



Secondary Reading League

Charting the Course for Adolescent Literacy

2011 Secondary Reading League Literacy Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

Do you have an innovative literacy project or activity that needs funding? In these times of limited funding, grants are a necessary source of revenue for educators. The Secondary Reading League (SRL) has established two (2) \$500 Literacy Grants to be awarded to SRL members. This monetary award is intended to support educators in developing new or supporting existing innovative literacy projects in their schools or classrooms. Over the past five years, a variety of projects have been funded by this grant. Throughout the year, 2010 winners and their projects will be highlighted in the newsletter. Check out how the Literacy Grant is supporting secondary reading and writing throughout the state.

Interested Secondary Reading League members are encouraged to complete the two-page application form. A grant application is included in this newsletter as well on SRL's website www.dayofreading.org. Please note the deadline for all applications is September 2, 2011.

If you have questions, contact Gail Huizinga, Literacy Grant Chair, ghuizinga@sbcglobal.net

Secondary Reading Leagues Literacy Grant Winner

Meeting the Needs of Secondary Students with Leveled Text

Gail Huizinga, Grant Winner
Coordinator for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability
Homewood School District 153

Thanks to a 2011 Secondary Reading League Literacy Grant, 5th and 6th grade students at Millennium School in Homewood District 153 are reading a little easier. SRL's Literacy Grant purchased 9 on-line subscriptions to Reading A to Z. With the subscriptions, teachers were able to print leveled books for use in guided, shared, and independent reading directly from the website at relatively low cost. Once the books were used by the teacher, they were housed in the building's book room for teachers to share in their guided reading program and independent practice libraries. The evaluation of the grant project was very positive. Teachers shared that their students were engaged with the text and enjoyed the content. The Reading A to Z materials made it easier to differentiate in their small

group instruction. Access to independent reading materials for students was also increased. The most compelling evaluation of the grant project's success was a 3.8% increase in Millennium School's 2011 ISAT Reading scores. A balanced literacy approach is a large undertaking for any grade level or school. The amount of text needed to provide appropriate reading materials for all students takes a great deal of funding. The Secondary Reading League Literacy Grant provided Millennium School the opportunity to support literacy and student reading achievement in a very practical way. The students and staff of Millennium School would like to thank Secondary Reading League for their support of secondary literacy throughout the State of Illinois.

Why Join the SRL?

- Discounted registration for the *Day of Reading Conference*
- Access to other secondary reading professionals
- Opportunities for leadership

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Please join us for...

SRL's Fall Breakfast Series:
 "The Good News and Challenges of
 the Common Core Standards"
 featuring Donna Ogle

Saturday, October 8, 2011
 Willowbrook Holiday Inn
 7800 Kingery (I-55 and Kingery/Rte 83)
 Willowbrook, IL

35th Day of Reading

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Featured Speakers:

TODD STRASSER

Young Adult Author, TV Writer, Journalist

- ★ Author: *Blood On My Hands; If I Grow Up; Can't Get There From Here; The Accident; Boot Camp; The Wave; Give A Boy a Gun; Mob Princess series; Drift X series*
- ★ ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers; IRA YA Choice; Notable Social Studies Books for Young People 2010, ALA Best Book for Teens, 2010 ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA
- ★ TV films - *The Wave; The Accident*

DR. JEFFREY D. WILHELM

Internationally-Known Presenter and Teacher

- ★ Professor at Boise State University, teaching courses in middle and secondary level literacy
- ★ Boise State Writing Project founding director; Maine Writing Project founding director
- ★ Author of: *Teaching Literacy for Love and Wisdom; Being the Book and Being the Change; Reading for Themselves; How to Transform Adolescents into Lifelong Readers Through Out-of-Class Book Clubs; You Gotta BE the Book; Teaching Engaged and Reflective Reading With Adolescents*

Pre-Conference Workshop with Dr. Wilhelm

Friday, November 4, 2011 Limit 100

Morning (2 hours) – Going With the Flow: Teaching for Engagement and Understanding

Dr. Wilhelm's highly interactive workshop will:

- review findings of Dr. Wilhelm's two major studies of boys & their literacy (*READING DON'T FIX NO CHEVY'S* and *GOING WITH THE FLOW*), & how these explain issues of motivation & learning
- explore how to create the conditions of engagement & understanding in units, through the use of the inquiry model, & through specific lessons with the use of think aloud & action strategies.

Afternoon (3 hours) – Going with the Flow (continued)

Dr. Wilhelm will pursue 5 strands:

- What is inquiry, and why does this structure engage and assist learners?
- How can we reframe units we already teach into inquiry-oriented pursuits using "Big/Essential" Questions?
- How can we use backwards planning to teach towards meaningful compositions and culminating projects?
- How can we effectively design assignment sequences framed by inquiry using frontloading & sequencing techniques?
- How can we use think-alouds and action strategies as lesson level inquiry techniques?

Todd Strasser's and Dr. Jeff Wilhelm's books will be sold & autographed at the conference. Only books purchased at the preconference & Day of Reading will be signed.

For more information contact: Barbara Cruz-White 847-699-0797 bcruzwhite@enrwest.net
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 Day of Reading

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Interested Secondary Reading League members are encouraged to complete the two-page application form. A committee of SRL members will evaluate the projects using the rubric included with the grant application and select one or more projects to be awarded funding. Those members receiving **Literacy Grants** will be required to write a brief narrative of the project for a future SRL newsletter. Grant winners will be notified by mail and announced at SRL's November 5th 2011 Day of Reading. Previous SRL Literacy Grant winners must wait one grant cycle before submitting another grant application.

Please note that the deadline for all applications is September 2, 2011.

If you have questions, contact a Secondary Reading League Board Member or me at any time.

Sincerely,
 Gail Huizinga
 Literacy Grant Chair
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 1040 185th Street
 Homewood, IL 60430

Secondary Reading League Literacy Grant Scoring Rubric

Criteria	1	2	3	Total Score
Rationale	Little justification. Project does not promote literacy.	Some justification. Project promotes literacy in the classroom to some degree.	Rationale is well defined. Project clearly promotes literacy in the classroom.	
Description & Execution	Project is incomplete. Timeline is insufficient. No mention of specific activity.	Project and timeline are realistic and attainable. Evidence of specific activity.	Project and timeline are well thought out and implementation plans are detailed. Activity is very clear and well defined.	
Budget	Total amounts listed. No budget breakdown. Little or no research on cost of project.	Budget is outlined. Some research on cost of project is evident.	Budget has detailed and realistic expenditures. Expenditures have been well researched.	
Evaluation	Little or no evaluation of the project is listed. Did not include evaluation form/method.	Evaluation is adequate. Assessments & evaluation form/method is included but project success and impact is not measured.	Evaluation will measure impact and success of the project. Evaluation form/method is included and well thought out.	
			Total Points Scored	

**Secondary Reading League
Literacy Grant Application**

Please Type or Print in Black Ink

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

District _____ Work Phone _____

Work Email _____

Job Title: Classroom Teacher _____ Administrator _____ Other _____

If other than a classroom teacher, please write official
title _____

Literacy Project Information *(Attach additional sheet if necessary)*

Literacy Project Title _____

Grade Level(s) Involved _____ No. of Students Participating _____

Status of Project: (Please check one) New Program _____ Existing Program _____

RATIONALE OF PROJECT OR PROGRAM:

DESCRIPTION and EXECUTION OF PROJECT OR PROGRAM: (List the key activities the students will be involved in throughout this project. Include a timeline.)

BUDGET: (Purchases must be an integral part of this project application. Budget should be well researched. Detail your budget request to include materials and equipment along with the costs of each item.)

Total Dollar Amount Requested: _____ (*\$500 maximum*)

EVALUATION: (Describe the methods you will use to evaluate the impact and success of your project. Include any forms that will be used for this purpose.)

All applications must be received by September 2, 2011 to be considered. Send one copy of the grant to the Grant Committee and keep one copy for your records. No grant applications will be returned.

Grant winners will be notified by mail and will be announced at SRL's November 5th 2011 Day of Reading. You may send the application either through the U.S. mail to: **SRL Grant Committee, c/o Gail Huizinga, 1040 185th Street, Homewood, IL, 60430**, or by email to **ghuizinga@sbcglobal.net**. An email confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of the grant application.

TEACHER SIGNATURE: I understand that I must be a member of Secondary Reading League (SRL) to qualify for this grant and have completed the conditions set forth in the grant. If awarded, I understand I am required and agree to write a brief article about the project for publication in the SRL newsletter. I understand that previous SRL Literacy Grant winners must wait one grant cycle before submitting another grant application to be considered.

Signature

Date

Date Received _____