

East Central - EIU Reading Council Newsletter



January 2008

WINTER MEETING – February 6, 2008 (Wednesday)

Featuring: “Life (and books) after Harry Potter”

by Judy Looby

Director of Youth Services

Charleston Carnegie Public Library

7:00 p.m. Charleston/Mattoon Room

Martin Luther King, Jr., University Union (EIU)

It may seem to all of the avid Harry Potter fans that life (and reading) as we know it ended with the publication of the last Harry Potter book last July. But, Judy Looby has good news! Life (and reading) does go on. She will be sharing new fiction and non-fiction titles for children in grades K-6. Judy will also highlight some websites to help Harry Potter fans make the transition to other wonderful books. And, of course, there are ideas for non-Harry fans as well.

Great News! EC-EIU Scholarship Increased to \$500!

Special recognition is due to the Student Reading Council for contributing additional monies (\$200) toward the East Central - EIU Reading Council Scholarship. A scholarship of \$300 has been awarded annually to an Eastern Illinois University student, but these additional funds will increase the Scholarship Award in 2008 to \$500!

The recipient shall be a junior or senior majoring in early childhood, elementary or middle level education with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. He/She shall be a person of outstanding character whose actions and conduct reflect the East Central - EIU Reading Council's sincere dedication to education as a career and a profession. The individual selected must be a member in good standing of the East Central - EIU Reading Council. Financial need shall be a consideration.

Students may apply for the scholarship by completing the application form that is available on the Department of EC/ELE/MLE website:

www.eiu.edu/~eemedu/undergraduate/studentresources.php

Scholarship applications are to be submitted to Buzzard Hall (Room 2220)

by 4:00 p.m. on February 22, 2008.

LEADERS AS READERS

The members of the East Central – EIU Reading Council sponsored a “Leaders As Readers” booth at the Cross County Mall in Mattoon during the Festival of the Young Child last year. Our Council plans to do so again at this year’s Festival on April 19, 2008 and we hope to expand this effort to promote literacy activities for young children. In addition to featuring local readers, we would like to be able to hold drawings and give away copies of the books that are read by the community leaders.

If you would like to nominate a local community leader to serve as a reader or would be interested in assisting with this community literacy project, please contact Tina Golchert who is coordinating the event (217-234-8463 or cagolchert@yahoo.com).

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EAST CENTRAL – EIU READING COUNCIL CALENDAR (2007 – 2008)

COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2008 – Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Charleston/Mattoon Room
Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union (EIU)
“Life (and books) after Harry Potter”
Judy Looby, Director of Youth Services
Charleston Carnegie Public Library

CALL FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS!

If you want to be more involved in the EC-EIU Reading Council
and would consider becoming a member of the Executive Board,
please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, April Compton,
at (217) 276-0312 or compt832001@yahoo.com.

ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL CONFERENCE

March 13-15, 2008 (Springfield, IL)
“Literacy: Unleash the Power”
<http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/conference.html>

SPRING LITERACY EVENT

April 19, 2008 – Saturday
“Leaders As Readers”
Cross County Mall (Mattoon, IL)

COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2008 – Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Charleston/Mattoon Room
Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union (EIU)
“Picture Storybooks: A Hidden Treasure”
Gail Huizinga & Sue Johnson
Homewood, IL

INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 4-8, 2008 (Atlanta, GA)
“Engaging Learners in Literacy”
www.reading.org

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Bring a friend to a Council Meeting!

DOOR PRIZES!

Don't miss the opportunity to win one of the following new books (hardback copies) that will be given away as door prizes at the February 6th Council Meeting!

- The Cheese (Palatini)
- Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings (Florian)
- Edward's Eyes (MacLachlan)

COUNCIL BY-LAW REVISIONS

The By-Laws Committee (April Flood, Tina Golchert and Linda Reven) presented recommended changes at the Executive Board meeting held on Monday, October 29, 2007. In an effort to eliminate the costs associated with mailing copies of the proposed changes to council members, the Executive Board posted the proposed by-law revisions on the EIU Student Reading Council website (<http://www.eiu.edu/~reading/>). If any member would prefer to receive a hard copy of this document, please notify Linda Reven at (217) 581-7883.

Voting on the proposed by-law changes will take place at the February 6, 2008 council meeting. According to guidelines in the current by-laws, "Amendments may be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the Council provided a quorum has been declared" (East Central – EIU Reading Council By-Laws, Article XII, Section 2).

Websites

EC-EIU STUDENT READING COUNCIL: <http://www.eiu.edu/~reading>

ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL: <http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org>

INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION: <http://www.reading.org>

