

# Two Rivers Reading Council

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## President's Message

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Dear TRRC members,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation. This summer has been busier than expected. At the end of June, our new slate of officers attended the Leadership Retreat at Grand Bear Lodge at Starved Rock. Tracy Selock, Joan Reed, Jeanne Hatting, Janet Serena, and I worked hard and also enjoyed ourselves at the retreat. We have planned a very fun and exciting year for our members. During the retreat we wrote, entitled Books for \$1,500. The grant students of Kankakee will be handing out 8<sup>th</sup> for school registration at the vari- House and/or Reading Nights. This grant only provided us with 1/3 of the funds needed to support the program. The school district has decided to put in \$1,000 of school funding into the program. If you know any other organizations that can provide financing for this event or for our "Books in Every Hand" event with Catholic Charities, please contact me about it at 935-5863. Also, if you can dedicate time to help with these events on August 7, 8, 9, and 16<sup>th</sup>, we would greatly appreciate it.



On Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding a TRRC Board Meeting at my home, 214 Tiverton Rd., Kankakee. The meeting will be at 3:00. Everyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer to pass. We will be discussing the year's events and making final arrangements for the programs.

Joan Reed has spoken to Staples and they have agreed to give TRRC a table during their Teacher Appreciation Day. This event is held on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> in Bourbonnais. I am really excited about this wonderful opportunity to reach out to the many teachers in our area who don't know about our

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Good children's literature appeals not only to the child in the adult, but to the adult in the child.

~  
Anonymous  
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## President's Message (cont.)

organization. If you can come by and help at the table, it would be great. Otherwise, try to attend, and get some great free stuff from Staples. I hear they give away a nice gift bag.

Our schedule of programs for the 2007-2008 school year, will begin with our annual Wine & Cheese Celebration on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the Quality Inn. We will be having IRA State Coordinator, Susan Cisna, coming to present that evening as our featured speaker. Her presentation is "Picture Books for All Ages". This presentation will share many picture books and provide ideas for use in the classroom at various age levels. Imagine Nation books will be in attendance for a book fair and fundraiser for our organization. Lakeshore Learning will be come with sample products and door prizes. Drinks (wine and non-alcoholic beverages), cheese, crackers, and vegetable trays will be served for your refreshments. Music will be provided by Smooth - Jazz Explosion.

We have some very exciting news. We have made arrangements for a visit from Patricia Polacco in the Fall 08. I will be writing a program grant this December that will help offset the \$2,500 a day cost of her visit.

TRRC needs volunteers for committee chairs for this next year. The positions open are for Adult and Family Literacy Chair, Newspapers in Education Chair, Parents and Reading Chair, Publicity Representative, and Governmental Relations Representatives. These chairs need to filled by Aug.1, if you are interested please call me or an officer to let us know.

TRRC is going high tech. We will be sending our newsletters out through e-mail as much as possible. If you change your e-mail address, please e-mail me or Tracy Selock with the changes.

Be sure to take time and relax before school begins. If you have a little extra time to donate to a good cause, let us know we have many projects going on before school begins.

Your TRRC President,  
Tamara Springer



# Schedule of Events



- July 31, 2007** The Year at a Glance– Board of Directors Everyone welcome at 214 Tiverton Rd. Kankakee-Bring a Dish to Pass at 3:00
- August 7, 2007** Books 4 Brains-Volunteers needed at King Middle School Registration from 10:00-7:00 Contact Tammy Springer
- August 8, 2007** Books 4 Brains-Volunteers needed at King Middle School Registration from 7:30-4:00 Contact Tammy Springer
- August 9, 2007** Books in Every Hand Volunteers needed at the Lisieux Center 371 N St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee from 12:00-4:00 Contact Tammy Springer
- August 16, 2007** Back to School Fair Volunteers needed at Watseka Community High School 138 South Belmont Ave. Watseka Contact Tammy Springer
- September 15, 2007** IRC Board of Directors Meeting at Double Tree Hotel Bloomington, IL from 9:00-12:00
- September 27, 2007** Wine and Cheese Membership Drive Susan Cisna :Picture Books for All Ages at Quality Inn 800 N Kenzie Bradley from 4:30-?
- October 4, 2007** Two Rivers Board Meeting at Monical's on West Court St. Kankakee from 4:30-?
- November 17, 2007** IRC Board of Directors Meeting The Chateau Hotel 1601 Jumer Dr. Bloomington, IL 9:00-12:00
- November 26-28, 2007** Gallery of Trees Volunteers needed to work at this community event. At the Kankakee County Historical Society 801 S 8th Ave. Kankakee. Times to be announced
- December 2007** Gallery of Trees Volunteers needed to work at this community event. At the Kankakee County Historical Society 801 S 8th Ave. Kankakee. Times to be announced
- January 2-4, 2008** Gallery of Trees Volunteers needed to work at this community event. At the Kankakee County Historical Society 801 S 8th Ave. Kankakee. Times to be announced
- January 19, 2008** IRC Board of Directors Meeting The Chateau Hotel 1601 Jumer Dr. Bloomington, IL 9:00-12:00
- January 24, 2008** Two Rivers Board Meeting at Tammy Springer's Home from 4:30-?
- February 28, 2008** Two Rivers Meeting & Guest Speaker at Brickstone 557 William Latham Dr. Bourbonnais IL from 4:30-?
- March 12-15, 2008** IRC Conference Meet Your Council and IRC Board Meeting in Springfield
- April 3, 2008** In with the New Installation of New Officers at Great Wall 1545 W Court Kankakee from 4:30-?
- April 19, 2008** IRC Board of Directors Meeting at The Chateau Hotel 1601 Jumer Dr. Bloomington, IL 9:00-12:00
- June 18-20, 2008** IRC Leadership Retreat at Grand Bear Lodge Starved Rock, IL TRRC Board Attends

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## **Wine & Cheese Membership Drive**

**Join us at The Quality Inn on September 27, 2007 at 4:30. Bring a friend or colleague to our membership drive for delicious wine and cheese, fabulous music, to hear Susan Cisna and get some great deals**