



ILLINOIS TITLE I ASSOCIATION

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**Important Dates
To Remember**

September 25, 2010

IRC Board of Directors Meeting—9 am to 1 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites
Bloomington, IL
ITA Board Meeting to follow

November 20, 2010

IRC Board of Directors Meeting—9 am to 1 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites
Bloomington, IL
ITA Board Meeting to follow

January 15, 2011

IRC Board of Directors Meeting—9 am to 1 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites
Bloomington, IL

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"A Fresh Start"



President's Message

Dear ITA Members,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! This year brings a change to ITA. We will be embarking on the world of co-presidents. We, Susanne Riddell and Ann Peters, will be your co-presidents this year. As in any relationship, there will be challenges - Ann lives in the Chicago suburbs and Sue lives in the central part of the state, so we can't meet and talk things over, but also as in any relationship, there needs to be a commitment, and we are **BOTH** committed to making this a GREAT year for ITA!

We would like to thank Diane Fator who served ITA as president for two years. She always put ITA first and was a wonderful leader to this organization! Thanks Diane!!

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see that we will be offering our newsletter online. We ask that you please consider this option. It will help us save money on printing and postage. We are also working on having a regular column in the newsletter about new things happening in the Title I field. If you have other suggestions for what you would like to read about, please let us know.

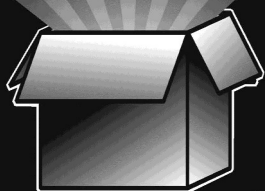
In July, we were able to attend the IRC Leadership Conference. We had some wonderful planning sessions with the other ITA board members. One of the most exciting things we talked about was the planning of our next STRAND for the IRC Conference in March. We know you'll be happy with what ITA has to offer. Watch for more details later!

The theme for the IRC Conference is *Literacy Outside the Box*. We think that ITA is always thinking outside the box in presenting information to our members. By having co-presidents this year, we are definitely thinking outside the box - using two heads instead of one!

Hoping this year of teaching is one of your best,

Susanne Riddell, President
Ann Peters, President

Literacy



OUTSIDE THE BOX!

Come explore *Literacy Outside the Box!* at the 2011 IRC Conference. Many featured award winning authors and prominent literacy leaders will help you find literacy in new places including:

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| Jeff Anderson | M.T. Anderson | T.A. Barron |
| Danny Brassell | Marc Brown | Patrick Carman |
| Ruth Culham | Mordicai Gerstein | Barry Lane |
| Marion Blumenthal Lazan | | Vaunda Micheaux Nelson |
| Jacque McTaggart | Donalyn Miller | Tim Rasinski |
| John Rocco | Frank Serafini | David Schwartz |
| Jane Yolen | Watch for the Preliminary Program in October 2010! | |

Great Quote!!

"Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?"

ITA Leadership and Business Meeting Highlights



Make a "fresh start" professionally by joining Illinois Title I Association (ITA) & the Illinois Reading Council (IRC) Today.

Board Meeting Minutes

- ◆ ITA Board met in July during the leadership conference at Grand Bear Lodge near Starved Rock Park.
- ◆ New officers were elected for the 2010–2011 year. Their names and contact information appear in the list on this page.
- ◆ Thanks to all who attended one or more of the sessions in the Title I Strand at the IRC Conference. We had a fine turn out in the Vista Rooms atop the Hilton Hotel.
- ◆ Next newsletter deadline is in November—send in articles

ITA continues to seek members interested in becoming chairs for standing committees. Your ideas and leadership are what keeps ITA a growing organization. Contact board members if you wish to join the ITA board. Questions about reading? —the ITA board is always ready to help. The board members' contact information is above.

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READ & WRITE WITH YOUR STUDENTS EVERY DAY!!

Making a Fresh Start

Fresh Start Curriculum by Noma Simpson

A fresh start curriculum that I will be using this year is called the Superkids program. First graders will be using this program to become better readers, writers, and spellers. Students will begin by reviewing the skills taught in kindergarten. They will review the 26 letters of the alphabet, one sound for each letter, and how to blend letter/sounds together to read simple words and stories. They will practice spelling by listening to the sounds in a word and writing the letters for those sounds. The next level of the program will include blending and decoding and students will discover some of the challenges of the English language. Students will learn predictable patterns and rules they can use to read and spell difficult words. While learning phonics, students will read longer, more complex stories about their friends, the Superkids in their *Easy Library* books. These enjoyable stories contain words students have been taught to read, so the student's experience the thrill of reading a story independently and will feel like a "real reader".

Making a Fresh Start with the ITA Newsletter

We are going green so we can better serve our members. Starting with the fall 2010 issue, the ITA Newsletter will be posted on the IRC Website. We are also sending out postcards to alert & guide members to the newsletter. There will also be an option to have a paper copy of the newsletter—directions will be on the postcard. Starting with the November 2010 issue there will also be email copies sent. Enjoy and Happy Reading!!

Make a Fresh Start on the Web **** Great sites for Teachers

Thanks to the Lewis & Clark Reading Council Newsletter

- ◆ DonorsChoose.org - - website grants to teachers who are looking for a way to give students in public schools the resources their schools lack
- ◆ extrareading.com - - website has printable resources in reading, including short stories and math reading problems, for the intermediate grade elementary school teacher.
- ◆ cooltoolsforschools/wikispaces.com - - the ultimate education website
- ◆ internet4classrooms.com/teachers.htm - - website has a list of other sites that help teachers
- ◆ newteachersupport.suite101.com/article.cfm/tips_for_new_teachers - - article giving tips for new teachers—share with a new teacher on your staff
- ◆ ala.org/greatsites -- American Library Association's listing of great sites for kids has a link to Sites for Parents, Caregivers, Teachers & Others at the bottom of the lists on this page.

Make a "Fresh Start" by checking out these professional resources: [Comprehension & Collaboration: Inquiry Circles in Action](#) by Stephanie Harvey & Harvey Daniels; [Fluency: Strategies & Assessment](#), 3rd Edition by Jerry Johns; 2 books by Fountas & Pinnell: [The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Grades K-8](#) and [Teaching for Comprehension & Fluency: Thinking, Talking, & Writing About Reading, K-8](#).

Thanks to Fox Valley Reading Council Newsletter

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IRA Membership # _____ IRC Membership # _____

- I have enclosed \$40.00 for ITA Membership as a new member
- I have enclosed \$15.00 for ITA Membership—add to my current IRC membership

Mail checks payable to:

**Illinois Reading Council
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Already a current IRC member?

To also join ITA, just send an additional
\$15.00 until your next renewal