

Illinois Valley Reading Council January 2008

Message from the President

Happy New Year 2008! IVRC aims to make it great. We are an accomplished council that was just recognized and awarded a certificate by the International Reading Association for forty years as an active reading council providing service to our members, schools, and communities. We are indebted and would like to thank past, present, and future board members that dedicate their time and talents to make our organization such a success. As members of this council, we should be very proud and honored. Let's keep up the good work.

The book discussion meeting held in November at the Mackinaw Valley Winery received terrific reviews. If you were not in attendance, we are sorry we missed you. The location had panoramic views, cordial hosts, fine wine, and excellent fellowship of talented literacy experts discussing reading. It was a relaxed atmosphere that allowed great collaboration amongst peers.

Our next meeting on February 21st is going to be held at the First United Methodist Church in Pekin. The church is located on the corner of 14th Street and Court Street. It is directly across from the Pekin Park Pavilion and the Pekin Hospital. The featured guest speaker is going to be Illinois Reading Council's past president, Pam Nelson, doing a presentation called "Grab Your Suitcase for a Poetry Get-Away." New and familiar poetry books, poetic forms, and on-line resources will be shared. You can RSVP to nannens@delavanschools.com or 309-347-1207 by February 14th.

Don' Forget! Spread the word, share your newsletter, and bring a colleague, parent, pre-service teacher, or a friend with you to the events. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting February 21st!

Sincerely,

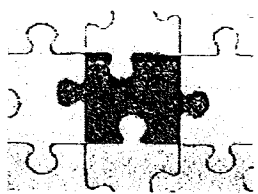
Stacey Nannen
IVRC President



IRC Student Membership Committee Needs Your Help

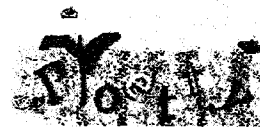
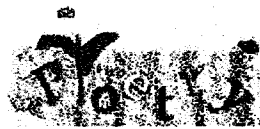
They need prizes for the Pre-service Teacher Pizza Party for the 2008 IRC Conference in March. Please donate new or gently used items for a teacher just starting out. Suggested items are: posters, teacher books, puzzles, organizers, games, big books, CD's, DVD's, videos, packages of sentence strips, book pockets, books for students, bulletin board paraphernalia, classroom decorations, student rewards, stickers, pens, pencils, crayons, post-it notes, professional journals, monetary gift donations, gift cards, etc.

There will be a donation box set out at our next meeting in February. Your generosity is graciously accepted. Please remember that any and all donations will be appreciated. Thank you for your support - all items will be given to the IRC for this exciting event.



Join the Fun / Become Involved

As teachers, we have high expectations of our students actively participating in our classrooms. Through participation, the ultimate goal is that they are learning in the process. I am asking you to become an active and motivated participant in the Illinois Valley Reading Council. You will learn a lot about yourself and the organization. Please consider taking on the role of a board member. If anyone is interested in the following positions - Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership please let Regetta Wharram (m.wharram@insightbb.com or 309-263-7330) know so that we may add your name to the ballot for our election of officers in February. If you have questions, please contact any of the current board members and they'll be glad to answer them.



You are cordially invited to enjoy a night of poetry

Thursday, February 21st

First United Methodist Church of Pekin
1315 Court Street
Pekin, IL
309-347-3155

Our featured guest is Illinois Reading Council's past president, Pam Nelson. She will be presenting her program called "Grab Your Suitcase for a Poetry Get-Away." New and familiar poetry books, poetic forms, and on-line resources will be shared.

4:30 p.m.	Registration
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Meeting and a light dinner will be served
5:30 p.m.	Program begins - FREE to members \$10.00 fee for Non-members

Please RSVP so that we know how many will be in attendance and how much food to provide. RSVP by Thursday, February 14th to Stacey Nannen nannens@delavanschools.com or 309-347-1207. You may also mail this form to Stacey Nannen, 1207 Arthur Street, Pekin, IL 61554-1721.

Make Checks Payable to: Illinois Valley Reading Council

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New ideas and suggestions are always welcomed!
Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Literacy Web Sites



For Illinois storytellers, check out the web site of the Illinois Storytelling, Inc. at www.storytelling.org. Click on the directory.



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