

# Illini Reading Council

January 2012

## President's Note

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Welcome to 2012! Looking for resources for your struggling readers? Have boys who are less than enthusiastic about reading? Our FREE February meeting will help you tackle these problems. Betsy Shea and Kristin Hungerford from the Champaign Public Library will be sharing books, computer programs, websites and electronic media designed to engage and support struggling and reluctant readers. They are currently updating their Reluctant Readers list to reflect titles owned by either the Champaign or Urbana libraries. In addition, a teen librarian is compiling a specific list for middle and high school. After the presentation, we'll enjoy a tour of the books and resources. Please note this is a Monday night meeting. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend.

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Oct. 22nd update: Dr. Roberta Seynost gave a powerful workshop outlining the new ELA Common Core Standards along with literacy strategies to meet these standards. We also enjoyed a surprise visit by our state legislator, Naomi Jakobsson. We appreciate her interest and support.

A big thank you to our co-sponsors: Champaign Unit 4, the Champaign-Ford ROE, and the Vermilion Valley Reading Council.

Happy New Year and a wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> semester!

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**Interested in joining our board? Contact Mary Kay at [Mkaythompson@gmail.com](mailto:Mkaythompson@gmail.com)**

Illini Reading Council is now on the web. Visit us on Facebook, or stop by our developing site.

[www.illinireadingcouncil.wordpress.com](http://www.illinireadingcouncil.wordpress.com)

We will also be posing newsletters and events on the IRC website,

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

## Help make this newsletter a valuable service!

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**Send announcements or ideas for us to post!**

**Send your item to:**

[Mkaythompson@gmail.com](mailto:Mkaythompson@gmail.com)

**Note date change of our February meeting. It will be held, Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

We hope to see you at our state reading council conference this March. It is always an outstanding experience. Early registration ends February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Calendar of Events

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### **Books and Technology for the Reluctant Reader**

February 6th 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Snow date: February 13<sup>th</sup>  
Champaign Public Library  
Free!

### **Read Across America**

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-1pm**  
Lincoln Square Village  
Urbana  
For more info, contact: Sherri Langendorf  
217-384-3530 [cuatraa@gmail.com](mailto:cuatraa@gmail.com)

### **IRC Conference: Literacy in the Land of Lincoln**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**  
Springfield, IL.  
More info and registration at  
[www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

### **CAFÉ in the Classroom: Adapting the Work of the 2 Sisters**

**April 14th 9am-Noon**  
TBA

### **IRA Convention: Celebrate Teaching**

**April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Chicago  
More info and registration at  
[www.iraconvention.org](http://www.iraconvention.org)

## Current Illini Reading Council Service Projects

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### **Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County**

The Illini Reading Council supplies books and magazines chosen specifically for each new household. In December, we helped to welcome the Powers family as they moved into their new home. The current house under construction will be completed this spring. We look forward to welcoming the Moss family to their new home.

For more information, or to participate please contact, Cheryl VanHoy at  
[Cheryl@readbydesign.com](mailto:Cheryl@readbydesign.com)

We would love to have more people join this committee. It is very rewarding with a very manageable time commitment.

### **A-Z Literacy Movement**

The Movement aims to improve the lives of Zambia's impoverished children through literacy development by providing schools and communities with quality new and used books that inspire children to read.

For more information, or to participate please contact Katrina Tammen Reber at  
[ktammen@gmail.com](mailto:ktammen@gmail.com) or visit [www.atozliteracy.org](http://www.atozliteracy.org)

\*We are collecting new and gently used books for these projects at our February and April meetings.



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PRESENTS: A FREE PROGRAM on February 6, 2012

## Books and Technology for the Reluctant Reader

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Champaign Public Library  
200 W. Green Street, Champaign

Presented by: **Betsy Shea**

Betsy Shea is a children's librarian at the Champaign Public Library with an MLS degree from the University of Illinois and an EDM degree [reading specialist concentration] from the University of Buffalo with certification for Special Education and Reading.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Educators will be introduced to the many books offered in the **Champaign Public Library** that can entice the **struggling reader** to be an eager reader. Betsy will be giving book talks that include Easy Readers, books about nature, graphic novels and books about children who learn to solve problems by taking charge in difficult situations. Betsy will also introduce us to electronic resources such as play-a-way books and more.

Following the talk the group will tour the children's library and discover the best places to locate books for the reluctant or struggling reader.

Refreshments Available~~~~~Raffle Prizes~~~~~CDPU's available

Become a member online at: [illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://illinoisreadingcouncil.org)

Please fill out if you are planning to attend. Indicate whether you would like to earn CPDU credits. Fee is FREE!

E-mail to [mongsee@aol.com](mailto:mongsee@aol.com) or mail to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by Feb. 2nd

Registration at the door is possible if seats are still available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Illini RC Member? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Questions: Contact Mary K. Thompson ~~~~~217-328-1937 or at: [mkaythompson@gmail.com](mailto:mkaythompson@gmail.com)

- Donations of new or like new books will be taken at the door to benefit the Habitat for Humanity Bookshelf Project or our A to Z books for Zambia...