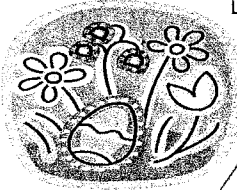
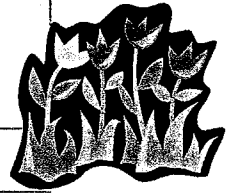


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Greetings from the South Eastern
Reading Council President
Diana Woods

If you didn't get to attend the Illinois Reading Conference you missed an outstanding event. The author sessions, meals, keynote speakers, teacher sessions, exhibits and special events were excellent. There were a variety of topics presented for primary ages, but there were also several sessions geared specifically towards middle school and high school ages. If you have never attended one of the IRC conferences I strongly urge you to attend next year. If you are limited to one workshop a year this is the one you don't want to miss. It is a "full meal deal" with something for everyone. Mark your calendar today for March 19-21, 2009!!

"A bird doesn't sing because
it has an answer, it sings be-
cause it has a song."
Maya Angelou

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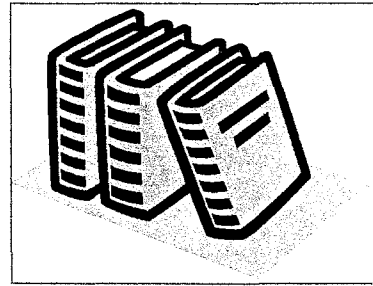
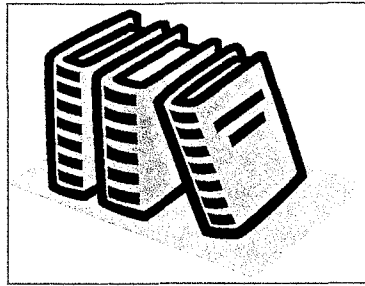
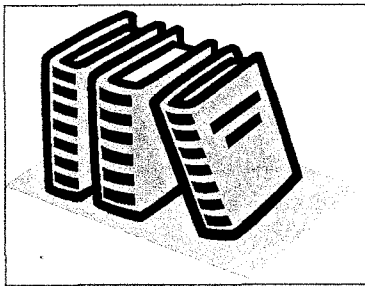
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Congratulations!!

*South Eastern Reading Council
Was awarded the
Illinois Reading Council
Council of Excellence Award
For completion of Excellence Award
Requirements.*



Congratulations to Tambree Krouse from Albion for winning \$100.00 worth of books to be given to the County Health Office in her area. These books were purchased by SERC and given away in a drawing at our February 29th meeting with Judy Burris and Wayne Richards.

Flood Relief

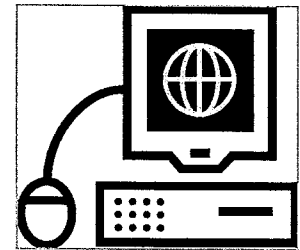
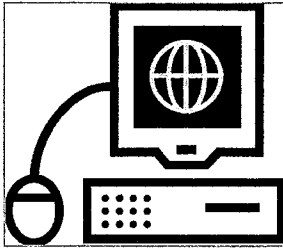
SERC was able to donate \$150.00 to Nettie Davis School in northern Illinois after their school was flooded in February.

Rebecca Caudill Award

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie was this year's Caudill winner. If you would like to be involved in the Caudill project as an evaluator see the attached information sheet.

Leadership Retreat

This year's leadership retreat will be held June 18-20, 2008, at Grand Bear Lodge near Starved Rock State Park. Council officers will meet to discuss programs and plans for the upcoming year. If you have suggestions about meetings or speakers email any officer with that information.



Websites

For logos and environmental print:

www.Campbellsoup.com

www.grocer.com

www.SpongeBob.com

www.dot.state.tx.us/kidsonly—safety, work zone, traffic signs

For Early Literacy:

www.hubbardscupboard.org

www.wordsthatcook.org

www.lindaslearninglinks.com/enviroprt.htm

Literacy Grants

Do you have an idea, but no funds? IRC has \$60,000 to give away in grants this year. This is your chance to do the project that you have been dreaming about. Grants are due May 1, 2008. See the IRC website for a grant application.
www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Mission

Our mission is to provide support and leadership to educators as they promote and teach lifelong literacy.

Rebecca Caudill Wants YOU!



RCYRBA is looking for good readers!

We need Evaluators!

- Teachers
- Librarians (School and Public)
- Actively working with grade(s) 4-8

Evaluator Job Description

- Three year commitment
- Read and evaluate 10 assigned books over the summer
- Read 50 books from Sept-Jan
- Must acquire your own books
 - Interlibrary loan!
- Attend a Saturday meeting in Quad Cities area (Sherrard) end of January
 - Attendance required to help create list of 20.

www.rcyrba.org



To submit your name as a RCYRBA Evaluator, send your Name, Address, City, State, & Zip ASAP to:

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Book Recommendations

By Diana Woods

Making the Most of Small Groups

By Debbie Diller

Do you have questions regarding small-group instruction? Would you like to see students working in small groups make more gains? Debbie Diller will help you with these questions in her book *Making the Most of Small Groups*.

Her book is structured around the “big five” in reading: comprehension, fluency, phonemic awareness, phonics and vocabulary. Each chapter contains a complete definition of the strategy, pertinent research, who should meet in small groups for this strategy, possible focus lessons, complete lesson plans, assessment ideas and reflection questions.

Debbie Diller has served as an educator for thirty years. She has taught grades PreK-10, served as a Title 1 reading teacher, migrant education teacher, literacy coach, and author/consultant. She is also the author of the books *Literacy Work Stations* and *Practice*

Growing Readers

Units of Study in the Primary Classroom

By Kathy Collins

Are you thinking of beginning reading workshop in your classroom next fall? Kathy Collins's book, *Growing Readers*, would be an excellent summer read to get your ideas flowing and to stimulate your enthusiasm.

Ms. Collins begins her book discussing classrooms for learners, thinkers and talkers. She continues on with what literacy should look like in the classroom during the day. Included are sample schedules and components of a balanced literacy program.

The remainder of the book discusses various units of study for the primary classroom, mini-lessons and assessments. A series of planning sheets and management tips are presented throughout to help teachers with implementation.

Growing Readers is available from Stenhouse Publishers.

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