



Northwestern Illinois Reading Council

Greetings and Happy Spring!

We have lots of news to share with you from IRC as well as from your local council. Please plan to join us for an evening of relaxation, appreciation, and inspiration on Thursday, May 15th! See the flyer!

Our new officers are excited and ready to serve you, our members, in the 2008 – 2009 school year. We are still in need of council representatives for the following special committees:

Parents and Reading
Newspapers in Education
Adult and Family Literacy

Check out the IRC website for more information at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please let one of the officers know. Thank you!

NWIRC By-Laws

At the upcoming gathering at Massbach Ridge we will be reviewing the recently revised By-Laws for our council. They will then be submitted to the state for approval. They have not been visited since 1979 –

Grant Updates

All three of the grants that were written last year were accepted. Story Hour for Santa, in its 8th year, was a huge success. We have expanded to 5 libraries in our IRC region. We gave away over 150 books! The books for the Pediatric Department have been ordered and will be distributed upon arrival. The Books for Babes program is still in the developing stages, but will soon be completed. These grants have allowed many children and adults the opportunity to experience literacy in one form or another. We hope to continue these programs for years to come!

Officers to Attend the Leadership Conference
at Grand Bear Lodge in June !!!!

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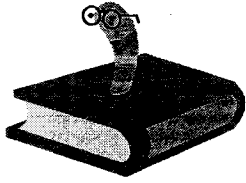
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Please feel free to contact any of the officers with questions, concerns, or to lend a helping hand. Your input is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

NWIRC



Spring Event

Who: members of Northwestern Illinois Reading Council



What: a fun-filled evening including a tour of the winery, tasting, munchies, visiting, & door prizes

*Where: Massbach Ridge Winery
(Directions on the back)*

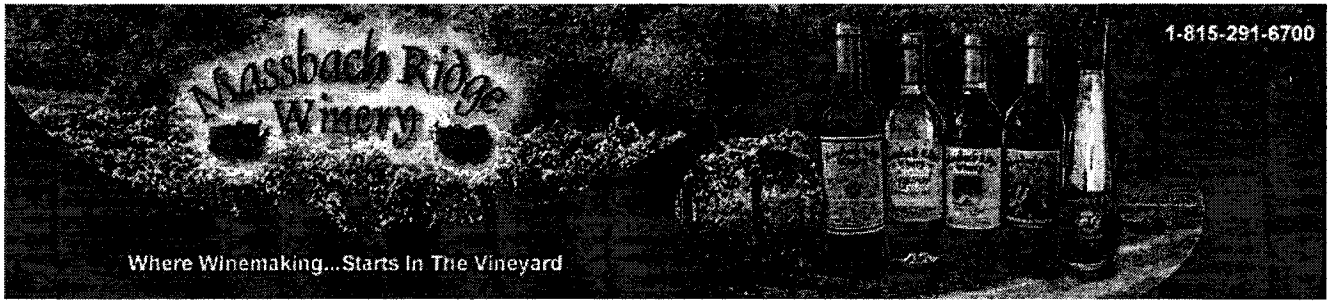


When: Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 P.M.

Why: to show you how much we appreciate your work as a teacher & to catch you up on the latest NWIRC/IRC news



R.S.V.P. to Mary Stayner or Janell Hartman by Monday, May 12! We hope to see you there!

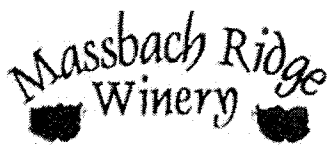


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Summer Hours:
 May - October
 Friday - Sunday
 Noon-6p.m.

Winter Hours:
 November - April
 Saturday & Sunday,
 Noon-5p.m. or by
 appointment



Directions to Massbach Ridge Winery

From the East:

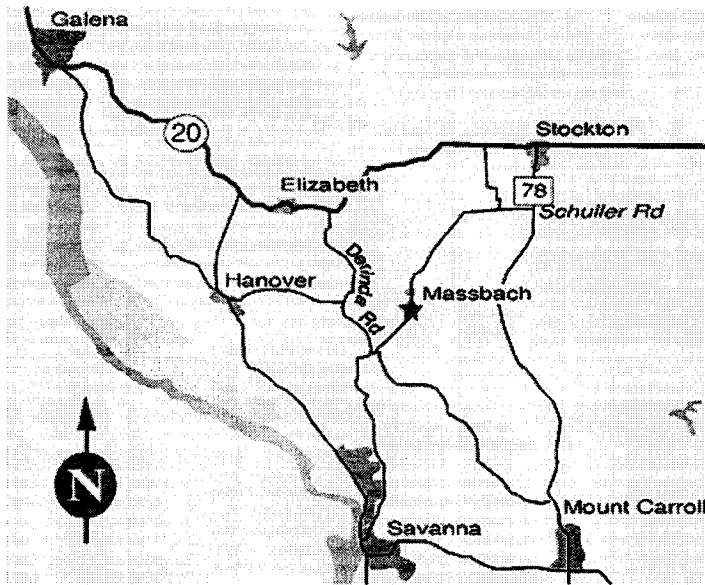
Take Hwy 20 west into Stockton, IL. Go 3 miles south of Hwy 20 on Hwy 78. Turn right at winery sign. Go through stop sign 7 miles.

From the West:

Take Hwy 20 east into Elizabeth, IL. Go 1.5 miles east on Hwy 20. Turn right onto Derinda Road. After 8 miles, turn left at Massbach Road and follow signs 2 miles to Massbach.

From the South:

Take Hwy 78 north into Mt. Carroll, IL. Go 1.5 miles north on Hwy 78. Turn left on Elizabeth Road and go 7 miles to "T" stop. Turn right and go 7 miles to Massbach.



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