

# Illini Reading Council

2010

## Board Election at our March Meeting

We will be having our election at our March meeting of a new board. We always welcome new participants on the board as executive officers or as chairs of special interest projects. If you have an interest in some literacy area (e.g. family literacy, international literacy etc.) or an idea for a special project, join the board. We have access to financial and human resources to support your interest.

### Expectations for board members

Attendance at the following events:

- 3 annual programs
- 3 business/mailling meetings
- July 7-9 leadership retreat
- 2 end and beginning of the year planning meetings
- 1 statewide board meeting held in Normal

Our meetings are fun and include a meal and lots of lively company.

**Interested?  
Want to nominate self or  
someone?**

Email: [ElizGC@aol.com](mailto:ElizGC@aol.com)

## Read Across America

**Champaign-Urbana's 10th anniversary  
celebration**

**Lincoln Square Mall  
10:00 A.M - 1:00 P.M.**

Over 1000 children and their families, over 30  
Booths, ALL local Rotaries and 100's of Volunteers!

**REMEMBER THE IRC ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE:  
LIGHTING THE WAY TO LITERACY IS  
IN SPRINGFIELD MARCH 18-20, 2010**

Register online  
[www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

**ALSO REMEMBER**

**THE INTERNATIONAL READING  
ASSOCIATION  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
April 25-28, 2010**

**McCormick Place, Chicago  
<http://www.reading.org>**

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Spring 2010

## Differentiated Instruction

Hi, Illini Reading Council Members,

In our Spring program, Peggy Sherman will focus on books that will help us to implement differentiation. In addition to showing & talking about books that work, she will give us concrete strategies and activities we can immediately apply. (She will also cover some additional areas requested by attendees at our Winter program.)

Tell her about your situation and needs and she will know exactly what books to recommend.

Peggy's presentations are so popular and valuable, that this is her third appearance for us in 6 years!

## Current Officers:

Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley, President

Mary Kay Thompson, President-Elect

Cheryl VanHoy, Vice President

Micki Mannino, Secretary

Marcia Wickes, Treasurer

Barb Ragheb, Membership

## Spring Program:

(co-sponsored by both Illini Reading Council and Vermillion Valley Reading Council)

**Peggy Sherman**

Saturday, March 6, 2010

## Differentiated Instruction: Professional Books that Make a Difference

Saturday, March 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mellon Administrative Center

Board Room

703 S. New Street

Champaign, IL 61820

## Winter Program: Making Learning Accessible for Low Achieving and High Achieving Learners

Suzanne gave a dynamite presentation! As one participant said, it was meaty with marvelous handouts. She urged us to keep the big picture in mind. Ask ourselves questions:

What outcome (both life long and short term) do we want for that particular student?

Is this specific activity necessary or meaningful?  
Does the student really need to do or know this?

And don't assume our advanced students already know something and our struggling learners don't but preassess, preassess, preassess.

Smiling attendees left with much to think about and some great handouts to support them.

# *The Illini and Vermilion Valley Reading Councils*

*together present*

## **Professional Books that Make a Difference with a focus on Differentiation**

*Peggy Sherman*

Peggy Sherman is the founder of PS Associates, a distribution company which has been a statewide source for professional books for over twenty years. As a former classroom teacher and principal, Peggy knows what works.

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Please fill out the registration form below if you are planning to attend. Indicate if you would like to earn CPDU credits. Entrance fee is \$5.00 for IRC or VVRC members, \$10.00 for non-members. E-mail to [Mongsee@aol.com](mailto:Mongsee@aol.com) or mail to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by March 1, 2010. Registration at the door is possible if seats are still available. Questions? Call Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley (217) 351-7871

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Illini RC member: \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ CPDU credit: \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no