



## Going Green!!!

NIRC board members recently decided to gradually phase out the paper newsletter. Plans are to produce an electronic newsletter by January 2009. Members have some options for receiving their newsletter electronically. First of all, the newsletter can always be accessed at our website through the Illinois Reading Council. To reach that site, go to [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org), click on the Local Councils link, and then click on Northern Illinois Reading Council. Also, our corresponding secretary, Roberta Linder, is creating a database of NIRC member's e-mails. If you'd like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to her at [ramluy2read@aol.com](mailto:ramluy2read@aol.com). We have also included a paper option here for you to cut off and mail to her at 951 Arvle Circle, Sycamore, IL 60178. Thank you for helping us as we make this environmentally responsible transition.

Please print clearly. If your e-mail address is case sensitive, indicate that and print it in the case you use.

NIRC Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address at which you wish to receive an electronic newsletter:

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Mail this form to: Roberta Linder  
951 Arvle Circle  
Sycamore, IL 60178

### ***AND SPEAKING OF THE NIRC NEWSLETTER....***

As of the August 2008 edition, your NIRC newsletter editor will be Sarah Kennay. After some three years of completing this task, it's time for me to let someone else enjoy the fun while I move on to new challenges as an assistant professor at Carthage College! Thanks to all the NIRC Board who make this job so enjoyable, to Joe Pourroy for "co-editing" and all his behind the scenes work, and to Sarah for making it easy to leave. -Patty Rieman

### **Teachers As Readers**

NIRC's TAR groups were active during the past year. Several members met three times to discuss professional books. Plans to continue these groups are underway. Our fall book will be To Understand: New Horizons in Reading Comprehension by Ellin Oliver Keene. Participants purchase and read the book on their own, then meet together for discussion. Dates and locations for the year will be announced in the August newsletter.

Those who attended a TAR this past year found it beneficial to meet in various locations. One group met in Rockford, one in Oregon, and one in Creston. If you are interested in beginning a TAR group in your area, please contact one of the board members listed on the front of the newsletter. We are happy to have new groups!