

South Eastern Reading Council

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President's Corner

ISAT tests are over and the spring flowers are beginning to appear. Spring is a time of renewal in nature as well as in our hearts. Hopefully it will also be a time of renewal in your classroom as you contemplate the end of the school year and all of the tasks that need to be accomplished by then.

I would like to take this time to thank the members of SERC for allowing me to serve as president for the past several years. It has been a rewarding experience getting acquainted with other teachers in the area as well as all over the state. At the end of June I will be stepping down as president to serve as secretary for the state council. I will continue to assist the new president of SERC in the coming months and also be involved in the council as we move forward with a new leadership team and new ideas.

Remember, keep reading!

Diana Woods

"Where is human nature so weak as in the bookstore?" Henry Ward Beecher

Changes of By-Laws

At the January 25th meeting we voted to change our current by-laws to the following:

The council shall be called the South Eastern Reading Council (SERC), serving the area of Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Jasper, Lawrence, Richland and Wabash.

This change will take effect after confirmation from the Illinois Reading Council By-laws and Procedures Committee.

Election of Officers

Election of officers for the 2010-2011 council year will be take place at the April 12th meeting. We will be electing a President and a Treasurer at that time.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!

To Theresa Coker for submitting all the materials for the council awards!

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To Karen Anderson for making the Hall of Council display for the upcoming IRC conference!

“That is a good book which is opened with expectation and closed in profit.”
-----Amos Bronson Alcott

Mark your calendars for our final meeting of the year with Illinois Author Alice McGinty. Please post the enclosed flyer and bring a friend with you. We would appreciate it if you contact Tambree Krouse with your reservation so we can be sure to have enough room.

Attending the IRC conference in Springfield? Be sure and check out our display board in the Hall of Councils.

Grants

IRC Literacy Support Grants are due May 1st. The Illinois Reading Council will award financial grants to individual council members for the purpose of promoting literacy development in the school and community, and/or providing professional development opportunities related to the improvement of reading and writing instruction. Application forms are available on the IRC website, www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

MUST READS (TAKEN FROM FOX VALLEY READING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER)

Professionally

Better Answers –Ardith Davis Cole

Comprehension and Collaboration: Inquiry Circles in Action by Stephanie Harvey & Harvey Daniels

The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Grades K-8 by Fountas & Pinnell

Fluency: Strategies & Assessment, 3rd Edition, by Jerry Johns

Teaching for Comprehension & Fluency: Thinking, Talking, and Writing About Reading, K-8 by Fountas & Pinnell

The 9 Rights of Every Writer: A Guide for Teachers by Vicki Spandel

For Kids

K-3 *Toys Go Out and Toy Dance Party* by Emily Jenkins

Piper Reed series by Kimberly Willis Holt

Purplicious by Elizabeth Kan

4-5 *Warrior* series by Erin Hunter

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

Percy Jackson & The Olympians series by Rick Riordan

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6-8 *Gone & Hunger* by Michael Grant

*Hunger Games & Catching Fire Found
& Sent* by Margaret Petersen Haddix

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