

South Eastern Reading Council

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Happy New School Year!

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Save those Lincolns!

Be sure to bring pennies to put them in our 'Lincolns of Love' jar!

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(Rekindle the Love of Literacy! ☺)

Letter from the President

I don't know about you, but my summer vacation seemed to be going by at a fairly decent speed (almost slow at one point), and then it packed on a can of nitrous and was out of here! I was able to read some books (thanks to Leadership Retreat) and no, they had NOTHING to do with the *Twilight* saga! ☺ It was nice to re-read two of my favorites that I purchased and then I read two new books I had never heard of. My sister introduced me to the *Peter and the Starcatchers* series, and that is what I am currently engrossed in.

Gage is about to be 5 months old- can you believe it?! On the last newsletter he was that basketball under my shirt. Alana is almost 3 and she was

the infant at the fluency w/matchbox cars meeting! It makes me so happy when Alana picks up a book and tells herself a story- she has quite the imagination!

I am really excited for our meetings this year. Planning them at retreat seemed almost easy and we are hoping to be able to help someone **rekindle** their love of literacy by giving away a **Kindle** at the last meeting! Actually, we would love to give away more than one, but that will depend on how many new members we gain this year. So if you aren't a member, now would be the time to join (also, I think if your school pays for you to come to the meetings and you

win the **Kindle**, technically the **Kindle** is the school's), as well as bring as many of your friends and co-workers that you can to each meeting! More people you bring = more chances for you to win!

If your students are seen as a pile of 'kindle', what are you doing to help ignite their passion for literacy? Is it a life-long flame or just a quick explosion that quickly stutters and dies? What ideas do you have to help fellow teachers and parents 'ignite' that fire, not only for the students, but for themselves as well?

Student Choice Awards: Monarch, Bluestem, Caudill, & Abraham Lincoln

Presenter: SERC Membership Chairman- Tambree Krouse

Join us as Tambree informs us of the books that have made the lists, information about those books, as well as ways to use the book awards to promote reading. She will also be sharing some technology tidbits that can ignite interest with struggling readers!

September 12, 2011 @ Olney Public Library in Olney (400 W. Main) 6-8pm

*We will be providing snacks and drinks, but not a meal.

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

Mark your calendars!

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council, please contact me!**

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Lincolns of Love

We are 'budding' off the idea that Patricia Braun had started by collecting pennies (hence her design for the conference). Her pennies will be going towards buying books for Guatemala. As much as we loved the idea, we thought it would be nice to see the money stay a little closer to home. We will have a jar at our meetings for pennies- and we are hoping to fill at least two

bookshelves to donate to shelters in our communities. (I am currently looking into SWAN and ICASA.) This is in hopes to help extend the **love of literacy** to a family who needs some form of comfort.

I am utilizing the idea in my classroom as well. So far, my students have a pickle jar half full- partially

from reading books and also from their own generosity. I will be giving more details of how this is working with my students at the meetings.

Bring your ideas of how we can make this plan a success and really pass on the **love of literacy!**

Who's the new secretary?

Denise Wood lives in Flora and has taught first grade at McEndree School for 25 years. (We believe she currently holds Flora's record for staying in a room the longest!) She is a National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Early Childhood and has a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. Denise's husband, Mike Wood, is a teacher at Cisne High School; her son, Rory, is recently engaged as well as a licensed plumber; and her daughter, Mina, is a senior at Flora High School. We are thrilled to have her as our secretary!

The "Whole Gang" from Leadership Retreat at Grand Bear Lodge this summer. Look at our last-day winnings!

Left to right: Vickie McKnight, Diana Woods, Donna Spannagel, Kathy Mertz, Karen Anderson, Tambree Krouse, and (kneeling) Theresa Coker

