

A Message From Your President

Greetings,

I hope by the time you read this you have either had your Spring Break or be on it and are enjoying it.

Starved Rock Reading Council is getting ready for their Young Authors Event. Please mark your calendars for April 23rd. The dinner will begin at 6:00 at Grand Bear Lodge. If your school has not received any information regarding Young Authors please contact me immediately. Julie Hettel and Becky Nett have been working very hard to make this event a success. I know you will enjoy our guest authors Steve Stout and Julia Durango.

Please be mindful of the Grand Bear Lodge rules regarding food. No outside food can be brought into the Lodge.

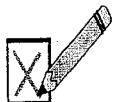
Be reminded that if you have not sent your vote to Laura Cuchra regarding the By-Laws please do so ASAP. These need to be approved at the dinner and sent to IRC.

The slate of officers for 2008-09 will also be voted on.
President Elect- Karen Happ
President- Barbara Ehling
Recording Secretary- Jen Williamson
Treasurer- Linda Volkman

I wish to take this time to thank all of you who have helped make my job a little easier. Thank you for your support and encouragement. I look forward to working with you next year.

Barb

Notice for all members...please read below!!!!



Please e-mail or fax Laura Cuchra if you haven't given approval for the By-laws. Everyone received copies. We just need approval. (so far only have 30%) The by-laws will need to be submitted to the IRC after the Young Author celebration. **Please take one minute** to send your name and a vote to Laura.LCuchra@mail.coalcity.k12.il.us or fax at 815-634-5036. Vote yes or no to the modified bylaws. Thanks:)

Starved Rock Reading Council

SRRC Awards Mini Grants

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Starved Rock Reading Council is pleased to announce the winners of the 2007-08 Mini Grant program. Each year the SRRC awards two \$500 grants to area schools to encourage new reading projects. This year the two recipients are: Grand Ridge Elementary School and Grundy County Special Education Cooperative.

Grand Ridge school is using their grant to bring a program about Harriet Tubman for Black History Month. Entitled: *Kathryn Harris Presents Harriet Tubman "in Person!"* the program will be presented for all Grand Ridge students. This will bring to life history studied in the classroom. As a follow-up, students will be portraying historical characters in biography book reports. Ms. Harris' enactment will be a model for their own presentations.

The Grundy County Special Education Cooperative is utilizing their grant to help fund a third site in their very effective summer *Camp Read* program. Camp Read meets the last two weeks of July and is open to any Special Education student to get a jump start on their reading. Encased in a camp atmosphere and including normal camp activities it stresses reading in a fun exciting atmosphere. Already in two locations, they plan to open a third location this summer.

Naturally, we hope to hear more about these projects as they happen and the SRRC urges other area schools to begin thinking about how they could use a mini-grant in their own schools or classrooms! In addition to the SRRC Mini-Grants, teachers can also apply to the Illinois Reading Council for information about their grant program.

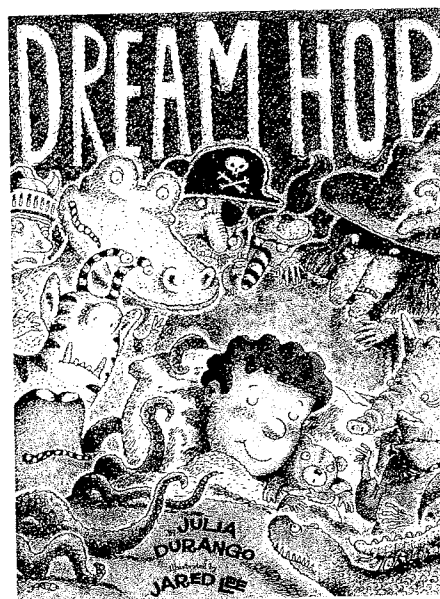
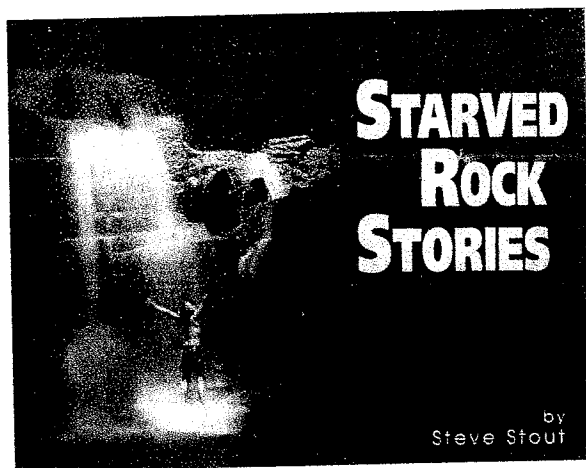
For further information about the SRRC mini-grant, contact Donna Stone: dbpstone@aol.com or phone: 815-672-8355.

Starved Rock Reading Council Presents:

Young Author Evening Event

Dinner & Program with Area Authors:

Steve Stout & Julia Durango



When: Wed. April 23

Place: Grand Bear Lodge, Utica, IL

Cost: \$25. SRRC Members

\$28. Non -Members

Reservations due: Friday, April 19

(Send to Barb Ehling: behling@d141.lasall.k12.il.us)

Or Mail: c/o Ottawa Elementary SD 141, 320 W. Main Street, Ottawa, IL 61350)

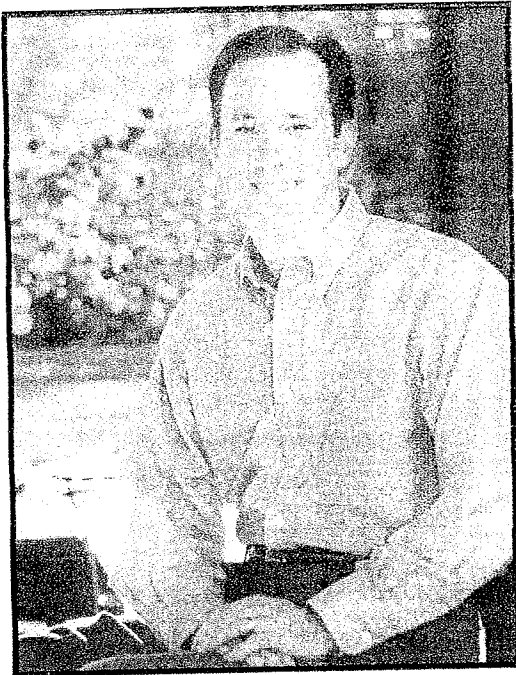
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Starved Rock Reading Council 2008-9 Mini Grant Application

2 - \$500 Mini-Grants will be awarded to SRRC members for Literacy projects. Grant applications must be postmarked by **June 1, 2008**. Mail or Email to: **Donna Stone**, 21 Boys Road, Streator, IL 61364. Questions? Call: 815-672-8355 or email: dbpstone@aol.com. Awardees will be notified by Sept. 2008 & Grants presented at the Fall Dinner. When completed, grant recipients will be asked to write an article describing their project for the SRRC newsletter. An accounting of how the funds have been spent including copies of bills/receipts must also be submitted. If possible please submit application via email: dbpstone@aol.com

Title of Project: _____

Project Description, including population & numbers served:

Project Budget: (Anticipated Expenditures, including other funding sources)

Project Director: _____ **Email:** _____

School/District: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Home Address:** _____

School Phone: _____ **School Address:** _____

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**THANK
YOU**