



**Fox Valley Reading Council**  
**Newsletter**  
An Affiliate of the Illinois Reading  
Council

Winter 2008

## A Message from Your Presidents...

Hello winter! As we all prepare to settle in for the winter months, it is time to stock up on some good reading materials for those cold days and nights. The winter months are also a great time to plan an evening out with colleagues at a Fox Valley Reading Council workshop. Our winter presentation will be on the evening of February 4, 2008. Our speaker will be Ani Baehl and she will be talking about Navigating the ISAT: Reading and Writing Tests. We will be serving a box dinner from Panera, hot chocolate and cider. There will be a variety of door prizes given away during the evening. If you have a student teacher please invite them to the event for FREE. Yes, they can attend the event, interact with teachers from a variety of school districts, and win free door prizes!

**Please plan to join us for a warm winter evening of conversation, dinner and door prizes!**

### What America's Reading: Barnes and Nobles Top 10 List

- 1) Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
- 2) An Inconvenient Book by Glenn Beck
- 3) Boom! by Tom Brokaw
- 4) For One More Day by Mitch Albom
- 5) The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden
- 6) T Is for Trespass by Sue Grafton
- 7) A Family Christmas by Caroline Kennedy
- 8) I am America ( And So Can You!) by Stephen Colbert
- 9) His Dark Materials Boxed Set by Phillip Pullman
- 10) Good Dog. Stay. by Anna Quindlen

Happy Reading!

Amy Kappel & Amy Stuckey  
Co-Presidents

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## **Victory Literacy projects needs you!**

We are looking for anyone interested in making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

We have the families, we have the literacy center but we need **YOU** to make the difference.

If you are interested in volunteering a little or a lot please contact Sue Sokolinski at 630-881-7299. Thank You!

## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye.....A Call for Presenters, Again**

In recent years our council has hosted authors, speakers, and teachers and all have spoken passionately about their topic. Each presented us with practical advice and ideas that we could take back into our classrooms the very next day. Our council has been very fortunate to have had all these wonderful presenters willing to share their knowledge and expertise with us. However, I know within our own council we have passionate presenters who have ideas that we all need to hear as well.

If you have presented at the IRC conference, the ROE, the IRA conference, or any other recognized association then **WE WANT YOU!** We are looking for presenters who can speak to some of the Hot Topics in education right now, fluency, coaching, reading workshop, writing, parent involvement, word work, etc. If you have presented on any of these topics and would like to present to your fellow council members please let me know.

Each presentation needs to be approximately 60-90 minutes long. Any AV equipment can be provided as long as we have enough notice. Any handouts would need to be provided by the presenter. If you have a presentation that you would like to share please send me a summary and then I will get in contact with you so we can arrange the details.

Share What You Know, It's How We Grow!

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## **IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!**

We are in the process of gathering candidates interested in being considered as an Officer for the Fox Valley Reading Council Board for 2008-2009. We have the following positions available for next year: Vice President, Membership, Treasurer, and Media/ Newsletter. Being an officer provides you with the opportunity to be leader in education! It is a great way to meet local and state reading experts and be involved with one of the best state reading councils (IRC) in the country. Please consider being an officer and continuing to support the future of our local reading council!

## **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- February 4, 2008: ISAT Presentation @ Longwood Elementary School  
March 3, 2008: NEA Read Across America Day  
March 13-15, 2008: IRC Reading Conference in Springfield, IL -Literacy /Unleash the Power

## **Literacy Unleash the Power Highlights**

If you are planning on attending the Illinois Reading Conference in Springfield then you are in for quite a treat! If you have not registered yet there is plenty of time and you can conveniently sign up on-line at the IRC website. Here are a few of the names you can expect to see in Springfield this year.

Brian Selznick, Sally Walker, Ralph Fletcher, Christopher Paul Curtis, Regie Routman, W. Nikola-Lisa, Richard Gentry and many, many more outstanding national and local authors and educators.

Fox Valley Reading Council  
Proudly Presents:  
**Ani Baehl**

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**Navigating the ISAT:  
Reading and Writing Tests**

Monday, February 4, 2008

5:30-7:30pm

Longwood Elementary School

30W240 Bruce Lane

Naperville, IL 60543

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Ani Baehl is currently an ELL/Bilingual Teacher and Curriculum Leader at Washington School (District 200) in Wheaton. She has taught 3rd grade for 4 years. Ani is involved in staff professional development and teacher coaching throughout the district. She has a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus in ELL and Bilingual Education. Ani is completing her administrative degree this year at DePaul University.

Her topic this evening will give an ISAT overview. She will review state standard correlations and frameworks. Discuss extended response and strategies along with an overview of writing. There will also be a question and answer session.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost:	FVRC Members	\$15.00	_____
	Non-members	\$20.00	_____
	Students	FREE	_____

The above price includes registration and dinner from Panera.

Please send registration and money by 1/30/08 to:

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