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News from . . .

# Lewis & Clark Reading Council

An affiliate of the Illinois Reading Council

## A message from our President:

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well into the swing of things at school. I think my students are finally into the routine of school. The special circumstances and the extra minute leeway between 6th grade classes have ceased. At my school we give the 6th graders a little extra time to adjust since most have never had lockers nor had to switch classes across a fairly large building.

Right now I am reading a book called Supported Independent Readers: Instructional strategies to Improve Proficiency and Engagement by Nancy Allison. The book discusses how to monitor independent reading, conference with both delayed, on-level, and gifted readers about what they read, help students select appropriate reading material, provide structures for growth, and create a classroom environment conducive to supporting students as independent readers. I am only about halfway through, and have implemented some of the strategies in my classroom, one of which has been very successful so far; reading logs. Having students record daily reading has been a wonderful way to track students progress during SSR and use that information to inform my instruction. If you have a chance, check out this book from Christopher-Gordon Publishers, Inc. I know you are surprised to see another news letter so soon; however, we have many exciting events to tell you about. We are welcoming author Ridley Pearson to Fairview Heights to speak at the Ramada and sign books at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore. There will be a membership event at the Ravissant Winery in October and a mini-conference coming up in February. We are looking forward to seeing you in attendance!

Happy Reading,  
—Lee-Alison Friedrich

Lewis & Clark President



## Lewis & Clark Reading Council '07-'08 Calendar of Events:

**Saturday, September 22**-Meet the Author: Ridley Pearson, Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights 10-11 a.m.

**Wednesday, October 24-(Tentative)**  
**Meet & Greet Night** at the Ravissant Winery, Belleville

**Tuesday, February 5**-Board Meeting

**Saturday, February 23**- Winter Mini-Conference

**Tuesday, April 22**—Spring Banquet

**Tuesday, June 3**—Board Meeting

## Illinois Reading Council Events:

Saturday, November 17: Board Meeting-The Chateau Hotel, Bloomington

Saturday, January 19: Board Meeting-Bloomington Doubletree

**Thursday, March 13-Saturday, March 15: "Literacy: Unleash the Power" IRC Conference**

Board Meeting & Annual Meeting: March 14, Springfield

Saturday, April 19—Board Meeting-The Chateau Hotel, Bloomington

Information about grants and deadlines is available at :

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

## Parents and Reading



"Parents and Reading" is a very successful project that Lewis & Clark Reading Council sponsors for mothers of newborn babies in local hospitals.

"I Read to My Baby" parent bags are distributed to the mothers of newborns. The hospitals are very receptive and supportive of our efforts to promote literacy by encouraging mothers of newborns to read aloud to their babies daily. "I Read to My Baby" bags contain a book, nursery rhymes, a listing of book titles for infants through toddlers, a reading certificate for the mother, and a variety of information on the importance of reading aloud to children.

All members are encouraged to bring new or gently used books for the mothers of newborns with you to our Spring Banquet in April.

—Alisa Cole

## Congratulations and Thank You!

Cheryl Walker, treasurer of our own Lewis & Clark Reading Council, was honored at the September IRC Board Meeting in Bloomington in appreciation of outstanding leadership as Treasurer of the Illinois Reading Council from 2003-2007.

IRC President Donna Monti presented the plaque to Cheryl and expressed IRC's gratitude and appreciation



# You're Invited



To a Lewis and Clark Reading Council Exclusive

## Educator Event

Held at **Ravissant Winery** in Belleville



### October 24th (Wed.) from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

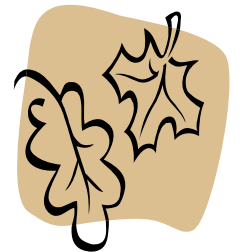


*You deserve a mid-week break from school!!! Come out to 5950 Town Hall Road, meet the members of the Lewis and Clark Reading Council and see what it's all about over light hors d'oeuvres and relaxing conversation. Non-members welcome! Drop by for a few minutes, or stay the whole time.*

*We'll have a display of autographed books from authors who have been at the Illinois Reading Conference. Come learn what we're all about and what a great support the Reading Council can be for you, your students, and your school!*

# FREE!!!

*Please RSVP by Oct. 19th to  
Lee-Alison Friedrich, President,  
at 618-616-6676 or  
[friedrichl@mascoutah19.k12.il.us](mailto:friedrichl@mascoutah19.k12.il.us)*



*The council will provide hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages.  
For directions: <http://www.ravissantwinery.com/>*

# Win a Free Illinois Reading Council Conference!

Conference Registration and Hotel Included!

March 13-15, 2008

Springfield, IL

## Essay Contest

### Guidelines:

- \* Open to all full-time undergraduate education students.
- \* Write a persuasive essay explaining why you should be selected to attend the 2008 IRC Conference.
- \* Essay must be typed and no more than two pages, double spaced with 12 font.
- \* This essay will be blind reviewed, so do not include your name or identifying information such as your school name.
- \* Please include this form as your coversheet.
- \* We will select 4 winners. Each winner will receive a free conference, student dinner, and one hotel room to be shared by all.

### Deadline:

Essay and coversheet must be received on or before **December 3, 2007**.

### Entries may be sent to:

Dr. Stephanie McAndrews at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville  
Curriculum and Instruction Box 1122  
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1122

or

Adrienne Evans at McKendree University  
Education Department  
701 College Road  
Lebanon, Illinois 62254

or

Kim Winter  
804 Walnut Street  
Highland, IL 62249

**Come Unleash the Power at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference!**  
**Winners will be notified by January 7, 2008.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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