

South Eastern Reading Council

A Local Council of the Illinois Reading Council

'what a child can do today with assistance, she will be able to do by herself tomorrow'. Lev Vygotsky.

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President's Corner

Cooler weather is here and it's time to begin thinking about spending time indoors. Have you decided on your reading material for those indoor times? I know there are several new novels out that I want to read. I am also reading some professional books written by Debbie Diller and Debbie Miller.

Our school was privileged to have Patricia Polacco

present for our students. It was a delightful presentation and one that I'm sure the students will remember for a long time.

We had a great turn out for our September meeting with Crystal Anderson. She shared intervention ideas for RtI and gave away an intervention kit as a door prize. The meal was delicious as well as the setting. Hope to see



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March 18-20, 2010

you at our November meeting. *Diana Woods*

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IRC Board Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009

IRA Conference—Chicago
April 25-28, 2010

Check-out these websites

[Www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com)

[Www.readthinkwrite.com](http://www.readthinkwrite.com)

[Www.gamequarium.com](http://www.gamequarium.com)

[Www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[Www.4teachers.org](http://www.4teachers.org)

[Www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)

[Www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)

[Www.spellcity.com](http://www.spellcity.com)

[Www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

[Www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org)

[Www.teachingheart.net/comprehe.html](http://www.teachingheart.net/comprehe.html)

<http://reading.ecb.org/teacher/index.html>

[Www.ccb.lis.illinois.edu](http://www.ccb.lis.illinois.edu)

Books, Bites, and Sites

Monday, January 25, 2010

5:30-7:30

East Richland Elementary Library and Computer Lab

1001 N. Holly Road, Olney IL



SERC Members will gather to share books and web-sites specific to reading comprehension strategies. Bring a book or website to share. We will spend time in the computer lab previewing sites and sharing ideas.



Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided.

Members: \$0 / Non-Members: \$5

Reservations contact: Tambree Krouse at tbkrouse@hotmail.com

Illinois Author - Alice McGinty

Monday, April 12, 2010

Meal 5:30-6:10 Speaker 6:15-7:30

Holiday Motel, Rt. 50 and Rt. 130, Olney, IL

Buffet meal \$10.00

"Language is like music, each word with its own sound, rhythm, and meaning. When I write, I play with words and ideas, and put them together to create something exciting and new!"

Alice McGinty

In addition to her author presentation, Alice McGinty will talk about using biographies in content area instruction.

Members: \$0 / Non-Members: \$5

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Conference Preview 2010 March 18-20, 2010

Authors: Jan Brett, David Wiesner, Joan Bauer, Will Hobbs, Gail Carson Levin, Eric A. Kimmel,
Andrew Clements Mary Amato, Sarah Weeks, Pam Munoz Ryan

Professionals: Linda Hoyt, Debbie Diller, Cris Tovani, Kathy Collins, Peter Johnston

Illinois ' Own: Joy Russell, Tom Lindsay, Pam Nelson, Audrey Edwards, Linda Reven

2009-2010 Meetings

Vocabulary Strategies for Content Area Studies

Monday, November 9, 2009

Meal 5:30-6:10 Speaker 6:15-7:30

Ty's Buffet, 1065 W. Main, Olney, IL

Buffet will be available for \$9.93

Susan Cisna will present vocabulary activities and strategies that will allow students to remember even the most difficult terms as they read their content area texts. Susan is the Vice-President of the Illinois Reading Council and is busy planning the March Conference. Plan on attending to hear what she has to share on vocabulary activities.

Members: \$0 / Non-Members: \$5

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Cpdus and door prizes available at each meeting.



'To be a teacher you must be a prophet - because you are trying to prepare people for a world thirty to fifty years into the future.' Gordon Brown MIT

Additional Opportunities

- Board of Directors meeting—Saturday, November 12, Bloomington, IL
- IRC Literacy Grants due May 1st. It's not too early to be thinking about writing a grant.
- On-line registration for the IRC Reading Conference begins October 15th.
- Several nominations forms are due November 1st. Check the IRC site for forms.

Illinois Reading Council Legislator of the Year Award

Illinois Reading Educator of the Year Award

Parents and Reading Award of the Illinois Reading Council

2010 Adult and Family Literacy Award

Exemplary Reading Program Award (November 15th)

- **At the January meeting we will be voting on the following change to our by-laws:**

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

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

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