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A Message from the President.....

I would like to say "where has the summer gone", but as of this writing I'm not so sure I have seen it yet. If you are like me, you have tried to fit a lot of summer fun in between the raindrops and clouds. Those of you who took the summer to relax, hopefully you are now rejuvenated and ready to start the year.

I am very excited about our 09-10 schedule. SSRC has some fabulous speakers and new and innovative types of meetings that we will be holding this year. We will start out the year with Debra Coet-Hannah, who will talk about the latest in children's literature (look for more information in this newsletter).

In November, SSRC is trying something new. We will be having a "Share Fair" in partnership with South Cook ISC. We are actively

seeking presenters so if you always felt you wanted to "see your name in lights" now is a good time to try out your presentation skills. An application is available in this newsletter or through email.

After the first of the year SSRC will have a presentation about matching children to text, a make and take you won't want to miss and finally an evening with the author Jerry Pallotta. Since the International Reading Association is now going to be held in Chicago, we were able to take advantage of Jerry's presence at this conference.

I hope you have a good start to your year and that I get to see you at our first meeting on September 30th.

Kathleen Doyle

Hold These Dates

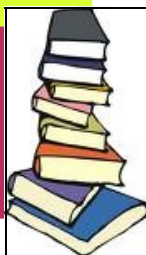
- September 30—*What's New in Children's Literature* at the Orland Chateau
- November 1—*Illinois Reading Educator of the Year* and *Parents and Reading Award* grant applications due
- November 7—*Secondary Reading League Conference* in Tinley Park
- November 16—*Share Fair* at South Cook ISC4
- November 19—*Illinois Family Reading Night*
- January 14—*Book Match* at Silver Lakes Country Club
- March 10—*Foldables* at Balagio
- March 18-20—*IRC Conference* in Springfield
- April 25-28—*IRA Annual Convention* in Chicago
- April 29—*An Evening with Author Jerry Pallotta* at Dinolfo's

You Reap What You Sow by Kathleen Doyle

Last year SSRC awarded two of its members, Jaime Hewitt and Amy Jachowicz, the Peggy Williams Scholarship. I am proud

to say that both of them are now giving back to SSRC by serving on the Executive Board. This year Jaime is serving as the

Hospitality/Arrangements Chair and Amy will be co-chairing the Newspaper in Education committee. Thank you ladies for the wonderful work you do!



Don't Leave Your Classroom without..... an IRC/SSRC Card!

Membership in South Suburban Reading Council and Illinois Reading Council has its benefits. On the local level you can network with reading teachers across the south suburbs, meet new friends, learn about the latest in teaching reading skills and oh, so much more. On the state level you receive interesting and up to date journals on the world of books, reading and the latest in instruction. This year the International Reading Association will have its annual conference in April and it's in Chicago! As members of IRA and/or IRC you obtain discounted rates to the conferences.

Pam Bartusiewicz

What to Expect from the South Suburban Reading Council this Year

by Jill Liapis

I write this with great excitement and anticipation of this coming school year. I have enjoyed the duty to select our guest speakers for South Suburban Reading Council. A special thanks to all that participated in our spring survey and I am confident that you will see that your feedback was well received and taken into consideration during the planning for this school year. We will have five awesome sessions this year and you will notice a little change to the format. With all the opportunities for professional development we felt the need to "spice" things up.

As you will see we have Debra Coet Hannah presenting for our September meeting. Debra has an enthusiastic love of

children's literature and the ability to find the perfect book for everyone and most importantly she knows how to use it in the classroom to enhance student learning.

In the late fall, we will be having our first South Suburban Reading Council Share Fair. This is an opportunity to learn from each other. Based on the great dinner conversations during our meeting we recognize that within our membership we are fortunate to have multiple experts. This is your opportunity to learn from our experts. We are seeking teachers, coaches, interventionists, people just like you to give a mini presentation about something that works in your position. You will only be speaking to a few people and we will have a rotation, so you

will also have the opportunity to hear what everyone else has to say. We will be discussing this in depth at our September meeting and you may also contact me with any questions. I urge you to consider doing a mini presentation.

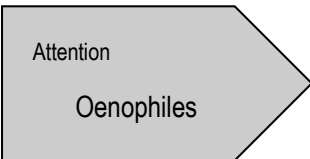
In January we will have two speakers from Illinois State University to discuss Bookmatch. This is a system to help children self select books. Each participant will receive a bookmark with the key principals to matching readers to book and there will be drawings for copies of the book, Bookmatch.

In March, a representative from Dinah Zike will be with us to discuss Foldables. This session will be a mini make and take where participants will have the opportunity to create the

interactive learning tools.

We will end our year with Jerry Pallotta, a renowned children's author and engaging speaker. Jerry has written numerous Alphabet books. His alphabet books provide in-depth information about various topics. I am looking forward to this exciting end to our year.

As you can see I am very excited to see all of our presenters as well as our very first Share Fair. Please join us this year and bring your colleagues to experience our meetings.



Join us at our

Wine Tasting Party!

Our Wine Tasting Party this past June was a huge success and it's back! On Thursday, October 8 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm we will once again host another Wine Tasting Party. We strongly encourage all members to bring a guest **to the wine tasting party** who is interested in joining SSRC. Our new member get together will be at Copper's Hawk 15690 LaGrange Road, Orland Park, Illinois. Come to our September meeting to learn more about the October 8 party and to purchase your tickets to a night of friendship, fun and of course, wine! Any questions, please contact Pam Bartusiewicz about this upcoming event! Email Pam at pbart167@gmail.com.

"First Book" for Low Income Students

by Kathleen Doyle

Does your school serve at least 50% children from low-income families or is it a Title I or Title II eligible school? Then "First Book" might be for you. First Book gives you access to brand new books for the children you serve. You can receive free books from the First Book National Book Bank (FBNBB). It is a clearinghouse for books donated by First Book's publishing partners. These books are free to programs able to pick them up at a

distribution site. If a program cannot drive to a given distribution site, the books are still free – the school or program will simply need to pay a \$0.35 shipping and handling charge per book

In addition you can buy books at First Book Market place (FBMP). Their online store allows schools serving children from low-income families have the opportunity to purchase children's books and educational

materials for 50 - 85% off retail prices—at an average price of just \$2.00 per book. The Marketplace offers a broad range of high quality, award-winning titles for children of all ages including Caldecott, Newbery, and other award-winning titles.

For more information, you can go to their website at: <http://booksforkids.firstbook.org/register>.

Debra Coet Hannah—September 30, 2009

The Latest, Greatest Children's Books and How to Use Them

Debra Coet Hannah will present an engaging review of the newest, high quality children's literature and how to use them in a SSBR program. Debra's lifetime love of children's literature, combined with her talents as a motivating reading teacher, will help teachers, administrators and media specialists find the books and literacy resources they need to apply SBRR to read alouds. Attendees will receive practical ideas that will enable them to translate research based instructional theory into actual classroom practice.

South Cook ISC4 and The South Suburban Reading Council are pleased to sponsor the:

South Suburban Reading Council Share Fair



South Cook ISC
253 W. Joe Orr Road
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Monday, November 16, 2009 — 5:00 pm - 8:00pm

SSRC Members: \$15.00

Non Members: \$20.00

Please join us in our first ever "Share Fair" that will showcase local educators sharing a strategy/practice that has accelerated student reading achievement. Participants will rotate through a different session every half hour while enjoying a wide array of appetizers. Presenters will receive a "token" of appreciation for their work.

Local educators are encouraged to contact the South Suburban Reading Council for more information about how to attend/present at this unique professional development activity.

If you are interested in participating please complete the presentation proposal below and send to Jill Liapis at:
SCISC—253 W. Joe Orr Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Share Fair Presentation Proposal

(Deadline October 1, 2009)

District _____ School _____

Name (last) _____, (first) _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address _____

Presentation Team Members: Please list names and email addresses

Please select the topic area of your presentation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phonics | <input type="checkbox"/> Intervention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phonemic Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Differentiation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guided reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Content Area Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocabulary | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> |

Abstract: Clearly describe the content of the presentation in 20-25 words

Jumpstart's Read for the Record

Invites Schools to Break a World Reading Record!

The non-profit group Jumpstart and the Pearson Foundation invite everyone to participate in the largest shared book experience ever! The goal is to break the world record set on October 2, 2008 when nearly 700,000 people read *Corduroy* by Don Freeman. Last year's *Read for the Record* raised more than \$1,000,000 to finance the organization's early education work in low-income communities.

How does *Read for the Record* work? Very simply! On Friday, October 9, 2009, everyone is asked to read the same book, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, to a group of people.

Many schools have found Jumpstart's *Read for the Record* to be an enjoyable way to celebrate literacy and help others. Visit www.readfortherecord.com or www.pearsonfoundation.org to find out how your school can be a part of this wonderful event.

South Suburban Reading Council Presents...
Debra Coet Hannah—What's New in Children's Literature
Wednesday, September 30 5:00 Cash Bar/5:45 Dinner

Orland Chateau
14500 La Grange Road
Orland Park, IL 60462
(708) 349-7878

Menu
Cream of chicken soup, tossed salad with French, Ranch or Italian
Prime Rib w/ au jus (vegetarian option available),
Baked potato w/ sour cream and chives, green beans almondine,
rolls and butter, mixed pastries
Coffee, tea, milk

Mail this form and
payment to:
Gail Prindle
17302 Parkside Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Come early for convenient seating.
Reservations are due September 21, 2009 Late reservations cannot be honored.

We're considering sending our newsletter online. Would you like to receive yours via Email? Yes _____ No _____

Please PRINT clearly and make check payable to SSRC.

Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

- _____ Member (\$21.00)
- _____ Non-Member (\$26.00)
- _____ Pre-Service Teacher (\$12.00)

Yes, I would like to
receive 1 CPDU for attending
this dinner meeting.

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