

South Suburban Reading Council



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Dear South Suburban Reading Council Members,

I hope that you are enjoying the holiday season and will find time to relax over the winter break. It is a great time to catch up on sleep, reading or reconnecting with friends.

It was great to see many of you at the November meeting. Welcome to our new members. April DeCesare gave a informative presentation on Writing Across the Curriculum. Writing is an important skill that we need to teach to our students. Mark your calendars for our next meeting on **Thursday, January 24, 2008**. The presenters Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante will speak on Literacy and Math Centers. We hope to see many of you at that meeting. As always, invite your colleagues to join you and become part of the South Suburban Reading Council.

In this newsletter you will find information about the **Peggy Williams Scholarship**. We award a scholarship each year to a council member who is pursuing an advanced degree in reading or a related area. It is a way to get a little extra book money. Also in this newsletter is a nomination form for our **Celebrate Literacy Award**. Each year we recognize someone who volunteers his or her time and energy to encourage literacy in our schools or community. This award goes to someone outside the field of teaching. Please consider nominating someone for this recognition.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Illinois Reading Conference in Springfield. This year's theme is Literacy: Unleash the Power. The conference dates are March 13-15, 2008. It is always a wonderful time to gather new information on reading. I hope to see many of you there!

Anne Wallace
President

Books for Shelter

It is almost 2008!!! Do you believe it? Why not start the year by looking through the books on your bookshelf? We need your new or gently used adult and children's books. The books will be donated to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. Please bring your books to our January meeting. What a great way to share your love of reading.

Nominee Application for Celebrate Literacy Award

The purpose of this award is to identify and recognize a local individual, agency or institution that has made significant meritorious contributions in the field of literacy. The winner will be honored at our May meeting. Deadline is **February 1, 2008**.

1. Nominee must be a local area individual, agency or institution.
2. Nominee must be outside of an active teaching area.
3. Nominee must make a literacy contribution or promote reading.

Individual, Agency or Institution's name and background: _____

Description of the Project or Activity: Include data on the development of the project, the project itself and the results of the project. You may use a separate piece of paper). _____

Nominee name: _____ Nominated by: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

Mail to: **Debbie Black 135 W. Illinois Highway New Lenox, IL 60451**

The IRC Student Membership Committee Needs Your Help

We need prizes for the Preservice Teacher Pizza Party for the 2008 IRC conference. Please donate new or gently used items such as: posters, teacher books, puzzles, organizers, games, big books, CD's, DVD's, videos, packages of sentence strips, book pockets, books for students, bulletin board paraphernalia, classroom decorations, student rewards, stickers, pens, pencils, crayons, post-it notes, professional journals, monetary gift donations, gift cards etc.

Any and all donations will be appreciated. Donated items may be brought to the IRC office or registration desk at the conference. E-mail csowles@ilstu.edu for more information.

READ Together Project (Logo and forms can be found on the IRC website)

The IRC will be implementing the READ Together program again this year to encourage families to read together in Illinois. Families are asked to establish a reading time of at least 20 minutes for a minimum of 25 days each month for four months (December through March). Family reading time is defined as a time when all members of the family read. A variety of formats may be used, including, independent reading, shared reading, and read alouds.

The program will begin on December 1, 2007, and continue through March 31, 2008. Information about this program can be found on the IRC website www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. It is listed under IRC Services. Project materials are available in both English and Spanish.

Parents and Reading Award of the Illinois Reading Council (Form can be found on the IRC website)

The annual Parents and Reading Award will be given at the March 2008 conference. This award recognizes an IRC member who promotes and supports parent involvement in children's reading. Deadline for nominations is December 15, 2007. Information for this award can be found on the IRC website. It is listed under awards and grants.

Dr. Peggy Williams Scholarship Fund

Once again, SSRC will be awarding a five hundred dollar scholarship to a teacher pursuing an advanced degree in the field of reading or a related area. Qualifications and criteria are listed below. All applications must be received by **February 1, 2008**. Use a separated piece of paper as needed. Award will be presented at our May meeting.

South Suburban Reading Council Scholarship Application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Home telephone number _____
School where employed _____
School address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Work telephone number _____
Principal's name _____
Number of years employed in this district _____ Present position/grade _____
Previous teaching experience (list districts, grades, subjects, years) _____
University where advanced degree is being pursued _____
Anticipated graduation date _____ Advisor _____
Advisor's phone number _____
Professional activities _____

In one paragraph explain your long term goals in the teaching of reading.

Qualifications: 1. A teacher who is pursuing an advanced degree in reading or related areas. 2. A member of SSRC.

- Criteria: This scholarship is non-renewable in the amount of \$500.
- It may be used for tuition or books.
- Application must be received by February 1, 2008.

Mail to: Debbie Murphy 12306 Cashlenan Lane New Lenox, IL 60451

Literacy Work Stations Ready-to-Make

Presented by Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante

January 24, 2008

With all the research on differentiating instruction with small groups of students, many teachers are organizing their reading block to include a substantial portion of time for small group instruction. But what will your other students be doing while you meet with a small group? Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante have some ideas for you.

Michelle and Dawn are both experienced teachers and professional development providers whose workshops have been in demand in the south and west suburbs. Come to hear how to plan, organize and manage literacy work stations. Go home with four sample literacy work stations and an information packet that will guide you as you transform your reading block into productive, differentiated instruction that meets the needs of all your students.

Be sure to make your reservations today! You won't want to miss this opportunity to expand your repertoire of practical activities that advance your students literacy skills!

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SSRC Events for 2007 – 2008

Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante with
KZ Creations
Thursday, January 24, 2008

Literacy and Math centers
Orland Chateau
Orland Park

Dr. Tamby Allman
Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Using Technology to Teach Reading
DiNolfo's, Mokena

Megan Hillegass
Thursday, May 8, 2008

Language Development for
ELL students
Rivera Country Club
Orland Park

South Suburban Reading Council presents:

Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante

Literacy Work Stations Ready to Make

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Menu

Cream of Chicken Soup

Tossed Salad with French, Ranch or Italian Dressing

Prime Rib of Beef au jus

Buttered Parsley Potatoes

Green Beans Almandine

Mixed Pastries

Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea (Hot and Iced), Milk

Orland Chateau
14500 S. LaGrange Road
Orland Park, IL 60462

5:00 Cash Bar

5:45 Dinner

708-349-7878

Come early for convenient seating.

Reservations are due by *January 18, 2008*.

Mail this form and payment to:

Gail Prindle
17203 Parkside Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

There is limited seating and first come
will be first served.

Late reservations cannot be honored.

No smoking please.

Please PRINT clearly and make check payable to SSRC

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ District & School _____

Please indicate: (Amount due)

_____ Member (\$20.00)

_____ Non-member (\$27.00)

_____ Student Teacher (\$10.00)

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

Map to Orland Chateau

