

# Illini Reading Council

September 2011

## President's Note

Welcome to another new school year with the Illini Reading Council! Mindful of today's economic realities, our Executive Board has spent a great deal of time this summer considering how we might continue offering high quality, professional programs, featuring current literacy topics, at reasonable prices. Whew! We think our three programs this year meet all three criteria.

Our first program this year deals with one of the year's "hot" topics; The Common Core Standards. What are they? How will their implementation impact your curriculum? Not only what you teach, but how? Dr. Roberta Sejnost is again back to present another dynamic, interactive workshop designed to address these questions. The workshop's first half will focus on the Common Core Standards. During the workshop's second half, Dr. Sejnost will discuss literacy strategies which implement these standards. There will be time for questions and discussion.

We thank Champaign Unit 4 for generously offering to host this meeting at the beautiful, new Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

Plan on registering early; bring lots of questions and a friend.

As always, refreshments, CDPU'S, and prizes will be available.

NOTE: This year we are taking advance registrations, but all payments will be at the door.

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[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)

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## Calendar of Events

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### **Literacy Strategies and the Common Core Standards**

October 22 9am-Noon

Booker T. Washington School

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

February 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm

Snow date: February 6<sup>th</sup>

Champaign Public Library

Free!

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

March 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Springfield, IL.

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

April 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-Noon

TBA

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

April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Chicago

## 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 July, we helped welcome another family into their new home. The next Habitat home is tentatively scheduled to break ground this winter.

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

### **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 October, February, and April meetings.



## ***The Illini Reading Council***

***Co-sponsored with***

Vermilion Valley Reading Council and Champaign Unit 4 School District

Present:

# **Literacy Strategies and Common Core Standards**

with

## ***Dr. Roberta L. Sejnost***

Common Core Specialist for the Kane County Regional Office of Education

### **Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011**

9:00-12:00 P.M.

**At the new Booker T Washington Elementary**

**606 E. Grove St – Champaign, IL**

**Refreshments Available ~~~~~ Raffle Prizes ~~~~~ CDPUs available**

Become a member online at: [illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://illinoisreadingcouncil.org) to receive the member price.

**Register in advance but pay at the door**

**\$5.00 members-\$10.00 non-members**

E-mail to [mongsee@aol.com](mailto:mongsee@aol.com) or mail this form to Marcia Wickes, 1104 W. Park, Champaign, IL 61821 by the October 17<sup>th</sup>

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