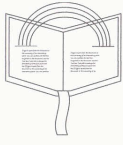


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Want to help?

- \*Join CIRC Board
- \*Join a committee
- \*Come to our events!

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circ@illinoisreading  
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centralilreading.word  
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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 returning as president of CIRC. CIRC has a fantastic membership and is still one of the largest in the state of Illinois!

Jelinda and I attended the Illinois Reading Council Leadership Conference at Grand Bear Lodge. We interacted with fantastic people from other reading councils in Illinois and met our new IRC officers. 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 are celebrating CIRC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Wine Social at It's All About Wine in Springfield on September 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us in the celebration to enjoy appetizers, drinks, door prizes, and camaraderie. Everyone who attends will receive a free book! Bring a friend for another chance to win additional prizes. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, we have planned a Mini-Workshop at UIS targeting Pre-Service teachers although anyone is welcome to attend. We will have sessions on Preparing & Interpreting ISAT Tests, Parent-Teacher Conferences, RTI, and Classroom Management. Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Scholastic ½ Price Book Sale will be held the last weekend of January at CACC. This fundraiser allows us to continue providing books for babies and new moms through St. John's Hospital to promote reading to young children. Finally, we wrap up our year with a visit from the author, David Schwartz, in March. I am so excited about his visit. We've heard some great reviews!

CIRC is a terrific council! Our goal this year is to earn the Council of Excellence Award to be awarded at the IRC Reading Conference. I challenge you to become more involved in our council by joining one of our new committees. Have a great school year. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Happy Reading,

Terri Colyer, President

## 2011 – 2012 Schedule of

### CENTRAL IL READING COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL **WINE SOCIAL**

- Date:** Thursday, September 15, 2011
- Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.\*  
\*Door Prizes at 6:30
- Location:** It's All About Wine  
1305 Wabash Avenue, Springfield
- Cost:** Free for members & joining members  
\$5.00 - Non-members



Join us for appetizers, chocolate, wine, and door prizes. All attendees will receive a free book.

Reservations preferred to Andrea at 498-8075 or [circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

Bring a friend for more chances to win prizes!

#### SCHOLASTIC ½ PRICE BOOK SALE

Capital Area Career Center  
2201 Toronto Road, Springfield

January 27, 2012 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
January 28, 2012 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](mailto:circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org).

IRC Reading Conference  
March 15 - 17, 2012  
Springfield, IL

“Literacy in the Land of  
Lincoln”

Featuring:

Register at: [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

# PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS ROUND TABLE

Prepare and  
Interpret ISAT

parent-Teacher  
Conferences

## RTI

Classroom  
Management

Data Driven  
Assessments

- Date:** Wednesday, October 5th  
**Time:** 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Univ. of IL at Springfield, Brookens Auditorium  
One University Plaza, Springfield  
**Cost:** Free to anyone who would like to attend
- Hope you can enjoy us for the free workshops,  
as well as door prizes and snacks.

Central IL Reading Council Invites you to meet

## DAVID SCHWARTZ

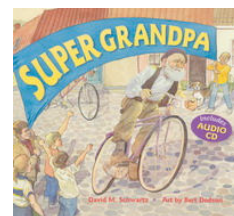
- When:** Tuesday March 15, 2011  
**When:** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Looking for a great location if you have an idea!



Check out his website at:

[www.davidschwartz.com](http://www.davidschwartz.com)

Look for more information to come!!!



# New Committee's Forming!

## Which one can you help with?

### Parents & Reading Committee

- \*Help label & distribute books to the hospital for Books for Babies program
- \*Research new board books for program
- \*Encourage reading between parents and children

### Newspapers in Education

- \*Coordinate with local newspapers to encourage literacy
- \*Encourage classroom activities using newspaper

### Publicity

- \*Assist in preparation & distribution of CIRC newsletter
- \*Assist in maintaining web blog, website, or face book
- \*Assist in publicizing CIRC events

### Governmental Relations/Legislative

- \*Learn about new legislation intended to support or improve reading education
- \*Make contact with local legislators about our events
- \*Provide membership with legislative contacts

### Membership

- \*Promote membership at local, state, and national levels
- \*Help plan and implement membership activities

### Adult & Family Literacy

- \*Address issues dealing with literacy of adult learners, children, & family
- \*Help plan programs or provide information to promote literacy in families

### International Projects

- \*Help address illiteracy issues in Third World Countries
- \*Encourage others to become involved in international projects to increase literacy in countries where illiteracy is a problem.
- \*Coordinate with state committee to assist in Zambia project

Most committee work can be completed by phone or e-mails.

Won't you join today? **Thank you for your help!!!!**

Call or e-mail Terri at 217-483-3122 or [circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:circ@illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

## 2009 CIRC Grant Award Winners

### Donuts with Dad

Every year, like most schools in my district, we have a family engagement event that is specifically geared towards fathers. Ours is titled "Donuts with Dad" and it was held on a cold January morning this year. At Feitshans Academy we feel that we are at the point with our families that they are ready to learn more about how to better help their children at home, so we decided to do something a little different this year. We wanted to help our fathers learn how to effectively read with their child. Our first step was to find a book that would easily help us illustrate this. Since our school is comprised of predominately African-American students, we wanted to choose a book the students and fathers could relate to. We chose the book, When I Am Old With You. After rereading the book multiple times, I picked about seven spots in the book that would be good stopping points for questions. I then typed those questions onto labels, and put the labels onto the corresponding pages of each book. This way, the fathers would know the stopping points and the questions to use. At the actual event, after everyone had time to enjoy their donuts and juice, we began our program. We had one of our own male teachers do a demonstration with a small group of students, where he read about half of our selected book, stopping at certain spots and asking those selected questions. Each family had received a bag with the book in it as they walked in, so they were able to follow along with the demonstration and finish reading the book after it was complete. As I walked around during the event, I felt as though families were engaged and that they did understand the point we were trying to get across, the importance of making sure the child comprehends while they read with them. Most of all, it looked as though the fathers were enjoying spending time with their child. Many thanks go to CIRC for giving us the funds needed in order to make this the successful event that it was.

### Buddy Reading with Preschool

As a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, I noticed a lot of my students had trouble with fluency. I had taught preschool for ten years and decided to talk to one of the preschool teachers in my building to see if my students could come every other week for 10-15 minutes to read picture books to her students. The preschool teacher needed older students to model good behavior and increase her students' exposure to more books. We picked out the books that were age appropriate and new to the students.

At first, all the students were shy and quiet. Now, the students at both levels love the activity. The older students have improved greatly on fluency and behave perfectly when in the preschool room while the preschool students love listening to the books and wave to the older students in the hallway. The preschool students now run to my students and give them more books to read! My students have also learned to ask the preschool students questions, play I spy and other games when reading.

Even with the loss of the preschool classes for next year, we will ask a kindergarten class to be our buddies. All the students love the books and I hope to get more classrooms involved in buddy reading.

### Other Grants Funded:

\*Read Naturally Program

\*Start up books for Kindergarten Listening Center

# Central Illinois Reading Council Grant Proposal

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 30, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CIRC Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, 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 goal needs	Some justification & support of literacy goal needs	Well-defined & clear support of literacy goal needs
Rational of Goal	The goal of the project does not enhance literacy goals.	The goal of the project somewhat enhances literacy goals.	The goal of the project clearly enhances 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 plan or process for evaluating success of project	Evaluation process not clearly defined. Unclear purpose of evaluation tool.	Evaluation process clear and measurable in determining success of project

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 enhance literacy in the intended audience? For confidentiality purposes, please do **not** include your name or the name of your school in your write up.

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

How will you evaluate the success of your program? What would you keep the same or what changes would you make if continued or repeated?

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

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