

ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL JOURNAL





ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL JOURNAL



ISSN #1082-555X

Editor

Kathy Barclay
Western Illinois University

Assistant Editor

H. Jon Jones
Western Illinois University

Associate Editors

Laurel Borgia
Pamela Terry Godt
Melissa Stinnett
Western Illinois University

Carol Owles
Illinois State University

Ronda J. Brown
Millikin University

Laurie Elish-Piper
Northern Illinois University

Jennifer Berne
Sunday Cummins
Sophie Degener
Ruth Quiroa
National-Louis University

Janet L. Pariza
Northeastern Illinois University

Deborah Augsburger
Lewis University

Winter 2011-2012

Volume 40, Number 1

Editorial Advisory Board

Jennifer Aldred-Berry
West 40 ISC #2, LaGrange Park, IL

Diana Brannon
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL

Valerie Cawley
Judson University, Elgin, IL

Debra Sue Coet-Hanna
North Greene District #3, Pittsfield, IL

Boomer Crotty
Joliet Junior College and District 86 Lynne Thigpen
Elementary School, Joliet, IL

Bonnie Diamond
Aptakisic-Tripp School District 102, Buffalo Grove, IL

Demetra Disotuar
Evanston-Skokie School District 65, Evanston, IL

Lori Fanello
Regional Office of Education, Loves Park, IL

Peter J. Fisher
National-Louis University, Park Ridge, IL

Sandra Gandy
Governors State University, University Park, IL

Mary Gardner
Oregon CUSD 220, Oregon, IL

Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley
Champaign Unit 4 Schools, Champaign, IL

Lara J. Handsfield
Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Sherelene A. Harris
Chicago State University, Chicago, IL

Jerry L. Johns
Author and Consultant, Sycamore, IL

Lynn Keck
Rock Island School District 41, Rock Island, IL

Terry Krehbiel
Macomb Senior High School, Macomb, IL

Barbara Kurth
West 40 Illinois Service Center #2, La Grange Park, IL

Susan L'Allier
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Steven L. Layne
Judson University, Elgin, IL

Barb Mazzolini
Community High School District 99, Downers Grove, IL
Benedictine University, Lisle, IL

Katherine S. McKnight
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

Samantha Morley
Indian Prairie School District 204, Naperville, IL

Mary Kay Moskal
St. Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

Linda Oshita
Rockford Public Schools, District 205, Rockford, IL

Mildred M. Pearson
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Carole Pelttari
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Margaret Policastro
Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

Jennifer Preschern
Northshire Shore District 112, Highwood, IL

Debra Rigney-Hays
Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center, Macomb, IL

Jeffery L. Siddall
College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL

Jeannine N. Staunton
Northbrook/Glenview School District 30, Northbrook, IL

Frances Steward
Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

A. Gillian Stewart-Wells
Judson University, Elgin, IL

Amy Stuckey
Indian Prairie School District #204, Naperville, IL

Donna E. Werderich
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Janet L. Wicker
McKendree College, Lebanon, IL

Linda Wold
Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Chyrese S. Wolf
Chicago State University, Chicago, IL

ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL JOURNAL

Volume 40, Number 1 Winter 2011-2012

Table of Contents

- 1 **Editor's Page**
Kathy Barclay

Articles

- 3 **Dealing with Mismatch: A Kindergarten Teacher's Literacy Instruction**
Katrina M. Daytner
- 16 **Time Well Spent: Establishing Focused Middle School Writing Conferences**
Melissa R. Leisner
- 23 **"Is That Your Final Answer?" *Before, During, and After* Reading Strategies to Improve Comprehension and Master Standardized Tests**
Georgina Castilleja
- 28 **Visual Literacy: Reading and Analyzing E-Primary Sources**
Sherrie C. Pardieck

Columns

- 33 **Navigating the Flood: Exploring Literature for Children and Young Adults: Hi-Lo Resources for Reluctant, Struggling, and ELL Readers**
Janet L. Pariza and Deborah Augsburger
- 41 **Terrific Teaching Tips: iPad Apps for Reading**
Laurel Borgia and Christine J. Anderson, Guest Author
- 46 **Parent Involvement in Reading: Engaging Diverse Families Through Home Visits: Blue Paper Cranes and Other Unexpected Lessons**
Laurie Elish-Piper and Priscilla G. Witte, Guest Author
- 50 **Professional Development: Challenging Times**
Jennifer Berne, Sunday Cummins, Sophie Degener, and Ruth Quiroa
- 54 **Leadership in Reading: "What Concerns You Most About Our Schools Today?" Responses from Illinois Leaders in Reading**
Pamela Terry Godt
- 65 **Research in Reading: Value-Added Study on Coaching for a Literacy Collaborative Program**
Melissa Stinnett
- 71 **Insights from Illinois Authors: A Conversation with Julia Durango**
Ronda J. Brown
- 77 **Calls for Contributions for Future Issues of the *Illinois Reading Council Journal***

Editor's Page

Kathy Barclay, Editor

As far as the Illinois Reading Council is concerned, tis always the season for giving . . . and the gifts we give are those that keep on giving! The IRC advocates quality literacy opportunities for all learners, and two of its many purposes are (1) to stimulate and promote literacy research, and (2) to disseminate knowledge helpful in the solution of problems related to reading. As a publication of the IRC, the *Illinois Reading Council Journal* seeks to provide educators at all levels access to research, materials, and methodologies to promote and teach life-long literacy and learning. In this issue, you will find our gift to you this season—a rich array of articles and columns designed to support your work with learners of all ages.

Included in this issue are findings from new research studies, recommendations for books and electronic resources for students and teachers, and proven strategies for supporting students' reading development and test-taking abilities. More specifically, this issue contains

(1) a thoughtful discussion of a research study conducted in a kindergarten classroom; (2) suggestions for establishing focused middle school writing conferences; (3) strategies for improving reading comprehension and helping students develop the skills necessary for navigating standardized tests; (4) ideas for supporting visual literacy skills and abilities through use of electronic primary sources; (5) high interest, low readability resources for reluctant, struggling, and ELL readers; (6) iPad Apps for supporting literacy; (7) suggestions for engaging diverse families through home visits; and more.

Tis the season for all things good! Whether you are teaching children in preschool or high school or serving as a librarian, media specialist, reading specialist, coach, administrator, or teacher educator, as a member of the Illinois Reading Council, you are helping to give the gift of literacy and love of learning to children and families across Illinois. During this season of giving, and in the new year to come, may you continue to give generously and to receive richly the rewards that come with supporting quality literacy opportunities for all learners.

Kathy