




Fox Valley Reading Council Newsletter

An Affiliate of the Illinois Reading
Council

Winter 2009

A Message from Your Presidents...



 Happy New Year! As 2008 came to end, we reflected on all of the exciting happenings of the Fox Valley Reading Council. Last year was our first year to partner with an amazing group of professors from National-Louis University. This past October we had an all day event at the Lisle campus featuring professors David and Yvonne Freeman. They came from Texas to engage us in learning meaningful ways to work with English Language Learners. We also offered break out sessions related to our topic: English Language Learners. We had wonderful attendance and it was educational for all who came. We look forward to planning another event with the group next year.

In December we had another opportunity to sponsor an event with National-Louis at the Lisle Campus. Internationally recognized author Peter Sis came and spoke about his newest book *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain*. He spoke about his upbringing in Communist Czechoslovakia and the challenge to keep his artistic freedoms and expression alive with a constant battle of government censorship.

On Monday February 9th we have another exciting evening planned. It will be held at the Claddagh Irish Pub in Geneva Commons. Our guest speaker will be Roxanne Owens, president of the Illinois Reading council. She will present on Igniting Family Literacy: Bridging the Gap between Home and School. It should be a fabulous time with learning, collaborating, food and prizes to win.

Thank you to those of you who have logged onto the Illinois Reading Council website to check out our web page and also completing the National Literacy Survey. We would also like to thank our treasurer Kim Oliver who filed taxes for us this year. This is the first year all non-profit groups have had to file to taxes.

Our council's bylaws have been approved by the state but still need to be voted on by our members. They will be posted on the IRC webpage for review. We will be taking a vote to accept them as our bylaws at our next event.

This April look forward to an exciting time with Peggy Sherman as she guides us in a preview of what is up and coming in literacy. At this event we will give a professional development book for those who have attended all three events during the year.

We are very excited about the professional development opportunities we have planned for this year. Please keep in mind we are always looking for other to become involved. Individuals who would like an opportunity to gain professional experience and take a more active role in planning events, please contact Kim Dillon at Kdillon@cusd200.org. We are looking for people interested in serving as a board member. Remember to renew your membership to receive all the benefits of being a member of the Fox Valley Reading council.

Have a Fabulous Beginning to 2009!
Your Presidents,
Kim Dillon and Karen Ringas



Fox Valley Reading Council Presents
“Igniting Family Literacy: Bridging the Gap between Home and School”
Presenter: Roxanne Owens



Roxanne Owens graduated with a Ph.D. in Reading, Writing, and Literacy at the University of Illinois-Chicago. She has been teaching Reading Methods courses and Children’s Literature courses at DePaul University since 1992. Her areas of interest include: Affective Domain, Children’s Literature, Family Literacy, School/University Partnerships, and Technology. Roxanne has been a member of the Illinois Reading Council since the late 1980s and has served as an officer in ICARE (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education) and CIRP (College Instructors of Reading Professionals). She has also served on the IRC journal editorial review board, the IRC Prairie State Author of the Year Committee, and she was the co-chair of the Illinois Author Luncheon at the 2005 IRC Conference. She has been the recipient of several IRC Literacy Support grants, and over a million dollars in federal and private foundation education grants. She was a 2005-2006 nominee for the International Reading Association Teacher Educator of the Year Award. She credits her involvement in the Illinois Reading Council with much of her development as a professional. This year she is the president of the Illinois Reading Council

Date & Time: Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:00pm

Location: Claddagh Irish Pub, Geneva Commons, 1702 Commons Drive, Geneva, IL 60134

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Registration Fee: Fox Valley Reading Council Members \$10.00, Non-members \$15.00

Registration Fee Includes: appetizers and drinks (non-alcoholic), keynote speaker, door prizes, and CPDU’s.

Registration Form

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone Number
Home Street Address	City	State Zip Code
School Phone Number		Email Address

School /District

Mail completed Registration Form and check (\$10 members/15.00 non-members, payable to Fox Valley Reading Council) to: Kim Oliver, 2817 Sun Valley Drive, Plainfield, IL 60586. If you have questions please contact Kim Dillon at kdillon@CUSD200.org

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