

MID-STATE READING COUNCIL

Fall 2009

September/October

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK -

KATIE ALBRITTON (PRESIDENT)

Welcome Back!!! I am sure you have been busy preparing for the first weeks of school, such an exciting time of the year. During the summer and past month, MID-State has been busy as well, preparing wonderful professional development opportunities for you.

MID-State has planned several events for the year and we are

excited about each one. We are bringing back our Summer Conference!!!! Pam Farris from ISU is pairing up MID-State to bring Ralph Fletcher and Sally Walker to Normal, IL on June 16th and 17th. Please look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

I hope that you have a wonderful start to the school year. MID-State looks forward to seeing you at our

events. Please bring a friend to a meeting.

Your President,
Katie Albritton

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Books are not made for furniture, but there is nothing else that so beautifully furnishes a house.

~ Henry Ward Beecher ~

PARENTS IN READING -

DEBBIE JOHNSON (PARENTS IN READING CHAIR)

Parents (teachers, too) will love to check out this website.

Here are the simple steps:

Go to <http://hill.troy.k12.mi.us>

Then, click on **Hill Staff, 3rd grade, Visit Room 13** Mrs. Newington.

Now, on the left side, click on **Literacy Links**.

Scroll down to **Guided Reading**.

Keep scrolling to "Handy Reading Strategies."

This can be downloaded and shows 5 tips to use while reading.

Also take time to look at "Prompts to use while reading with your child."

And "Lists of useful strate-

gies for attacking new words."

These and other ideas will be available at the Carnival for Reading Oct. 30

Thanks to Missi Clark, Resource teacher at Chatsworth Elementary, for sharing this website.

Contact your President at:

Katie - albrittk@unit5.org



MID-State Reading Council
Proudly Presents

The Carnival of Reading

Featuring Local Storyteller, Scott Myers



Mr. Myers is
the Principal at
Hudson Elementary School
and
a fabulous storyteller and entertainer!!!

At Bloomington Junior High School – 901 N. Colton Avenue

Friday, October 30

From 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



6:30 – 7:10 Storytelling by Scott Myers

7:10 – 8:00 pm

Face Painting by the Zoo Lady & Crew!
Corny, the Normal CornBelts Baseball
Mascot! Popcorn! Balloon Animals! Library
Tables! Make-a-Bookmark Craft! Clown!
Book Walk!



This is a **FREE** family event!

All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Special thanks to District 87 Schools, McDonalds, & the Normal CornBelts Baseball for their generous support.

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-

GEORGIANNE SCHAU (BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON)

Check out these activities at the Bloomington Public Library:

- Do you know *Where the Wild Things Are*? Here at the library! Come on Monday, October 12 to listen to this story and others in our Community Room at 11 am. Then afterwards, join in crafts and activities upstairs in the Children's Room until 12:30 pm.
- Don't miss seeing the **Madcaps Puppets** performance of *Aesop's Classic Tales* on Saturday, November 7 at 11 am and 2 pm. These giant puppets will delight children at this free event to celebrate Bloom-

ington and Normal Public Libraries Children's Book Week. No tickets are required but seating is limited. At Central Catholic High School Auditorium, 1201 Airport Road, Bloomington. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library and Friends of the Normal Public Library.

NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS-

KATRINA POLLITT (NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY LIAISON)

There are many events taking place at the Normal Public Library this fall. Here is a short list of some of the happenings at the library.

Registered 3, 4, and 5 year old story hour-Three, four, and five-year-olds are invited to attend a weekly 40-minute program that includes storytelling and a variety of other activities such as fingerplays, songs, games, and crafts. Classes last for five weeks beginning September 22, 2009 and ending October 22, 2009.

All children must meet the age requirement in order to be eligible. Registration is required by each individual parent. Phone registrations are accepted. Call the library at 454-4668 for more details or to register for Story Hour!

Tuesday Tales, Tuesdays 10:30 a.m., Sept. 15 - Dec. 8, 2009

Preschoolers and their families can come enjoy several stories shared by a member of the Children's Staff. The stories will be geared toward 3-5 year olds, but everyone is welcome!! Stories will be read in the Book Nook at the back of the Children's Department at 10:30 am. Session length varies, but is usually around half an hour.

Family Story Hour-
Doreen Cronin Day Program On Monday, October 12, 2009, bring your family to the library to celebrate the stories and characters created by Doreen Cronin! Drop in between 10 am-1pm.

Watch [Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type](#) written by Doreen Cronin performed as a play upstairs in the Book Nook of the Children's Department at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. This [FREE FAMILY ACTIVITY](#) is geared toward preschoolers (ages 3-5) to 3rd graders accompanied by an adult. No registration is required for this program so JOIN US!

There are many other events going on at the Normal Public Library! Check out the full list on their website at:

<http://www.normal-library.org/children/calendar.shtml>

Enjoy spending time at your local library!

UPDATE ON YA-YNOT?-

KARI HENNENFENT

It is time for us to start a new year of YA-YNot! YA-YNot is a chance for educators to meet informally and discuss different books and share great ideas! The group meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Barnes & Noble store in Bloomington from 9am to 11am.

Our schedule is as follows:

September 26th Book Fair

October 3rd Vampires and Zombies and Scare OH MY!

November 7th Let's Go To the Movies

December 5th Favorites

January no meeting

February 6th Graphic, Manga, Comics? Which IS It?

March 6th Awards 2011

April 3rd Picture Books

May 1st Multiple narrators

June 5th Adult Reads to Good to Miss

July no meeting

You can find more information on the new wiki that has been created just for this event! The address is <http://yaynot.wikispaces.com/> Please see the flyer found elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. Please join us for a lively book discussion and earn 2 CPDUs in the process!

YA? Y Not?!

A Creative Way to Share Literature Socially

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THE BENEFITS:

- Meet the most invested and involved educators in Central Illinois
- Learn about great books and share great ideas!
- Learn how to integrate materials into the classroom
- Browse YA section
- 2 CPDUs available!

MEETING FORMAT:

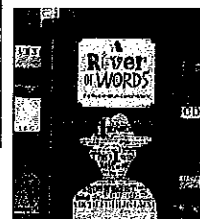
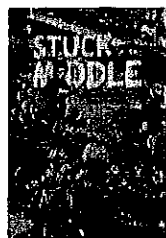
- Read one book per month (choose your own)
- Participate in informal discussions
- Socialize, shop, and have fun!

WHEN AND WHERE:

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am the first Saturday of each month
 - Book Fair September 26th to support Book Shower's for Literacy
 - No meetings in January or July
- Barnes and Noble in Bloomington

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Please see www.yaynot.wikispaces.com
- Questions may be directed to:
 - Kari Hennenfent hennenfk@unit5.org phone (309)888-6917



Carol Berry Memorial Literacy Grant

In the spring, MID-State Reading Council will award the Carol Berry Memorial Literacy Grant for up to \$500. Grants are awarded based on the worthiness of the project described in the application and the completeness of the information provided. The grant chosen will be awarded at our night of Inspiration on April 8, 2010. We are looking forward to awarding these grants and finding out what this year's recipients will be doing with their funding. Applications are due no later than March 17, 2010.

Recent grant winners have chosen to use their money in a variety of creative ways. MID-State has funded projects to develop multi-cultural literature collections, the use of literature in hands-on-science, family literacy programs, integrating technology and books, and resources for interdisciplinary units. Fire up those creative juices that are constantly flowing in your classroom, put them down on paper, and try for the funding this grant provides! Don't miss this opportunity to help fund your classroom or group. If you have any questions, call Trisha Warner, MID-State Grant Chairperson, at 309-531-8575.

MID-State Reading Council's

Carol Berry Memorial Literacy Grant Application

Award Amount: Up to \$500

Your application should include the following items:

- Program/Project Title:
- Date of Project:
- Place:

I. Statement of Purpose

II. Needs Statement

III. Description of Population Served

IV. Description of Project

V. Itemized Budget

VI. Plan for Publicity

VII. Plan for Evaluation

- Contact Person:
- Phone:
- Street Address, City, Zip code:
- Date of Application:

Return your application to: Trisha Warner

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