



Dear Members of the Illinois Reading Council:

The Illinois Council for Affective Reading (ICARE) is accepting nominations for the annual Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award. This award has recently been renamed in honor of Gene Cramer, the founder of ICARE. This award honors an outstanding educator who shows concern for the affective domain of reading and who strives to promote lifelong reading habits among students. The award will be presented at the Illinois Reading Council State Conference in March 2009.

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. Inform IRC members of the award. (Note: The person nominated NEED NOT, be a member of IRC.)
2. Distribute Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award forms.
3. Return form by January 1, 2009 to Larry Pennie, President-Elect of ICARE, 1902 Quail Run Court, Normal, Illinois 61761.
4. The winner, after careful consideration, will be informed by February 1, 2009.
5. The award will be presented at the IRC Conference in March 2009.

Thank you for helping ICARE circulate the message about this award. Please feel free to make copies for your colleagues. We are confident that your enthusiasm and participation in this program will help ICARE and IRC foster the love of reading among all our children in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Larry Pennie  
President-Elect, ICARE

**Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education**  
**GENE CRAMER ICARE FOR READING AWARD**  
**Nomination Form**

The Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education recognizes the importance of educators in modeling the love of reading and the printed word for today's students who are constantly presented with a vast array of other media. Thus, the purpose of the Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award is to honor an educator who has performed in an outstanding manner to show concern for the affective domain and who has promoted lifelong reading habits among students. The award is given annually at the March meeting of ICARE to be held in conjunction with the Illinois Reading Council conference in Springfield.

**CRITERIA**

1. Educator in good standing in the profession.
2. Educator who contributes to the spread of the joy of reading and promotes reading habits among students.
3. Educator who serves as an exemplary model for others in promoting the affective domain of reading.
4. Educator recommended for the award by other educators.

**CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**REASONS FOR NOMINATION**

Please submit your reasons for nominating this educator on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. Provide specific details that illustrate your nominee's qualifications.

**NOMINATOR**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

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