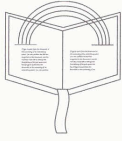


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Want to help?
We want you to
have a voice in
our plans – join
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Contact us at:
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President Message

Dear CIRC Members,

Hello to all new and returning members of the Central Illinois Reading Council! Hope you had a relaxing summer and a smooth transition into the new school year. I am excited to be the new president of CIRC. Currently, I teach second grade at Auburn Elementary School after teaching third grade for two years and Pre-K for one year. I have served on the reading council board since 2006 and have met many wonderful people over that time. CIRC has a fantastic membership and one of the largest in the state of Illinois!

This summer Jelinda and I attended the Illinois Reading Council Leadership Conference at Grand Bear Lodge (next to Starved Rock National Park) in Utica, IL. We met some great people from other reading councils in Illinois. Over three days, they shared enlightening ideas about increasing membership, organizing fun and exciting events, and grants that are available to members. Everyone's enthusiasm was contagious and we came back with some great ideas. Thanks to the IRC for keeping the local councils great!

We have a terrific year planned. We kicked off the year with a Literary Fiesta at Los Agaves Restaurant in Springfield in August where we enjoyed appetizers, drinks, door prizes, and camaraderie. On October 8th, we learned how to prepare a Poetry Suitcase with Pam Nelson. We will celebrate Ben Franklin's birthday on January 16th with cookies, milk, and photos with Ben Franklin for our members and their families followed by a Chat with Ben Franklin. We will host our annual Scholastic ½ Price Book Sale at the end of January. We will continue to provide Books for Babies through St. John's Hospital to promote reading to young children.

I encourage you to become more involved and have more of a voice in your local council. Look inside to find opportunities you can share your personal experiences, background knowledge, opinions, and network with other members. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

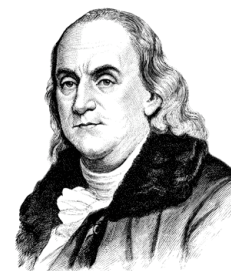
Happy Reading,

Terri Colyer, President

2009-10 Schedule of Events

CHAT WITH BEN FRANKLIN

Saturday, January 16, 2010
Lincoln Library
326 South 7th Street, Springfield



10:30 a.m. – *Meet & Greet Ben Franklin*

CIRC Members & their families can have cookies, milk, and pictures taken with Ben Franklin.

11:00 a.m. – *A Chat with Ben Franklin*

Ben Franklin will share information about his two birthdays, family life, inventions, community work, and politics. He will also share the impact that reading has had on his life. His presentation is enjoyable for all ages.

To register your family, contact Terri Colyer at
circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org

SCHOLASTIC ½ PRICE BOOK SALE

Capital Area Career Center
2201 Toronto Road, Springfield

January 29, 2010 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
January 30, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to work at the book sale. Volunteers are paid \$10 an hour in books. If you are interested, please contact us at circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

IRC Reading Conference
March 18-20, 2010
Springfield, IL

“Lighting the Way to Literacy”

Featuring: Jan Brett
Andrew Clements
Judy Schachner
...and many more!

Register at: www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Idea Fair 2010

Share your great ideas with other teachers at the 2010 Idea Fair.

We are looking for teachers who are willing to submit their ideas, games, websites, or time to share with others on April 29, 2010.

Contact Terri at circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

How can I be involved in CIRC?

There are 32 local reading councils in the state of Illinois. The Central Illinois Reading Council has one of the largest memberships! We would like your help to make our council not only the largest, but the best! Here are a just a few ways you can help us reach our goal:

- Submit ideas for events to board members
- Attend board meetings & give input
- Volunteer to read at a community event
- Help fold and label newsletters
- Be a contact person in your building
- Work at $\frac{1}{2}$ price book sale
- Suggest locations for holding events or meetings at a reasonable price
 - Offer contact information
- Suggest food vendors who offer reasonable prices
- Suggest Speakers
 - Community members
 - Professionals working on master's degrees
 - Educators with excellent ideas
- Serve on a committee, short and long-term
- Obtain donations for door prizes
- Share your great ideas with other teachers at the Idea Fair 2010!

We would love to get Carousel of Ideas going again as well! If you or anyone you know would be interested in speaking, helping us plan the event, or work the day of the event, please contact any board member.

Thank you for your help!!!!

Websites

Illinois Reading Council

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

This site has information about our local council and councils all over the state. There are monthly schedules for each council, information about the reading conference in Springfield, grants and awards offered by IRC, and the state IRC Communicator publication. Be sure to enter the static sticker contest before January 15, 2008!

International Reading Association

www.reading.org

IRA has endless quick links to useful educational resources. It has information about worldwide conferences, publications, teaching tools, education articles, and opportunities to win 40 awards and grants.

Spelling City

www.spellingcity.com

This website allows teachers to type in their spelling lists, high frequency words, word wall words, or any words to help your students in their reading. The students can log-in at home and study those words, play games, or test themselves.

Troy Hill School, Beth Newingham, 3rd Grade Teacher

<http://hill.troy.k12.mi.us/staff/bnewingham/myweb3/index.htm>

This website has some fantastic literacy links including Reading and Writing Workshop ideas, Guided Reading Ideas, Literacy Bulletin Boards, and Literacy Centers. You can download the games already made up and they are ready to use with very little assembly!

Please send us your favorite websites with a short description to:
circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

Breast Feeding Walk

On Saturday, August 1st, the Central Illinois Reading Council attended the West Central Illinois Breast Feeding Walk at the Henson Robinson Zoo. CIRC gave 100 books, Giraffe's Can't Dance, to families who attended the walk. It was a wonderful event to encourage family involvement while promoting breast-feeding. Any leftover books were donated to St. John's Hospital.

CIRC Membership

You can now apply or re-new your Central Illinois Reading Council/Illinois Reading Council membership online at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. Click on Membership on the left hand side.

Central Illinois Reading Council Grant Proposal

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 29, 2009

Name _____ Date _____

CIRC Membership # _____ Expiration Date _____

Address _____
(city, state, zip code)

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

School/ Position _____

Have you received the CIRC grant in the past 3 years? _____
(Grant distribution depends on the number of applicants; preference will be given to new grant recipients or those who have not submitted a successful proposal for the past 3 years.)

Grant Award Rubric

Criteria	1	2	3
Need	Little justification or support of literacy goals	Some justification & support of literacy goals	Well-defined need & clear support of literacy goals
Description	Information is incomplete	Information is brief, adequate	Information is complete & comprehensive
Budget	Total amount(s) only; no budget breakdown	Budget outline is included	Budget is specific & realistic
Evaluation	No interest in sharing project results	Willing to share project results	Willing to share project results & project is likely to be replicated by others

Please include the following information in your grant proposal.

I. Title of the Project

II. Rational

What is/ are the goal(s) of you project? How does your project support literacy?

III. Budget

- A. Materials/ Supplies (please list)
- B. Other expenses
- C. Total Cost

IV. Description

How will your project be conducted? (e.g., number of students involved/ affected; timeline to complete the project; materials to be used)

V. Evaluation/ Replication

Would you be willing to share the products/ results of your project with other CIRC members? _____

Please indicate how: _____ brief presentation
_____ display at meeting
_____ newsletter article

Please send applications to: Terri Colyer
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