



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

A Message from Your Presidents...

Dear Fox Valley Reading Council Members,

Another school year is underway. Where do the summers go? We hope your summer was a relaxing one spent with family, friends, and great books.

Co-president Amy Stuckey was fortunate enough to spend three days at the annual IRC Leadership Retreat at Starved Rock in late June with Karen Ringas and Kim Dillon our Vice Presidents, Karen Johnsen our Director of Membership, and Allison Landstrom the International Committees Chair as well as representatives from other councils around the state. What a great experience! It was a time for us to really focus on what we want to accomplish within our own council, set goals for ourselves, and to come together as a team.

This proves to be another exciting year for the Fox Valley Reading Council. We have rewritten our by-laws that were 33 years old. At our Sunday Cummins event we will be sharing them with you in hopes that we can submit them for final approval with IRC by the end of this year.

The theme for this year's IRC conference in March is "Unleash the Power." A great way for Fox Valley Council members to unleash their power is through active participation in our council and through grant writing. We have a lot of ways for you to get involved with our council, so if you are ready to unleash your power let us know because we have a job for you! Are you aware of the grants available to all IRC members? The IRC Literacy Support Grant is available to anyone who submits a proposal promoting literacy development in their school or community and provides professional development related to improving reading and writing instruction. The International Literacy Grant is awarded to anyone whose proposal promotes international literacy as well as provides professional development that supports reading and writing. Both grant proposals are due May 1, 2008. Look for more information about these and other grants at our evening events.

We are excited about all that this year holds for the Fox Valley Reading Council. Be sure to join us on Tuesday October 23, 2007, as we kick off another great year.

Happy Reading,
 Amy Stuckey & Amy Kappel
 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 need individuals that can open the literacy center on weekdays and weekends.

We need adult literacy volunteers Monday–Friday from 5-6pm.

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

Calling All Presenters

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!

The FVRC Board is in the process of amending our outdated by-laws. The last revision of the by-laws was in 1973, we are long overdue! At our October 23 meeting we will be passing out copies of the updated by-laws for review and approval. Upon approval from our members we will send in our new by-laws to the IRC board for final approval. It is critical that we get as many members as possible voting on these amended by-laws. Please be sure to attend the Sunday Cummins presentation on Tuesday October 23 so you can cast your vote.

E-mail Addresses Needed

We are still in the process of moving our council into the 21st century. As mentioned in this newsletter we are looking for a Website Chair to oversee the Fox Valley Reading Council website. Within this website we would like to be able to post information about upcoming events, information about our community project, as well as highlight members who have gone above and beyond in their service. We also would like to have everyone's e-mail address so we can send electronic updates and reminders.

Please send your e-mail address to: amy@stuckeytech.com so we can add you to our list.



Fox Valley Reading Council
 Proudly Presents:
Sunday Cummins

"I Have No Idea What I Just Read": Helping Students Self-Monitor and Synthesize While Reading Nonfiction Texts.

**Tuesday October 23, 2007
 5:30-8:00pm
 Longwood Elementary School
 30W240 Bruce Lane
 Naperville, IL 60543**

Sunday Cummins is an assistant professor in the Curriculum and Instruction Department at National-Louis University. She has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Teachers College, Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Texas at Austin.

Prior to teaching at National-Louis, Sunday worked in the public schools for 12 years as a middle school special education teacher, a third-grade classroom teacher, a Reading Recovery teacher, and a district literacy coach. Currently she teaches courses on reading and language arts instruction and a course on beginning reading instruction and she serves as a literacy consultant to different districts in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. In addition, she is part of a teacher-researcher team exploring improving the comprehension of English Language Learners through reading response and another team exploring a balanced approach to improving students' comprehension of nonfiction texts.

 Name: _____

e-mail address: _____

Cost:	FVRC Members	\$5.00	_____
	Non-members	\$10.00	_____
	Students	free	_____

Please send registration and money by **10/16/07** to:
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