#)
5401 U.S. Highway 6
Colona, Illinois 61241
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Plan on joining us for:

- Great conversation about our love of literacy!
- Learn new and reaffirm existing thinking!
- Network with members!
- Meet colleagues and future friends!
- Refreshments and door prizes!



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