

South Eastern Reading Council

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Kindle Fire or Kindle Touch? Which would you prefer?

It hit me on the way to the January 28th IRC Board Meeting, "What KIND of Kindle do we want to give away?" So I asked the officers, checked our membership thus far, and it has been decided that IF membership continues to increase the way it has been, then we will give away BOTH a Kindle Fire AND a Kindle Touch! With that said, don't forget to RSVP for the meetings and bring your friends for those extra tickets! Also, this drawing is for members only- so if you haven't joined yet, then contact me or go online to www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org and join today. Who knows- membership grows enough, we may give away more!

Letter from the President

Look at all the new info!

I decided to keep the 'expanded' version of the newsletter and I was lucky enough to have some cool information to include this issue!

Happy New Year! I hope that you are taking energetic leaps in trying to accomplish the new resolutions that you have established for yourself (or your classroom). I am steadily working towards many of mine and loving the positive difference I am seeing (and feeling). It is important to stay on top of those goals as well as trying to figure out how to start to accomplish all the 'new' things that are tossed at us every day by new guidelines, new students, etc.

I am very excited about our Kindle give-away and I hope that you

are as well. I actually received a Kindle Fire for Christmas and maybe that is what had made me think that we needed to give one away. I honestly don't get to play with it much- my 3 year old daughter Alana has pretty much taken it over. However, the games are educational and she LOVES the 'ibooks' app that reads her books to her. (It was even free!) And I will also admit that I haven't downloaded a book on it yet- I play 'Jewels'. I did re-read one of my favorite books the other day,

Angry Housewives Eating Bon-Bons by Lorna Landvik. If you need a good laugh or cry, then you should grab this one! (I'll even let you borrow mine!)

Using technology in the classroom is becoming an even more popular idea, so even if you don't personally want the Kindle (if you win), then maybe you can find a way to work it into enticing your students to read! They'll know more about setting it up than you probably will! ☺

Support Your Local Council!



Shirts are still available! I have heard nothing but positive comments and even someone wanting to know if they can use our design! Contact me if you are interested, or let one of the officers know at the meeting!



Congratulations are in order for:

IRC Legislators of the Year



Rep. Roger Eddy, 109th District

**He was nominated by SERC!*



Lt. Governor Sheila Simon

***SERC Officer with newly obtained IL Type 75
Administration Certificate***



Karen Anderson~ Treasurer

No, she isn't 'wanted', we stopped by to see my husband while he worked at Neoga PD!



Literacy in the Land
of Lincoln
March 15-17, 2012
Springfield, Illinois

Mark your calendars!

**Comments / Questions
about the Newsletter or
our council, please
contact me!**

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We're on the Web!
Membership renewal
available online!

Conference Preview Pizza Party with Reading & Writing Activities

Presenter: *Pat Braun~ President-Elect of IRC*

Pat will be giving an 'insiders look' at the conference (since she is the one who is in charge of it this year)! Find out about the costumes, speakers, and all the fun and educational happenings that will be going on March 15-17th. Pat will also be doing a reading and writing activity that will be able to be incorporated into our classrooms. It's not just about the conference! ☺

February 6, 2012 @ the Olney Public Library in Olney (400 W. Main)

6-8pm *We will be providing pizza and drinks

RSVP: Theresa Coker~ thecoker08@yahoo.com

Don't forget those pennies!

Show you care and bring in those bothersome pennies! There is only one more meeting (after this) to help show our support for SWAN in Olney!



Showing our support for SERC at the IRC Board Meetings! *Tambree Krouse (Membership), Diana Woods (SERC Past-President/IRC Secretary), and Theresa Coker (President)*

