

Illini Reading Council

MARCH 2011

President's Note

Happy Spring! This year's Spring program deals with two of the "hot" topics in literacy today: Vocabulary and Comprehension skills in Content Area Classrooms i.e. Non-fiction! As we know, the teaching of Reading cannot be confined to a single class, but needs to be an integral part of every subject. Dr. Roberta Sejnost's interactive presentation will give you specific vocabulary and comprehension strategies you can use in all areas of your curriculum. Whether you teach in a self-contained class, or "specialize" in Math, Science, Social Studies, etc., come and join us for an entertaining workshop. Copies of Dr. Sejnost's books will be some of our door prizes. Don't forget to bring a friend.

Winter meeting update: Those hardy souls who braved wind and snow to hear Betsy Shea present "Books and Technology for the Reluctant Reader" on January 31st, were well rewarded by her talk. It was wonderful! We know for many of you, travel was not an option that evening. With this in mind, we hope to schedule an encore presentation next school year. Look for details in our Fall newsletter.

Just in! The Illini Reading Council has again been named an Honor Council by the Illinois Reading Council. Honor Councils will be recognized at the Saturday breakfast during the IRC convention.

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www.illinireadingcouncil.wordpress.com

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

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Help make this newsletter a valuable service!

Send announcements or ideas for us to post!

Send your item to:

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Calendar of Events

IRC Conference: Literacy Outside the Box!

March 17th-19th

Springfield, Il.

Details online, www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Academic Vocabulary & Comprehension Strategies In the Content Area Classroom

April 9th NOTE 9AM-Noon

Holy Cross Parish Center

405 W. Clark

Champaign, Il.

Leap Workshops

Contact Marilyn Kay, mfkay@sbcglobal.net

All programs at the Urbana Free Library, 6:30-8pm

Sing, Play, Read & Write with "Education Through Music". Tues. March, 29th.

Mother-Daughter team shares their experiences dealing with Dyslexia. Tues. April, 26th.

Board Election at our April Meeting

We will elect the 2011-12 board at our April meeting. 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, technology and literacy, etc) or an idea for a special project, join the board. We have access to financial and human resources to support your interest.

Interested?

Want to nominate self or someone?

Email Mkaythompson@gmail.com

Current Illini Reading Council Service Projects

Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County

We supply books, magazines and a bookcase for each new household.

For information, contact, Cheryl VanHoy at Cheryl@readbydesign.com

A-Z Literacy Movement

We help provide quality new and used books to schools and communities in Zambia.

For information, contact, Katrina Tammen Reber at ktammen@gmail.com or visit www.atozliteracy.org



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PRESENTS:

Academic Vocabulary: The Key to Content Comprehension and Comprehension Strategies in the Content Area Classroom

Presented by Dr. Roberta L. Sejnost

Research tells us that academic vocabulary, which is essential to learning concepts that ground all content area disciplines, is not learned incidentally. This workshop will teach how direct instruction of academic vocabulary words not only increases students' general vocabulary, but also increases students' knowledge of content area concepts. This workshop will also show teachers in all content area disciplines how to use the comprehension strategies of predicting, connecting, summarizing, visualizing, inferring and determining importance to help students read, write and understand in all content area disciplines.

Saturday April 9, 2011

9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

(NOTE: New Venue) Holy Cross Parish Center

405 West Clark-Champaign, Illinois

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

Become a member online at: illinoisreadingcouncil.org to receive the member price.

Please fill out if you are planning to attend. Indicate whether you would like to earn CPDU credits. Fee is \$5, members; \$10 nonmembers. E-mail to mongsee@aol.com or mail to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by April 2nd Registration at the door is possible if seats are still available.

Name: _____ Position/Grade: _____ Illini RC Member? _____

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