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Greetings from the President... Happy New Year! I hope your year is off to a great start. In 2012 we have many exciting things coming so be sure and get your calendar out to save these dates.

First off, on February 16th we will be offering a free event for helping you find some extra money to fund a literacy project in your school or classroom with a "Grant Writing Workshop." We will have an expert on grant writing available to help you write a grant that very evening. This will be held at the Regional Office of Education, 905 North Main St, Normal. Be sure to bring your laptop along. There will be some light munchies available.

Here's one of the most exciting and fantastic events for the summer! Kelly Gallagher: "Building Deeper Readers and Writers" will be our speaker for our summer conference which will be held on Monday, June 18th. We are partnering with the ROE to bring this outstanding author and teacher to you at an unbelievable cost. For members the cost is \$50 which includes spending the whole day with Mr. Gallagher and a lunch. Non-members attending will pay \$90 which will not only give them a day at the conference but a one-year membership to MID-State Reading Council and the Illinois Reading Council. You can't find a better deal! Be sure to save the date and plan to attend. There will be book studies available as well which are going to be offered through the ROE's spring professional development classes. Be sure to check the ROE website to get registered for the book studies. Also if you would like to learn more about Kelly Gallagher, check out his website at <http://kellygallagher.org/about/about.html>.

On March 1st we will have our Spring Fling on "Engaging Family Literacy." Look for more details in this newsletter.

Also, believe it or not but it's time to start planning for our next year's officers. Please consider getting more involved with our local council. There are many great benefits to being a part of this great organization beyond being just a member. We are looking for anyone who would be interested in being a part of our board. If you would like to be more involved, please email me at mid-state@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

We still have a few t-shirts for sale. Last year's t-shirts are at a reduced price of \$10.

Don't forget we're on Facebook and have a blog www.midstatereadingcouncil.blogspot.com where you can keep up with our events.

You can always find us at Illinois Reading Council's www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org website as well, under Councils: MID-State. We hope to see you at our events and be sure to bring a friend or two!

Wishing you all the best in the New Year!
Teresa Arendell

Save The Dates:
Grant Writing Workshop, Thursday, February 16

Spring Fling, March 1

Summer Conference
with Kelly Gallagher, June 18



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IRC CONFERENCE – MARCH 15-17, 2012 by Carol Owles (Treasurer)

The Illinois Reading Council Conference will be held on March 15 – 17, 2012, in Springfield and is a great opportunity to meet and learn from some of the notable authors and educators in our field of literacy. Gary Paulsen, Patricia MacLachlan, Seymour Simon, and Jack Gantos are just a few of the fabulous children's authors who will be there, as well as authors/educators Harvey Daniels, Katie Wood Ray, Chris Tovani, Richard Allington and many more. Along with these presenters, many more teachers from around our state will present /share successful and exciting literacy ideas and programs from their own classrooms. Be sure to

register for the Conference by February 1 and use your IRC/MID-State membership to save money, utilizing the early bird discount. Also, if you have a student teacher, PDS student, or clinical student working in your classroom, be sure to invite them to register and attend the conference. It's a great bargain for them at only \$25 for IRC student members and \$50 for non-members for all three days of the conference. There is also a special meal function for pre-service teachers on Friday evening at the conference—a pizza party with a social time and door prizes for all attendees. This event is free,

and the only requirement is that full-time students check this option on the form when they register for the conference. What a great way to encourage membership in our professional organization, too! Registration is available online at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. Hope to see many fellow MID-State members at the conference!!

MID-STATE'S
SUMMER
CONFERENCE IS
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER!
LOOK FOR MORE
DETAILS IN THIS
NEWSLETTER...

Carol Berry Memorial Literacy Grant By Trisha Warner (Vice President/Grants Chair)

The MID-State Reading Council will annually award two financial grants up to \$300 to individual council members for the purpose of promoting the literacy of children in the classroom.

Guidelines:

Each applicant will:

1. Be a current member of the MID-State Reading Council
2. Submit a complete proposal for the program or project which includes:
 - a. A statement of purpose
 - b. A needs statement, including information about

the population to be served

- c. A description of the project including a timeline
- d. An itemized budget
- e. A plan for program or project publicity
- f. A plan for program or project evaluation

Review Process:

A committee of MID-State members will serve on the review committee using a blind review process. Grants with identifiers will be disqualified.

Grant recipients will be informed of their awards by email by the notification deadline. Those who submitted but did not receive grants will be notified by email and will be provided with feedback.

1st Grant Deadline: ~~December 15, 2011~~ Extended to February 1, 2012

Notification and Award Date: ~~January 12, 2012~~ February 16, 2012

Apply Today!

MID-State Reading Council & The Regional Office of Education #17 Present

The 2012 Summer Conference with Kelly Gallagher

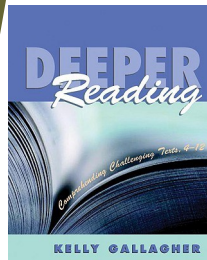
Date: Monday, June 18, 2012
Bloomington-Normal, IL

Registration/check in:
8:30-9:00
Time: 9:00-3:30 pm

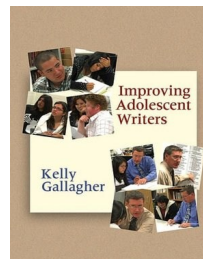
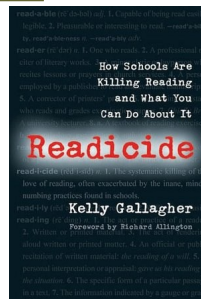
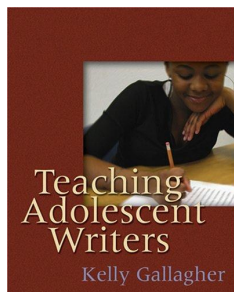
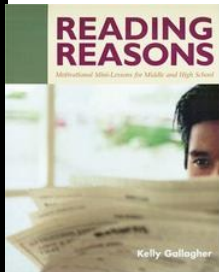
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Summer
Conference with
Kelly Gallagher



Kelly Gallagher is the author of many reading and writing books. There will be an online book study using Kelly Gallagher's *Deeper Reading: Comprehending Challenging Texts* starting January 30th. See the ROE #17 website for more details.



Benefits of Attending:

- ◆ Interact with a nationally recognized and respected author
- ◆ Network with local attendees interested in up and coming literacy knowledge!

This event, including lunch, costs \$50 for members of MID-State. There is also a special rate of \$50 for members of other local Councils of Illinois Reading Council. The Nonmember rate is \$90 w/ membership fee included! Any district/building who sends 3 people to the conference, the administrator comes free! You will receive confirmation of your registration via email including lunch details and location directions.



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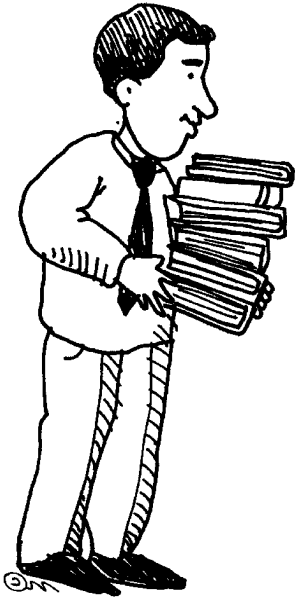
2012-Conference w/ Kelly Gallagher

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Bloomington Public Library News— By Georgianne Schau (Bloom. Library Liaison)



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Bloomington Library is THE place to be this winter! Check out all your local library has to offer!

Tuesday, January 24

Anime Now

Anime Now meets from 4 -5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. If you're a fan of Japanese animation or find yourself reading all the latest manga, you'll want to join us in the Community Room on the following Tuesday afternoons to watch and talk about anime.

Wednesday, January 25

Nearly New Movie Series

On Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., BPL shows the newest and hottest DVD movie in the Library's collection. Meet us in the Community Room at 6:30 p.m. (movies sometimes start earlier if they have a longer run time). For titles being shown, call the Adult Services Desk at 828-6093 or email reference@bloomingtonlibrary.org. Tonight's showing begins at 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 29

Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way

At 2 p.m. in the Community

Room, Robert Shaw, local author of *Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way*, will discuss his book and look at some of the locations he chose for inclusion. Shaw's book will be available for sale and autographing after the program.

Events at the Normal Public Library-By Katrina Pollitt (Normal Library Liaison)

There is a lot going on at **the Normal Public Library** this winter! Please come in and check us out!!!

President's Day Party

Monday, February 20 from 10am to 1pm. Make some patriotic crafts and have a presidential snack.

Tuesday Tales

Tuesdays, January 24 to May 1, at 10:30 am. Enjoy stories and songs in the Book Nook. Intended for 2-5 year olds.

Partners In Reading

Registration begins Tuesday, January 3. Every fall and spring semester, we pair college students with grade school students to read together and enjoy the library. The pairs

meet once a week for 45 minutes, throughout the semester. Children in 1st through 6th grades are welcome to participate in fall and spring sessions. In the spring, kindergartners are welcome to join in, too! Meeting times are flexible! Participants may select any 45 minutes on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 through 8:00 pm.

2 Year Old Story Hour

Registration begins February 8. Classes start February 22. Please call to register or register online. Various times. For children who are 2 years old and their caregivers. Enjoy songs, stories, and simple craft and activities.

Family Story Hour

January 20 & 21. February 10 & 11. March 9 & 10. April 20 & 21. All are at 10 am. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities.

Me, You and a Bottle of Glue

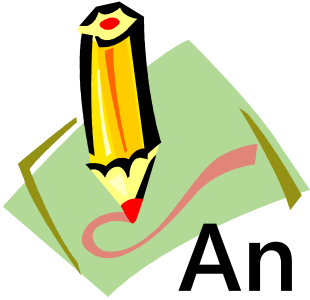
Third Thursday of the month from January to April from 3:30 pm -5 pm. Intended for tweens. Please call or go online to register.

Lego My Library

1st Thursday of the Month January through April from 3 pm to 6 pm. Come on out to build! Build! Build!

And teachers please don't forget to ask about our teacher pack program and outreach services!

For more information and more events or to



MID-State Reading Council Presents

An Evening of Grant Writing

So Many Grants, So Little Time!

Got great ideas that need funded? Need the time to find and fill out grant applications? Need advice on how to complete a grant application? Let us help! We will begin the evening with a short presentation full of grant writing tips. The rest of the evening will be yours--writing those grants.

WHERE: ROE at 905 N. Main St. Normal, IL 61761

WHEN: Thursday, February 16 from 4-6pm



Snacks and Drinks provided



This is a free event open to members and non-members of the MID-State Reading Council

RSVP to Trisha Warner at warnert@unit5.org or 309.287.3804

Read a Good Book Lately?

Professional Book Nook By Trish Warner (Vice President/Grants Chair)

Write Like This: Teaching Real World Writing Through Modeling & Mentoring Texts by Kelly Gallagher

I always like to read professional development books by people still in the classroom because they get what it is like to teach adolescents and juggle the paperwork load for 130+ students. Kelly Gallagher lives our lives--he is a full-time English teacher in California and the former director of the South Basin Writing Project. While he is probably best known for his work with adolescent readers, I am a big fan of his first book on writing, *Teaching Adolescent Writers*, and have been anxiously waiting for this second book on writing. I was not disappointed.

Gallagher begins with compelling reasons as to why our adolescent students need to write more and it begins with teaching them why they should write. This is the premise of the whole book. Students need to be taught the “real-

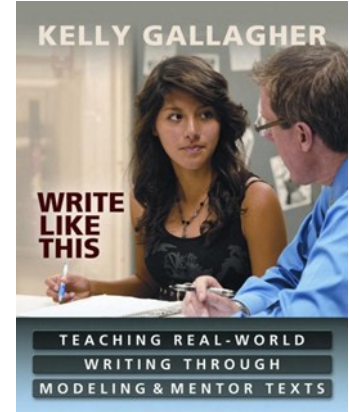
world purposes behind authentic writing” otherwise they see writing as “nothing more than a school activity.”

The rest of the book is filled with lessons, examples, and mentor texts for writing that will:

- express & reflect
- inform & explain
- evaluate & judge
- inquire & explore
- analyze & interpret
- take a stand/propose a solution

I found the writing ideas to be realistic for me as a classroom teacher and realistic for adolescent students--these are assignments Gallagher uses with his own freshman English students. You will be able to take the book and incorporate this writing into your classroom right away. I also liked the way the book compliments the Common Core standards—I can easily see content area teachers

using the ideas in *Write Like This*.



Because the book is published by Stenhouse, there is an online sample available at <http://www.stenhouse.com/shop/pc/viewprd.asp?idProduct=9513>. If you teach middle or high school, I encourage you to check it out!

Habitat for Humanity Update By Noma Simpson (Membership)

MID-State Reading Council will be reaching out to the community by donating books and bookshelves to two families. This event will take place sometime this spring when the families have their house blessings. It's just another way your council helps promote literacy in your community!



*MID-State Reading Council Presents
Spring Fling Event
“Engaging Family Literacy!”
March 1, 2012*



Parents, Children and Teachers,
Plan to attend our Spring Fling! The keynote speaker will emphasize the importance of communication between home and school working together to develop children’s literacy.



At “Engaging Family Literacy,” look for:

- Book fair
- Light dinner
- Story time for the children
 - Children’s Activities
- Keynote speaker for teachers and parents
- Family Literacy Packs/Teacher Literacy Packs



Be on the lookout for more information about this fun upcoming event!



