

Illinois Valley Reading Council 🍏 August 2007

Message from the President

Too many books...too little time. How many of you feel this way with summer quickly coming to an end? I know I do.

I want to personally welcome you back to a new school year and an exciting new year with the Illinois Valley Reading Council. The board has worked hard over the summer to select excellent programs and meeting locations for your professional growth and enjoyment.

Your entire board attended the summer Leadership Conference held at Grand Bear Lodge in Utica, IL. We are proud to announce that during the conference, IVRC won in the category of Best Council Idea presented. We were proud to talk about our Make-It-And-Take-It Program we presented last year. We cannot rest on our laurels and have risen to the occasion to present new programs for you this year.

We are excited to present Kathleen March from Anderson's Bookshops in September. Later in the fall, during the month of November, we will be visiting the Mackinaw Valley Winery for a tour, tasting, and book discussion of Reading Essentials by Regie Routman. The year will be concluded with our last meeting in February with the Illinois Reading Council's past president, Pam Nelson, doing a presentation of poetry in the classroom.

I am very excited about this year and feel very fortunate to be a part of this wonderful professional organization. I encourage you to take advantage of the events IVRC is sponsoring this year. Spread the word, share your newsletter, and bring a colleague, parent, pre-service teacher, or a friend with you to the events. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting September 20th!

Sincerely,

Stacey Nannen
IVRC President





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New ideas and suggestions are always welcomed!
Please do not hesitate to contact us.



We are proud to present our programs for 2007 - 2008:

September 20, 2007

Kathleen March from Anderson's Bookshops will be presenting new titles of interest to be used in the classroom, professional development books, and books for pure enjoyment of reading. Joy us for a fun evening of book reviews, browsing, and buying!

Location: First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street, Pekin, IL
309-347-3155

November 15, 2007

We are excited to present an evening of wine tasting and good book conversation. This event will be held at the Mackinaw Valley Winery. It will consist of a winery tour, tasting and small break-out discussion groups of Regie Routman's book Reading Essentials. This book will be available for purchase at our September meeting so you will have time to read it and come prepared to intellectually discuss it with your colleagues in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Location: Mackinaw Valley Vineyard, 33633 Rt. 9, Mackinaw, IL
(4 miles east of Mackinaw, south side of Rt. 9) Ph. 309-359-9463

February 21, 2008

Join us, as we invite the Illinois Reading Council's past president, Pam Nelson, to give a presentation on using poetry in the classroom. This should be a fun and enlightening evening.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street, Pekin, IL
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Mark your calendars now!



You are cordially invited to
 "FALL"
 in love with some good books

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5:00 p.m. Registration
 5:30 p.m. Meeting and a light dinner will be served
 6:00 p.m. Program begins - FREE to members
 \$10.00 fee for Non-members

Please RSVP so that we know how many will be in attendance and how much food to provide. RSVP by Thursday, September 13th to Stacey Nannen nannens@delavanschools.com or 309-347-1207. You may also mail this form to Stacey Nannen, 1207 Arthur Street, Pekin, IL 61554-1721.

Make Checks Payable to: Illinois Valley Reading Council

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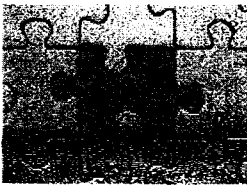
Illinois Valley Reading Council Classifieds



We're looking for volunteers to serve on the IRC committees:

- Parents and Reading
- Newspaper in Education
- Membership Chairman
- Adult And Family Literacy

Please e-mail or phone the IVRC President - Stacey Nannen if you are interested or have questions about the responsibilities involved with each committee. She can be reached at nannens@delavanschools.com or 309-347-1207. Only through volunteers can our council grow stronger.



Join the Fun / Invite a Friend

The Illinois Valley Reading Council is the local chapter of the Illinois Reading Council. We are committed to supporting and encouraging literacy projects, activities and teaching in our schools and community.

Benefits of belonging to the Illinois Valley Reading Council include:

- Sensational local events that are FREE or low - cost to council members
- Networking opportunities with other teachers
- Membership in the Illinois Reading Council
- Reduced registration fee to attend the IRC conference in March
- Quarterly newsletters and journals from the Illinois Reading Council
- Access to the IRC Library - a great resource of hundreds of books dealing with classroom issues and professional development

Contact the Illinois Reading Council, 1210 Fort Jesse Road, Suite B2, Normal, IL 61761; or e-mail: irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org; or phone: 1-888-454-1341 / 309-454-1341; or fax: 309-454-3512. The website, www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org, has downloadable membership forms, as well as, information about events and links to helpful websites.