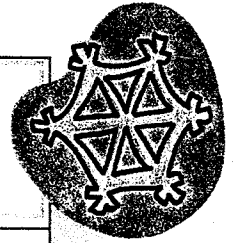


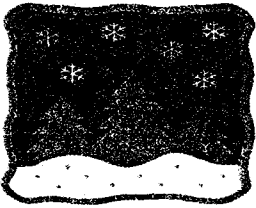
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# SOUTH EASTERN READING COUNCIL

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## Greetings from the South Eastern Reading Council President

As president of the local council I have the privilege of attending the bimonthly Board meetings of the Illinois Reading Council. These meetings are held in Bloomington, IL on Saturday morning and conclude with lunch at noon. During the meeting there is time for each council to give a brief update on their activities. It is always interesting to hear what other councils are doing and to get ideas that we might be able to implement. In this newsletter are several program ideas and service project ideas. If any of these are of interest to you please email me and we will attempt to plan programs and projects that will best benefit our members. The council officers appreciate your input.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. Anonymous

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2008 Conference  
March 13-15, 2008  
Springfield, IL

## **LITERACY**

Unleash the Power

Registration is now available online at  
[www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org)  
Registration discount is available until  
February 1, 2008  
Conference volunteers are needed. See  
the enclosed form.



# GET INVOLVED!

## BE A 2008 CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER!



I would like to volunteer to work on the IRC Conference.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council: \_\_\_\_\_

1. While at the 2008 IRC Conference, I can volunteer to help for:
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1 hour, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 2 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday morning block (1/2 day)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday afternoon block (1/2 day)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Friday morning block (1/2 day)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon block (1/2 day)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning block (1/2 day)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Anytime, as needed.

2. I would prefer to help in one or more of the following areas:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Collect tickets at a meal function
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Work at the registration booth
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Help with book sales/autographing sessions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Help with the audio-visual equipment
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Help with the special events and receptions
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Help with the exhibits
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with Shuttle Busses
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with collecting evaluations
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Assist with putting up or changing room signs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Serve as a host for featured speakers
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Help with a special IRC/IRA booth
  - \_\_\_\_\_ No preference, I will help as assigned.

Your Help Is Needed - Please Volunteer!

Please send by March 1, 2008 to:

Illinois Reading Council  
1210 Fort Jesse Road, Suite B2  
Normal, IL 61761-1836

### New Officers

Are you interested in serving a year as an officer for your local reading council? What are the perks for serving as an officer:

- IRC and IRA dues paid annually,
- Leadership Retreat at Grand Bear Lodge near Starved Rock State Park in June, all expenses covered
- Bimonthly meetings in Bloomington, travel, lodging and meals covered
- Contact with other council officers as well as state officers

Contact Diana Woods if you are interested or need more information.



**Agriculture in the Classroom**  
Visit [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org)  
or contact your county Farm Bureau office

### Meeting suggestions or Service Projects

- Oral Language and its Importance in Reading and Writing
- Picture Storybooks: A Hidden Treasure
- Teaching Research Skills with Picture Books
- Reading Rules of the Road: A Hands on Approach for Teaching Reading Fluency
- Motivation, Multiple Intelligences, student Responsibility
- Supporting Your Young Writers
- Encouraging Family Literacy
- A Chat with Benjamin Franklin
- Teachers as Reader Book club
- Reading with Santa
- Magazine subscription for women abuse shelters
- Young authors contest
- Saturday morning mini conference
- Habitat for Humanity-purchase bookshelf and books



**International Reading Association**  
**53rd Annual Convention**  
**Engaging Learners in Literacy**  
**May 4-8, 2008**  
**Atlanta, Georgia**  
**Registration is now available at**  
**[ww.reading.org](http://ww.reading.org)**

## **BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!**

At the February 26th meeting each member will have the opportunity to submit her name into a drawing for books to be distributed to her County Health Office. Books will be delivered to the Health Office to be given to children coming in to receive shots. Be sure and attend the February meeting so your Health Office has a chance to be the recipient of \$100 worth of books.

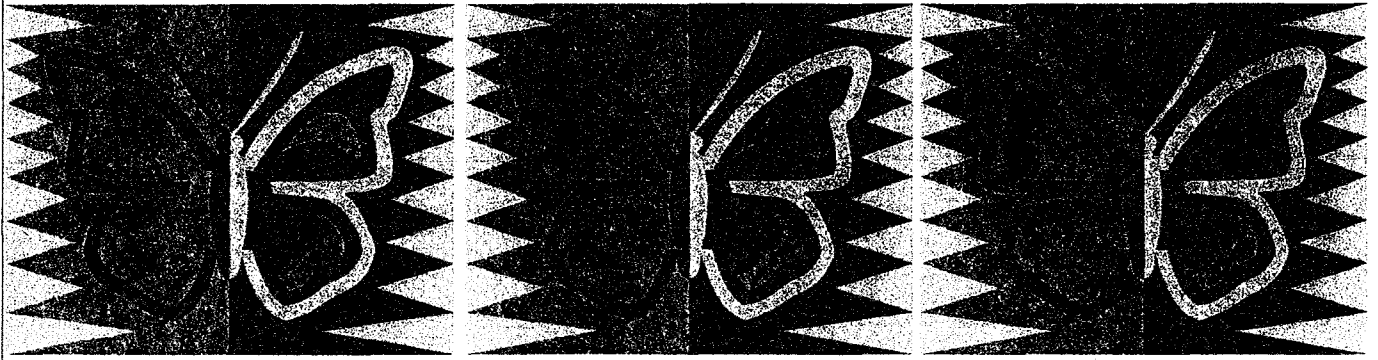
## **Literacy Grants**

Each year the Illinois Reading Council gives away close to \$60,000 to Council Members for literacy grants. Information on these grants is available at the Illinois Reading Council website. The deadline for this year's grant is May 1, 2008.

**IMPORTANT - ONLY ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATION FORM - DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

Workshop/Activity Title: Judy Burris and Wayne Richards, authors of <i>Life Cycle of a Butterfly</i>	Activity Date: February 26, 2008
Name:	Position/Grade Level:
District:	Building:
Work Telephone:	Home Telephone:
Address	Home Address (if applicable)
E-mail Address (please provide):	Please make checks payable to ROE #12
Mail or Fax completed forms to:  Regional Office of Education #12  103 West Main Olney, IL 62450 FAX: 618/395-8160  Questions? Please contact our office - 618/395-8626 or e-mail <a href="mailto:pburt@roe12.net">pburt@roe12.net</a>	Amount Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____  Paid by: Individual _____ District _____  Date Received: _____

South Eastern Reading Council presents  
Judy Burris and Wayne Richards,  
Authors of *Life Cycle of a Butterfly*  
Tuesday, February 26, 2008  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Ty's Family Buffet  
\$10 registration fee includes drinks/refreshments  
CPDUs provided



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