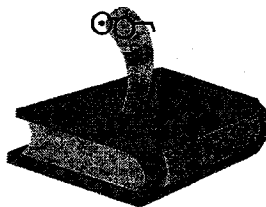


WELCOME NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our members back to another year with Starved Rock Reading Council. My name is Barbara Ehling and I am honored to be your President this year. I am the Curriculum Coordinator for Ottawa Elementary and also the Assistant Principal at Central School. I have a great Board including Susan Lawrence, Laura Cuchra, Karen Happ, Jen Williamson, Suzanne Taylor, and Julie Prendergast. One of our positions that still needs to be filled is Treasurer. If anyone is interested in taking over that position please let me know. Together your Board is committed to organizing events to foster reading and literacy, getting books into the hands of children, and raising our membership. I know that many of your Districts have new staff so talk to them about our organization and encourage them to join. We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming year. The first is our Fall meeting which will be held October 4th at the Carus Mansion in LaSalle. Please mark your calendars and watch for information. I wish all of you the best during your school year and I hope to see and meet a lot of you on the 4th.

Happy Reading!!!!

Starved Rock Reading Council Officers 2007-08



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Are you an IRA member?

Contact Luara Cuchra, membership chair at lcuchra@mail.coalcity.k12.il.us or 815-672-5176 with your IRA member number so the SRRC will get credit. The IRA does NOT automatically send us this information.

If you're not an IRA member, consider joining. Membership pamphlets will be available at each SRRC event.

**STARVED ROCK READING COUNCIL
FALL DINNER MEETING**

Come join us for an evening at the Mansion

WHERE: HEGELER CARUS MANSION

1307 Seventh Street LaSalle, Illinois

For directions to the Mansion go to www.hegelercarus.org and click on "directions" in lower left hand corner

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

Beginning at 5:00

Our guest speaker, Blouke Carus will be presenting at 5:30 on Cricket Magazine and Open Court Publishing.

Dinner catered by the Cheese Shop will be served at 6:30 with business meeting and tours of the Mansion to follow.

Menu includes: tossed salad, fresh fruit, roast beef, chicken breasts, mostaccioli, scalloped potatoes, Italian green beans, rolls, strawberry pretzel salad, and drinks.

Cost for the evening: \$20.00

Reservations need to be received by September 27th so an accurate count can be given to the Cheese Shop.

Reservations and payment should be sent to Barbara Ehling, President Starved Rock Reading Council 320 W. Main Ottawa, Illinois 61350.

Make checks out to: Starved Rock Reading Council, e-mail behling@d141.lasall.k12.il.us, or phone 1-185-433-1133 ex.18.

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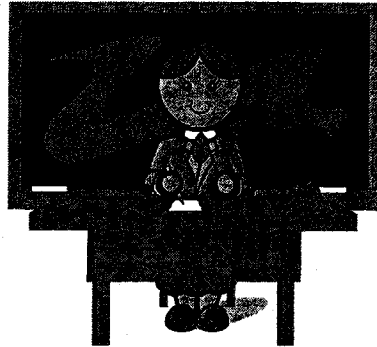
Registration Form

Name: _____

School: _____

Check # _____ Cash _____ enclosed.

Will you have a student teacher this fall?



Give them the gift of a student membership ...and encourage them to attend the IRC Convention in the Spring of 2008. (This counts toward recruiting a new member and can earn you a charm for your SRRC "READ" bracelet)

IRC Pre-Service Teacher Pizza Party 2008

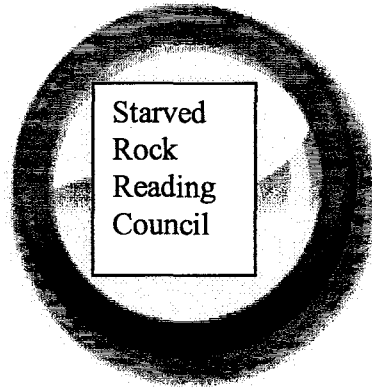


Donate new or gently used items for a teacher just starting out. WE will have a donation box set up at each of our SRRC events. Items will be given to the IRC for their 2008 Pre-service Teacher Pizza Party at the IRC Conference this Spring.

Some items you might consider donating...bulletin board sets, educational games, bulletin board borders, duplicate resources you may have, workbooks, etc.

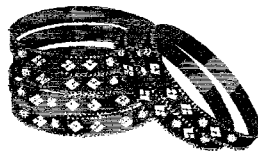
Button? Button? Do you have a SRRC button??

Wear your SRRC button to each IRC or SRRC event for the chance to win door prizes at the events!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 4th Fall dinner at Hegeler- Carus Mansion.**
- **November 17th Snuggle Up event at the Peru Mall**



“READ” Bracelet

This year, you can complete a “READ” bracelet for attending SRRC/IRC events. For each event you attend, you can earn a letter for your READ bracelet. If you can’t attend an event, don’t worry....You can also earn beads for attending the IRC Conference in March, joining the IRA, recruiting a new member, or attending any literacy conference/workshop and showing proof of attendance. Still having trouble completing your bracelet?..... You can buy any missing beads after the last SRRC event of the year!