

Illini Reading Council

Fall 2009

Differentiated Instruction

Welcome back to the beginning of the new school year!

This year we are building our programs around a particular theme:

Differentiation

This was the theme of the 2009 U of I Chancellor's Academy and it is one of the themes of this year's staff development in both Champaign and Urbana.

As our classrooms become more diverse and our students' backgrounds, skills, and abilities differ more widely, educators become more aware that a "one size fits all" curriculum does not work.

We believe that this year's programs will help support you in your search for effective strategies to meet all of your students' needs.

Current Officers:

Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley, President

Mary Kay Thompson, President-Elect

Cheryl VanHoy, Vice President

Micki Mannino, Secretary

Marcia Wickes, Treasurer

Barb Ragheb, Membership

Sesame Street's Electric Company

New Illini Reading Council member, Molly Delaney, WILL's Educational Outreach Coordinator, wants everyone to know about the recently introduced new version of **Sesame Street's Electric Company**. Designed to improve the literacy skills of 6-9 year olds, this program begun 30 years ago, has been updated and was re-launched on Sept. 7. In addition to the TV program there is an online and off-line component with games & activities. To learn more, check out:

<http://pbskids.org/electriccompany/>

or contact Molly

delaney1@illinois.edu 217/244-7678

First Program:

(Jointly sponsored by the U of I College of Ed's Center for Education in Small Urbana Communities, Unit 4, District 116, and ROE #9)

Haeny Yoon

Saturday, October 24, 2009

Differentiated Instruction: Creating Meaningful Opportunities for All Children:

What are the other students doing during guided reading?

Location:

Phillips Recreation Center,
525 Stoughton Ave.,

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

CPDUs Available

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Other Programs this year:

Suzanne Lee

How Can We Make Learning Accessible for Low Achieving and High Achieving Learners?

Date: Saturday, January 30

Time: 9:00-12:00

Location: TBA

Peggy Sherman:

Professional Books that Make a Difference with a Focus on the Differentiated Classroom

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Time: 9:00-12:00

Location: TBA

Good Books for Struggling Readers

Get and give suggestions for books that teachers have actually used and that they know work with struggling readers. Visit our new wiki page at

<http://ircstrugglingreaders.wikispaces.com/>

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

Register online
www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

If you have any information you would like Illini Reading Council Members to know about, please contact:

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Center for Education in Small Urban Communities, U of I
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Champaign Unit 4 Schools
Urbana SD 116*

present

**The Differentiated Classroom:
Creating Meaningful Opportunities for All
Children: What are the other students doing
during guided reading?**

Haeny Yoon

Haeny Yoon works as a teacher collaborator at the Center for Education in Small Urban Communities at the U of I. She focuses her work on children's writing and reading in grades K-5, working with teachers to use student work to inform their practice. Haeny taught 2nd and 4th grade for the past 7 years and spent the last two years building partnerships between teachers at the local schools and the university.

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

**Philips Recreation Center, Urbana Park District
505 W. Stoughton
Urbana, IL 61801**

Please fill out the registration form below if you are planning to attend. Indicate if you would like to earn CPDU credits. CPDU fee is \$5.00 for IRC members, \$10.00 for nonmembers. E-mail to Mongsee@aol.com or mail to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by Oct. 21, 2009. 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