

Issue Two—Winter 2010

News from . . .

Lewis & Clark Reading Council

An affiliate of the Illinois Reading

A message from our President:

Hi All:

It seems cliché to write about a restful winter break, so I'll just say Happy New Year and leave it at that! Reflecting on the past school year, we had success with our Education Expo, featuring Dr. Ralph Cordova and fellows from the Piasa Bluffs Writing Project. Martin Purrengei Ole Ngiroiya brought an international flair, speaking about the Ole Ki Mukie Maasai School in Kenya, which I plan on visiting this July.

Lewis and Clark is off and running (oh no! another cliché) in the new year with guest speaker Larry Pennie, appearing at the O'Fallon Library on Thursday, February 4th at 7 p.m. His presentation, "Picture Books to Tickle Your Funny Bone," is sure to please and is open to everyone. Please encourage your students to ask their parents to go to the library for an evening of entertainment.

All around the state, schools are gearing up for ISAT. With all the pressure I'm sure we all feel to raise those scores, please don't forget that professional organizations such as Lewis & Clark are formed to nurture teachers and be a forum for professional interaction. Henry Ford said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

To make coming together easier for our far-flung members, Lewis and Clark Reading Council is on Facebook now thanks to Lee-Alison Wilson, past president of our council. Look for the web address in this newsletter to friend us.

Let's all work together to make the rest of this school year successful!

Kim Winter



Lewis & Clark Reading Council '09-'10 Calendar of Events:

- Aug. 25 – Board meeting at 6 p.m. at Panera's in Collinsville
- Sept. 8 – International Literacy Day
- Sept. 26 – Education Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at C. A. Henning Elementary School, Triad School District, Troy, Illinois
- Oct. 20 – Poetry Diva Night – 7 p.m., location TBA
- Nov. 10 – Board meeting at 6 p.m. at Panera's in Collinsville
- Feb. 2 – Board meeting at 6 p.m. at Panera's in Collinsville
- Feb. 4 – Larry Pennie – "Picture Books to Tickle Your Funny Bone," O'Fallon Library, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 18-20, 2010 – IRC Conference in Springfield, IL
- Mar. 23 – details pending
- May 8 – Teacher Tools and Resource Resale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Highland, IL
- Jun. 1 – Board meeting at 6 p.m. at Panera's in Collinsville

Lewis & Clark on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=246514351837>

Websites of Interest to Teachers

Check these out the next time you're on the web.

DonorsChoose.org – website grants to teachers who are looking for a way to give students in public schools the resources their schools lack



extrareading.com – website has printable resources in reading, including short stories and math reading problems, for the intermediate grade elementary school teacher.

cooltoolsforschools/wikispaces.com – the ultimate education website

internet4classrooms.com/teachers.htm – website has a list of other sites that help teachers

newteachersupport.suite101.com/article.cfm/tips_for_new_teachers – article giving tips for new teachers – share with a new teacher on your staff

ala.org/greatsites – American Library Association's listing of great sites for kids has a link to Sites for Parents, Caregivers, Teachers & Others at the bottom of the lists on this page.

Invitational Summer Institute

****Earn 6 hours of SIUE Graduate Credit that Piasa Bluffs Writing Project pays and a \$800 stipend that you keep!****



When was the last time you had a chance to sit and learn with colleagues about literacy ideas and issues decided by you? Here's your chance to do so!

Apply for a Fellowship to participate in the **Piasa Bluffs**

Writing Project's Invitational Summer Institute, July 5 to July 30, 2010.

Who: YOU! as you join a prestigious group of National Writing Project teachers.

What: The 4-Week Invitational Summer Institute

When: July 5 to July 30, 2010

Where: SIUE.

Why: To improve learning in your classroom this fall, and contribute to the professional learning of colleagues.

Applications are due March 15, so don't delay.

To learn more and download your application, please visit www.pbwp2009.ning.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Ralph A. Córdova, Ph.D., Director, Piasa Bluffs Writing Project at rcordov@siue.edu or 618-650-3427.

Lewis and Clark Reading Council presents

**“Picture Books to Tickle Your Funny Bone”
with Larry Pennie**



Join us at the O’Fallon Library, O’Fallon, Illinois, on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., and have your funny bone tickled by Larry Pennie, an excellent speaker and member of Illinois Reading Council. Pennie will feature 35-40 picture books in his fun-filled program.

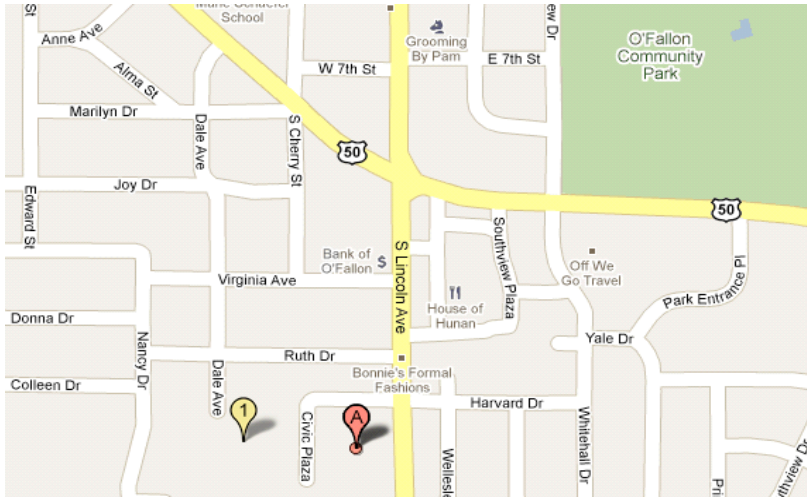
This program is fun for the whole family. All ages are welcome for this night of laughs. Let your students and their parents know about this very special program. Attendees will be given a bibliography of books used in the program.

DETAILS:

WHAT: “Picture Books to Tickle Your Funny Bone”
by Larry Pennie

WHEN: Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: O’Fallon Library, 120 Civic Plaza, O’Fallon, IL
(behind O’Fallon Post Office, 1111 S. Lincoln Ave.)



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