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The President's Corner...

I hope everyone's school year is off to a great start! I always enjoy the excitement and enthusiasm my students have during those first few weeks of school. The trick is finding a way to keep that excitement throughout the year. I know many districts have implemented changes in the curriculum this year. It is often challenging to keep up with these requirements while making each day an exciting one. Mid-State hopes that through this year's programs, we have offered you some ideas to take back to your classroom that will keep that enthusiasm going and continue to keep your children interested in literacy! Our Fall Fest featuring a keynote speaker on the CAFÉ is intended to do just that. We want you to find something on the menu that serves your students. Please check out our Save the Date section for information on this as well as the rest of this year's programs and events. We hope to see you there and remember to bring a friend!

Liz Luering

Save The Dates

Meet and Greet Happy Hour
Thursday, Sept. 30 4:30-6:30

Carnival of Reading
Friday, Oct. 29 6:30-8:30

Fall Festival of Literacy
Thursday, Nov. 4 5-7:30

Spring Fling
Thursday, April 7 5-7:30

Summer Conference with Candace Fleming & Cindy Georgis
June 9, 2011

CELEBRATE LITERACY

AT MID-STATE READING COUNCIL'S MEET AND GREET EVENT

FREE APPETIZERS

STATION 220

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 4:30-6:30



Join us September 30 at Station 220, formerly known as **Central Station Café**, for our first social event of the school year! Meet and greet your MID-State Reading Council officers, **enjoy appetizers and drinks (cash bar provided)** with other professionals, and learn more about how our council can benefit YOU. We will have "Save the Date" magnets available for you so you are sure not to miss a literacy event this year! All you have to do is swing by after school between the hours of 4:30-6:30pm and absorb the information provided including: how you can **earn up to \$300 for your classroom**, how you can **earn CPDUs** for attending or participating in professional development opportunities, and how you can **win a free Illinois Reading Council membership saving you \$40** by simply earning stamps on your very own MID-State card. Council members look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding MID-State membership, events, or to simply chat about literacy. Whether you have no knowledge of our organization or have been a member for years, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Because this is an "open house format", feel free to come and go as you please as there will be **no formal presentation**. So, grab a few friends, and stop by Station 220 on September 30 to kick off the school year with MID-State!

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HEARD ABOUT THE
CAFÉ, BUT NOT
SURE WHAT IT IS?
TAKE A PEEK AT
THE ARTICLE
BELOW!

Money for Your Classroom— Don't Miss Out! By Trish Warner (Grants Chairperson)

MID-State Reading Council will again award the **Carol Berry Memorial Literacy Grant**. This year the council will award the grant twice--once in the fall and once in the summer—for up to \$300. Grants are awarded based on the worthiness of the project described in the application and the completeness of the information provided. The fall grant will be awarded at MID-State's Fall Festival on November 4, 2010.

Applications are due no later than October 31, 2010. Applications should be mailed to Trisha Warner at 303 Kingsley Street, Normal, IL 61761 or sent electronically to warnert@unit5.org.

warnert@unit5.org. Please contact Trisha Warner with any questions: warnert@unit5.org or (309)287-3804.

Your application should include the following items:

- Contact Person
- Phone
- Street Address, City, Zip Code
- Date of Application
- Title
- Date of Project
- Place
- Statement of Purpose
- Needs Statement
- Description of Population Served
- Description of Project

- Itemized Budget
- Plan for Publicity
- Plan for Evaluation



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Reading Aloud By Noma Simpson (Co-Membership Chair)

"I always stumble because I read too fast." "I'm afraid my child won't listen to me." "I was laughed at when I read aloud at school." Do you have worries like these when you read aloud? You're not alone. Many parents avoid reading aloud to their kids. However, reading aloud is one of the best ways to help your youngster succeed in school. Keep these tips in mind:

- Everybody makes mistakes. If you make mistakes when reading aloud, your child will learn that it's okay for her to do so, too.

- Practice makes perfect. Find a book that you like and read it aloud by yourself until you feel comfortable.
- Involve your youngster in the story. Have her turn the pages. Or read one line and let her read the next.
- Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly.
- As you feel more comfortable, try changing your voice to show the characters' feelings-joy, sadness, fear.

These variations can make the story more exciting for both of you!

- Remember that you are helping your child learn to enjoy reading. Try different types of reading materials, such as comic strips and poetry. Above all, try to relax and enjoy the time you're spending with your youngster.



Fall Festival: What is the CAFÉ? By Teresa Arendell (President Elect)

Our Fall Festival on November 4th, will feature speakers Crystal Anderson and Elaine Modene from North Aurora, IL. They will be sharing with us their expertise in using The Daily 5 and The CAFÉ. The CAFÉ focuses on four areas of reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary. This system developed by The 2 Sisters (Gail Boushey and Joan Moser) pro-

vides an outstanding organizational system and framework which promotes reflective and responsive teaching. The Daily 5 offers teachers and students an excellent structure for daily literacy lessons. This classroom management system combines independent work, small group guided lessons, and focused whole group mini lessons. The philosophy of the Daily 5 focuses on fostering

student independence. This system can also be implemented into other curricular areas as well. After spending an evening with Crystal and Elaine you will be energized to start implementing The Daily 5 and The CAFÉ immediately in your own classroom. Even if you are familiar with these come and learn some new and creative ideas from others who are using the Daily 5 and The CAFÉ.

T-Shirts for Sale! By Noma Simpson (Co-Membership Chairperson)

MID State Reading Council is ordering tee-shirts. If you would like to order a tee-shirt, please let Noma Simpson know at nsimpson@lexington.k12.il.us. The price of the v-neck shirts will be \$10.50 ea. for sizes S-XL, 2XL will be \$12.50 ea. and 3XL for \$14.50 ea. If only 20-25 shirts are ordered, the price per shirt will increase .50. Please see the size chart for approximate measurements.

The front of the tee-shirts will have: **Live, Laugh, Read**, and on one sleeve will have the other logo about MID State Reading.

| (in inches) | S | M | L | XL | 2XL | 3XL |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Body Width | 18 3/8 | 19 3/8 | 21 1/2 | 23 5/8 | 25 3/4 | 27 3/4 |
| Sleeve Length | 7 1/4 | 7 1/2 | 7 3/4 | 8 | 8 1/4 | 8 1/2 |
| Body Length | 23 1/2 | 24 1/2 | 25 1/2 | 26 1/2 | 27 1/2 | 29 |

Literacy Café: A Menu for Middle School Reading Success- By Janel Dowling & Trisha Warner

Do you want to create a love and appreciation for books in your classroom? Do you often wish you could recreate the atmosphere of reading a good book within the aromas of a local coffee house in your own classroom? Do you want your students to have the same conversations with each other as you have in your own Book Groups surrounded by lattes, frappes, and coffees? Research shows that it is not enough to teach students the fundamentals of reading, but also the appreciation of reading. Therefore, one of the purposes of teaching reading is to provide students the opportunity to value reading. Not sure how to implement such an atmosphere? Allow us to provide you with a menu . . . courtesy of expert literacy chefs--Dr. Steven Layne and Nancie Atwell

APPETIZERS

Reading Aloud

Listening to wonderful words can satisfy many hungers. The hunger for a satisfying story, the hunger for a laugh, the hunger for feeling connected and being part of a community, and the hunger for information. No matter the age, these hungers can be satisfied with a **Read Aloud**. In fact, reading aloud has been referred to as "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading" (Layne, pg. 52).

This could be as simple as reading a poem, essay, or quote; or a more elaborate class, team, whole school novel.

Read Around

A fast, simple, and tasty recipe for exposing your students to many books in a short amount of time is a **Read Around**—adapted from Steven Layne. All you need is a fresh, healthy selection of books (one per student plus a few extra) and ten minutes. To create a Read Around, put a book on each student's desk. Explain that they will have several seconds (varying the time will keep the excitement high) to preview the book on their desk. When time is called students can pass the book to the next person or keep it to continue previewing. You can keep a stack of books in your hands to give to a student if he or she has read the Read Around book before. Continue the Read Around until students are full.

MAIN COURSES

Independent Reading Program

Imagine an unlimited buffet of books...books to satisfy every taste and craving...books that are necessary to sustain to the soul...books that explore the world. Do you want to fill your own plate with a tantalizing

selection of old favorites and delectable new dishes or do you want someone else to fill your plate for you? An **Independent Reading Program** acknowledges a student's right to read self-selected books (Atwell). We encourage you set up a buffet in your classroom!

Literature Circles/Student Led Discussion Groups This dish is sure to fill the minds of your students. Through the experience of sharing books with peers, students are able to question the text, analyze author's purpose, and explore theme. Teachers act as facilitators as they encourage students to participate in authentic discussion of literature.

DESSERT

Book Chats

Didn't leave enough room a big dessert? Intimidated by a complicated recipe with many ingredients? A light way to end your literary meal is with a **Book Chat**. A couple of times a week schedule this ending to your class. Tempt your students with a new title or two—hook them with an amazing plot, or interesting characters, or beautiful language. Same sweet, satisfying taste without all the hassle.

Sources: *Igniting a Passion for Reading* by Steven Layne & *The Reading Zone* by Nancie Atwell

SHOW YOUR
PRIDE IN
LITERACY—
BUY A MID-
STATE T-
SHIRT!



MID-State Reading Council
Proudly Presents



The

Carnival of Reading

Featuring Professional Storyteller, Chris Fascione



Come join Chris for an evening of
storytelling, clowning,
and lots of fun and laughter!

He is a fabulous storyteller
and entertainer!!!

At Bloomington Junior High School – 901 N. Colton Avenue

Friday, October 29

From 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

6:30 – 7:10 pm

Storytelling by Chris Fascione

7:10 – 8:00 pm

Book Walk! Clown!

Face Painting! Popcorn! Balloon Animals!

Library Tables! Make-a-Bookmark Craft!



This is a **FREE** family event! All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Thanks to District 87 Schools, McDonalds, and the Bloomington and Normal Libraries for their generous support

Mid-State Reading Council Presents...

FALL FEST 2010

FEATURING CAFÉ IN THE CLASSROOM

Thursday, November 4th 5:00-7:30 PM
Northpoint Elementary School Cafeteria
2602 E. College Ave. Bloomington
Presented by Crystal Anderson & Elaine Modene of Aurora, Il.
Audience K-5

Ever wonder what to “serve” your students? Try something from The CAFÉ! Developed by The 2 Sisters Gail Boushey and Joan Moser, the CAFÉ menu features four areas of reading: **C**omprehension, **A**ccuracy, **F**luency, and **E**xpanding Vocabulary. Our presenter will share The 2 Sisters’ ideas for making the most of guided reading and student conferences during your reading workshop.

Join us for a boxed dinner, door prizes, and lots of good ideas for your classroom! CPDUS will be available.

To register please complete the bottom portion of this flier and send it with fee to:
Janel Dowling @ Kingsley Junior High
303 Kingsley St. Normal, Il 6171

Register By Friday, October 29, 2010

Fees: Mid-State Members/Non-Members -\$7.00* Students-\$5.00*

*fee includes boxed dinner

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Email _____

_____ Member/Nonmember Fee enclosed \$7.00

_____ Student Fee enclosed \$5.00

*Make checks payable to MID-State Reading Council

Great Membership Benefits!

For membership information, be sure to visit the website www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

This is where you can find out information about this council, others in the area and ways the Illinois Reading Council can help you be a better teacher of literacy!

AT THE... LIBRARY

The Next Big Thing- Bloomington Public Library News

By: *Georgianne Schau (Bloomington Library Liaison)*

Illinois Night Shift

A live owl show presented by
Illinois Raptor Center
October 2 10 am and 11 am

pm

Halloween Parade and Story Time

Wear your costume and join
the fun!
Friday, October 29 10 am

2nd Monday Story Club

Stories and fun for kids in 1st,
2nd, and 3rd grades
Monday, October 11 6:30 pm

Ghost Stories with the Twin City Tale Spinners

Wednesday, October 27 6:30

Normal Public Library Current Events

Normal Public Library often features many exciting events for all ages. Please check out the website www.normal-library.org for more information about all the great programs for children, teens, and adults! Check back often as new events are always being added!



MEMBERSHIP FORM

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1 Please print or type.

Individual Membership for One Year

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
 Address _____ E-mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
 Home Phone () _____ Bus. Phone () _____
 School Name _____ District _____ City _____
 or
 Business/Institution _____ City _____
 Are you a Preservice Teacher? ____ yes ____ no College/University _____

2 List the council(s) you wish to join.

When you join, you receive membership in the IRC, as well as membership in a local or special interest council. You must select at least one of the councils listed on the back.

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

3 List the dues amount of each council you are joining.

\$40 - One year membership
\$25 - Preservice Teacher membership

4 Discount for multiple memberships.

If you join more than one council at this time, you may deduct \$25 for each council after the first one. Preservice Teacher discount is \$20.

Total Before Discount _____

Discount _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

5 Return this form with payment to:

Illinois Reading Council
1210 Fort Jesse Road, Suite B2
Normal, IL 61761

Method of Payment:
 (Sorry, no P.O.'s accepted.)

Check (payable to IRC) Visa MasterCard

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Paying by credit card? Join Online or
 Fax: 309-454-3512

Signature _____ Credit Card Expiration Date: Mo _____ Yr. _____

6 In our continuing effort to provide meaningful services to our members, IRC requests the following information.

Are you a member of the International Reading Association (IRA)?

a. ____ yes membership # _____ expiration date _____
 b. ____ no

Professional Areas of Interest (Check 3)

- a. ____ administration
- b. ____ adult literacy
- c. ____ affective reading
- d. ____ assessment
- e. ____ children's literature
- f. ____ comprehension
- g. ____ content area reading
- h. ____ family literacy
- i. ____ holistic reading
- j. ____ multilingual/multicultural
- k. ____ newspapers in education
- l. ____ parents and reading
- m. ____ reading for gifted students
- n. ____ research
- o. ____ study skills
- p. ____ teacher education
- q. ____ technology in reading
- r. ____ Title I/remedial reading
- s. ____ young adult literature
- t. ____ young authors/writing

Age

- a. ____ 18-24
- b. ____ 25-39
- c. ____ 40-54
- d. ____ 55 and over

Years in Education Profession

- a. ____ 0-4
- b. ____ 5-14
- c. ____ 15-29
- d. ____ 30 and over

Highest Degree Earned

- a. ____ Bachelors
- b. ____ Masters
- c. ____ Doctorate

Present Position

Classroom Teacher:

- a. ____ preschool
- b. ____ K-3
- c. ____ 4-6
- d. ____ middle school/jr. high
- e. ____ high school
- f. ____ post Secondary

Administrator:

- a. ____ curriculum/reading supervisor
- b. ____ building principal
- c. ____ superintendent
- d. ____ other _____

Other:

- a. ____ librarian
- b. ____ parent
- c. ____ special ed. teacher
- d. ____ gifted/talented teacher
- e. ____ Title I/remedial
- f. ____ reading specialist
- g. ____ retired

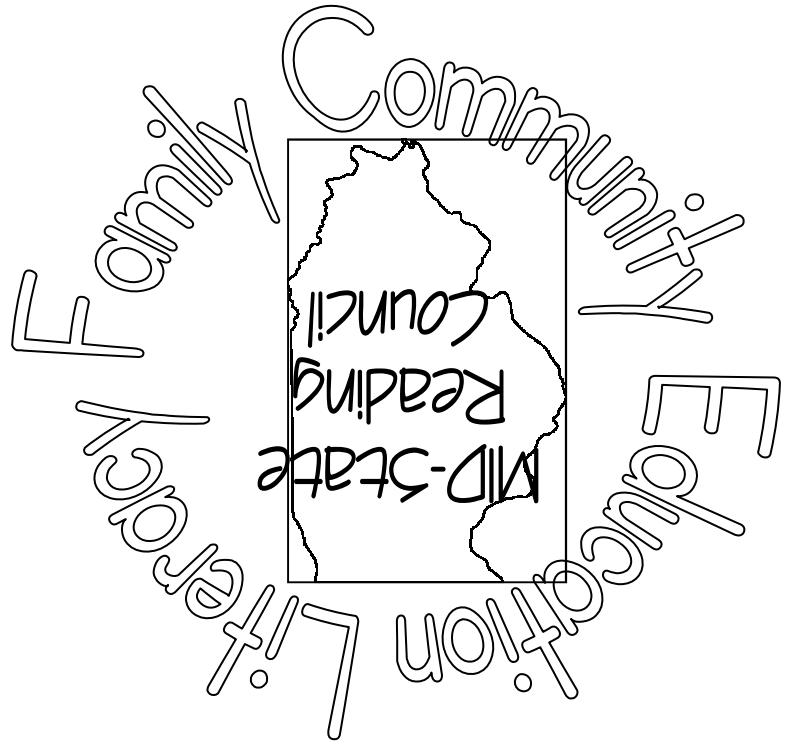
Illinois Reading Council Membership

Locations of IRC Local & Special Interest Council Regions by Counties

The annual membership of \$40 includes membership in the Illinois Reading Council **and** a local or special interest council. The annual preservice teacher membership is \$25 for one who has not been certified in the teaching profession and is working toward an initial teaching certificate. Please select the council(s) you wish to join from the list below. Residence in any of the designated council counties you join is not required. By joining multiple councils at this time, a discount of \$25 is offered for each council joined after the first. The preservice teacher discount is \$20. Follow the steps on the front of this form.

| North-Northwest Region (Region 1) | West Central-Central Region (Region 4) | Southwest Region (Region 7) |
|--|--|--|
| <p>___ Blackhawk Reading Council - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry & Whiteside)</p> <p>___ Northern Illinois Reading Council - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee & Ogle)</p> <p>___ Northwestern Illinois Reading Council - (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll)</p> <p>___ Sauk Valley Reading Council - (Eastern Whiteside & Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, & Bureau)</p> | <p>___ Central Illinois Reading Council - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)</p> <p>___ Illinois Valley Reading Council - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)</p> <p>___ MID-State Reading Council - (McLean, DeWitt)</p> <p>___ Western Illinois Reading Council - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)</p> | <p>___ Lewis and Clark Reading Council - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Clinton)</p> <p>___ National Road Reading Council - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette)</p> <p>___ Mississippi Valley Reading Council - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)</p> |
| North-Northwest Chicago Region (Region 2) | North Central Region (Region 5) | Southeast Region (Region 8) |
| <p>___ Fox Valley Reading Council - (Kane)</p> <p>___ Lake Area Reading Council - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)</p> <p>___ Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA) - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)</p> | <p>___ South Suburban Reading Council - (Those parts of Cook Co. bounded on west by Will-Cook Rd., north by 115th St., and/or Chicago City limits)</p> <p>___ Starved Rock Reading Council - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)</p> <p>___ Two Rivers Reading Council - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)</p> <p>___ Will County Reading Council - (Will)</p> | <p>___ Southern Illinois Reading Council - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson)</p> <p>___ South Eastern Reading Council - (Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Edwards, Wabash)</p> |
| Chicago Region (Region 3) | East-East Central Region (Region 6) | Special Interest Councils (Region 9) |
| <p>___ Chicago Area Reading Association (CARA) - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)</p> <p>___ Prairie Area Reading Council - (Western DuPage County)</p> <p>___ West Suburban Reading Council - (DuPage County and those parts of Cook County west of Rt. 43 excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)</p> | <p>___ East Central-EIU Reading Council - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)</p> <p>___ Illini Reading Council - (Champaign, Piatt, Southern Ford)</p> <p>___ Macon County Reading Council - (Macon)</p> <p>___ Vermilion Valley Reading Council - (Vermilion)</p> | <p>___ CIRP - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)</p> <p>___ ITA - (Illinois Title I Association)</p> <p>___ ICARE - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)</p> <p>___ ILLC - (Illinois Language and Literacy Council)</p> <p>___ SRL - (Secondary Reading League)</p> |

Great MID-State
Reading Council
Events are Com-
ing Soon! Look
Inside for More
Details!



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