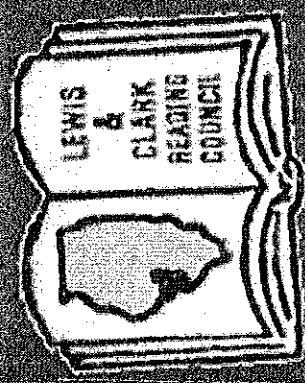


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Coming Up: LCRC Annual Quarter Auction!

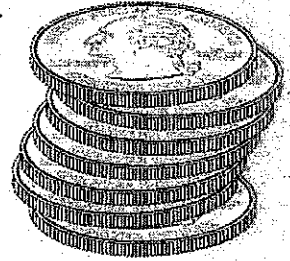
Do I Hear One Quarter?

**“Count Me In”
Quarter Auction
Feb. 16th, 2012!**

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase some really great goodies for a really low price AND at the same time, help out

LCRC's charitable causes!

Items to be auctioned off include purses, cosmetics, Tupperware and many other fabulous finds! Mark your calendars now! Help us spread the news and hang a copy of the flyer in your teacher's lounge!



Letter from the LCRC President: Stephanie McAndrews

would like students to be able to provide rich detail about a character or topic, have them write a Who or What am I? riddle book.

The students select and read an interesting fiction or non-fiction text. They then select a character or topic to write about. Next they make an 8 page folded book (directions can be found at: <http://www.fimp.net/makeabook.html>).

After orally brainstorming ideas, the student will write clues on each page to see if the reader can figure out who or what the book is about. Finally, the student writes “What or who am I?”, and on

the back side of a flap writes the answer. Under the flap the student draws a picture of it.

Students enjoy taking turns reading their books to each other and predicting the name of the character or topic.

See my example on page 2 of the newsletter.

Feel free to share other strategies with your colleagues at our meetings and events.

Sincerely,
Your Lewis and Clark Reading Council President,

Stephanie L. McAndrews

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New and Noteworthy:

- *Kindle owners—many new and upcoming YA/MG authors offer their books free (or almost free) on Amazon and B&N.*
- *SIUE through is offering the Lincoln Summer Workshop program.*
- *The IRC Adult and Family Literacy Project award applications are due FEB. 1st.*
- *Early Conference Registration for the IRC is also due FEB. 1st.*

Former Teacher, Local Author and IRC member:

Nancy Stewart

Nancy Stewart is a what you might call our own "home-town" teacher's hero. She's taught elementary school, trained teachers-to-be and in her latest adventure, has written several well-received children's books.

Before becoming a writer full time, Nancy taught in Belleville, Illinois for 13 years, studied at Washington University in St. Louis and taught education courses for McKendree University. She practiced her craft while instructing whenever she could and then took time off to focus on writing. The decision paid off. Her first book, *One Pelican at a Time* (Guardian Angel Publishing) spent 18 weeks on Amazon's Bestsellers for Children.

Currently, Nancy spends a lot of her time in Florida where she can focus solely on writing her stories, primarily centered around the region's wildlife and conservation. *One Pelican at a Time* was a direct result of the devastation Nancy saw after the Gulf oil spill of 2010.

Whether she is in her sun room or on the beach, Nancy makes time for writing for nearly seven hours

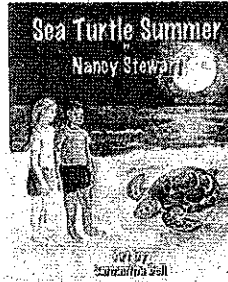
each day. However, she makes time for her many hobbies as well. She enjoys cooking,

having dinner with her friends, traveling and exercise. Her travels and experiences often inspire her writing. In the past, she has traveled to Israel and Great Britain but would like to visit Namibia, in southern Africa in the future.

Her newest release, *Sea Turtle Summer*, is available now. The third book in the Bella and Britt series, *Bella Saves the Beach* will be available this spring. In February, 2012, *Katrina and Winter: Partners in Courage*, to be released by Guardian Angel Publishing. This title is an authorized biography of Katrina Simpkins, a young girl whose life was changed by Winter, the dolphin from the movie, *Dolphin Tale*, by Warner Brothers.

You can find out more about Nancy by visiting her website at <http://www.nancystewartbooks.com> or follow on Facebook and at her blog

<http://www.nancystewartbooks.blogspot.com>.



Save Your Stuff! It's Back!

Teacher Tool and ReSale

May 5, 2012

~ Masonic Lodge,

Highland

8-Noon

Watch your mail and email for details!



Answer: Giant Chuckwalla, *Sauromalus obesus*.

Reference: *What on Earth Is a Chuckwalla?* Ricciuti, E.R. (1994)

Who Am I? Riddle Book Example:

What am I?

By: Stephanie McAndrews

I have a large head, a big fat belly, four legs, and a long, thick tail.

My dark skin with spots of yellow or grey is rough and scaly.

I live in rocky places in the desert in the Southwest Unites States and Northwest Mexico.

I burrow to get out of the heat midday and

I eat leaves, fruits and flowers in the morning and evening.

I wedge myself between cracks and rocks then puff up my lungs so my predators cannot pull me out.

I am about 18" long and related to an iguana.

What am I?

Holocaust Survivor and Author

Marion

Blumenthal Lazan!

*A special LCRC
Spring Event!*

March 27th

In conjunction with

O'Fallon Public Library

AND THEN —

Mark Your Calendars —

April 19th 2012

*Author of Non-Fiction
Environmental books:*

Jennifer Ward

@ LCRC Spring Fling!

Thursday, February 16th, 2012—(doors open at 6 p.m.) Auction starts at 7 p.m.
At Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 143, Highland, Illinois

Come Out and Help Support
The Lewis & Clark Reading Council
by attending our Second Annual

"Count Me In!" 25¢~Quarter Auction



Great Girls' Night-Out Event!

Bring a Friend!

It's a Fun and Fast-paced
Shopping Opportunity!

What is a Quarter Auction?

It's an opportunity to purchase some really great goodies for a really low price AND at the same time, help out with the LCRC membership drive! Bring a friend! Become a IRC/IRA member! Items to be auctioned off include purses, cosmetics, Tupperware and many other fabulous finds! You can reserve your paddle and receive a roll of quarters for only \$10! (\$10 in quarters) Additional paddles can be purchased at the door for \$1.00. Also, all-end paddles can be purchased at the door for \$25.00.

Items starting at just 25¢!!!! (Minimum bet for some items)

Below is a sample of some of the items and vendors available at the auction:

- ❖ *Premiere* Jewelry
- ❖ Teacher Swag Bags
- ❖ And many MORE!!
- ❖ Mische Bags
- ❖ Tupperware
- ❖ Pampered Chef

For more information, contact Kim Winter at: bellwikh@yahoo.com 618-654-1100.

To reserve your spot, complete the registration information and mail this section along with check to:

Lewis & Clark Reading Council

c/o Cheryl Walker
8908 S. Prairie Road
Evansville, IL 62242

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ IRC Member: Yes _____ No _____

E-mail: _____

I am including \$10 to reserve my spot. This will reserve your paddle and you will receive \$10 in quarters at the event! (Additional paddles are \$1 at the door as well as the all-end paddles for \$25.)

*IRC Membership is NOT required to attend this event!

I am a member of Lewis and Clark, Illinois Reading Council.

I would like to *become a member* of Lewis & Clark Reading Council (\$40—includes Illinois Reading Council membership, quarterly IRC Journal subscription, quarterly subscriptions to IRC Communicator and this newsletter)

We're all-over the web!

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/localcouncils/lewisandclark.html



www.facebook.com/group/php/gid=246514351837

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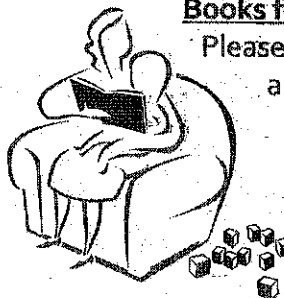
Membership: Kim Winter

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Region 7 Director: Adrienne Evans

Our Council Project is the **Books for Babies** Program.

Please remember to bring a new or gently-used board book to any Lewis and Clark Upcoming event!!



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