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Winter Issue

News from . . .

Lewis & Clark Reading Council

An affiliate of the Illinois Reading Council

A message from our President:

Dear Fellow Members,

Lewis and Clark Reading Council has a great upcoming mini-conference. We will meet at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois in the morning on February 23rd. Pam Miles and Roberta Sejnost will be our featured speakers. Get some fresh ideas and lessons to take back to your school and classroom. Check out our program flyer in the back of the newsletter.



If you haven't yet planned to attend the upcoming IRC Conference you should really reconsider. The theme: *Literacy, Unleash the Power*, demonstrates the underlying hold that literacy can have on us. Literature can make us feel mysterious, sorrowful, helpless, inspired, passionate, and hopeful. We are very fortunate to have the Newbery award winning author of *The Great Invention* of Hugo Cabaret, Brian Selznick. He will be the featured speaker at the Prairie State Award banquet on Thursday evening. There will be many other exciting events, such as the Author's Reader Theatre, autograph sessions, dozens of displays and educational materials from publishers, and even a Poetry coffee house!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at both of these exciting upcoming events!

—*Lee-Alison Friedrich*
Lewis & Clark President

Unleash the Power by Donating Educational Materials!!!



Lewis & Clark Reading Council members can "unleash the power of reading" for pre-service teachers and clean out files and closets for spring! The IRC will hold a pizza party for our pre-service teachers at the Annual Spring Conference in Springfield. New and gently used educational materials (children's books, professional books and journals, manipulatives, etc) are needed. Our council will be collecting these items at our Winter Mini-Conference at McKendree University on February 23.

Let's help support our pre-service teachers!

Lewis & Clark Reading Council 2008 Calendar of Events:

Tuesday, February 5- 6 p.m. Board Meeting at Panera/St. Louis Bread Co. at Collinsville Crossing off IL Rt. 157 near the new Wal-Mart/Home Depot in Collinsville.

Saturday, February 23- Winter Mini-Conference at McKendree University-Lebanon, Illinois 9 a.m. to 12:00. p.m.

Tuesday, April 22—Spring Banquet—Fischer's Restaurant-Belleville, Illinois

Tuesday, June 3—6 p.m. Board Meeting at Panera/St. Louis Bread Company at Collinsville Crossing, off IL Rt. 157.

Illinois Reading Council Events:

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

2008 NEWBERY & CALDECOTT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The John Newbery medal has been around since 1922. This year's winner is "*Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!*" *Voices from a Medieval Village* by Laura Amy Schlitz, published by Candlewick. This year's Newbery Honor Books are *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic), *The Wednesday Wars* by (cont. p

What is RtI?

As a result of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004, many school districts are adopting a three-tier Response-to-Intervention (RtI) model which uses research-based academic and/or behavior interventions that encourage student success. Reading specialists, school psychologists, general and special education teachers, principals, and parents are involved in the RtI process to a varying degree. Districts may choose to designate an RtI interventionist, which is usually a reading specialist or a special education teacher.

The three-tier RtI model includes:

Tier 1: Screening and Group Intervention utilizing state or district-wide tests. Students performing at *meets or exceeds* level stay in the general classroom. If a student in a general classroom with differentiated instruction does not progress successfully, intervention is provided by directing the student to Tier 2.

Tier 2: Interventions provide students below the performance criteria with targeted, intensive services in the areas of behavior, reading, and math. These interventions are administered over a grading period and determined by the students' need; a classroom teacher, a reading specialist, school psychologist, or a combination is assigned to identified students. Progress is monitored using a screening system such as *curriculum based measurement*. Students who progress with interventions and exhibit a sound performance in the criteria for Tier 1 are returned to the general classroom. Those who are progressing and are sound in the *meets or exceeds* standard may remain in Tier 2 or, if necessary for successful progress, be provided the interventions of Tier 3.

Tier 3: Intensive Interventions and Formal Evaluation determining eligibility for Special Education is required for those students who do not respond to the interventions of Tier 2.

The focus of RtI is to discover the individual needs of each student in becoming successful academically and behaviorally to provide appropriate interventions to meet individual students' needs in order to become successful.

—Kim Winter

Newbery & Caldecott (continued from page 1)

Gary D. Schmidt (Clarion), and *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam).

The Newbery Medal is presented each year by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), which is a part of the American Library Association. The membership honors "the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children." This award was named after a British bookseller of the 18th century.

The ALSC also presents the Caldecott Medal, named for the nineteenth century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. This medal goes to "the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children." The 2008 Caldecott Medal winner is Brian Selznick for *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* (Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic).

Caldecott 2008 Honor Books are: *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Ellen Levine (Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic), *First the Egg*, written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seegar (Roaring Brook/Neal Porter), *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain*, written and illustrated by Peter Sis (Farrar/Frances Foster), and *Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*, written and illustrated by Mo Willems (Hyperion).

For more information about Caldecott and Newbery winners present to past, visit www.ala.org.



Lewis & Clark Reading Council Winter Mini-Conference

February 23, 2008
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
McKendree University
Piper Academic Center
Lebanon, Illinois

Reading Across the Content Areas
with feature speaker Roberta Sejnost
The Anna Plan-Reading Program
with feature speaker Pam Miles

Schedule of Events:

9:00 – 9:05

Welcome in Piper Academic Center Room 222 (2nd floor)

9:05 – 9:55

Fluency and Dyslexia
Presented by Pam Miles

10:05 – 10:55

Reading Across the Content Areas for Upper & Middle Level
Presented by Roberta Sejnost

10:05 – 10:30

Reading Strategy Lessons that Work in the Elementary Classroom
Presented by Cheryl Walker

10:35 – 11:00

Newbery and Caldecott Winners – A Book Perusal
Presented by Adrienne Evans

11:05 – 12:00

The Anna Plan – A School -Wide Reading Program (Elementary)

Please note that the state is providing grants to fund this program in other districts around the state. Find out how to apply.

Presented by Pam Miles

11:05 – 11:30

Reading Strategies for the Middle School Classroom
Presented by Lee-Alison Friedrich

11:35 – 12:00

Activities You Can Use – Based on Reading Across Content Areas
Presented by Roberta Sejnost

For questions call or e-mail Lee-Alison Friedrich at: 618-616-6676 or friedrichl@mascoutah19.k12.il.us

Directions: Once on route 4 in Lebanon, take St. Louis Street (west) to Alton Street (north). Keep going until you come to the circle drive at the Hettenhausen Fine Arts Building. Park in that lot. Directly across the street is the Piper Academic Center.

Meet in room 222.

I _____ will attend the workshop on Saturday, February 23, 2008.

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

_____ I am not a member of Lewis and Clark and have enclosed my registration made out to Lewis and Clark Reading Council. (Pre-Service Teachers \$ 5.00 with student ID)
(Other non-members- \$15.00)

Contact Information:

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