

WEST SUBURBAN READING COUNCIL

FALL 2007

PROMOTING LITERACY IN THE WESTERN SUBURBS VOLUME 1

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME!

The new school year has begun and hope all is going well for each of you. Hopefully you had an enjoyable summer and were able to curl up with a good book, as well as, time to relax and enjoy family and friends.

This summer members of your West Sub board attended the Leadership Conference held at Grand Bear Lodge in Utica, Illinois. We were given many ideas and suggestions to help each of our councils to grow and become vibrant. Our council was also chosen for its membership idea, which pertains to involving education students from the local universities that are within West Sub's boundaries.

Your West Sub board has been busy making preparations for the 2007 – 2008 school year. We'll start the year on October 16 with Gail Huizinga and Sue Johnson. Their presentation will focus on students' research skills using picture books. In December, we're hoping to have a holiday book talk at Barnes and Noble or Borders. Details are still being finalized. On February 2, we'll have our annual reading conference at Concordia University. This year we're going to have a new format and time. Then on April 17, we'll have our spring gathering. Pam Nelson, former IRC President, will present Poetry and Fluency.

The board is very excited about this year and fortunate to be members of this professional organization. Don't forget to renew your membership when it is due. I encourage you to take advantage of the events West Sub is providing this year. Please pass the word and share your newsletter at school. Invite a friend, pre service teacher, a fellow faculty member, administrator, or parent to our meetings.

Looking forward to meeting you at our first meeting on October 16.

Have a great school year!

Barbara Ashton

President



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to West Sub member Roe Emig who received a Literacy Support Grant from IRC. She was honored for her project called Huff, Fluff, and Other Stuff.

HELP WANTED

We're looking for volunteers to serve on West Sub's board. Please contact

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IRC/WEST SUBURBAN WEBSITE

Have you seen the new updated website from Illinois Reading Council? It has many helpful ideas for teachers of all levels, as well as, links to other reading and literacy websites. West Sub has its own link on the IRC website. You'll find dates for meetings, officers, and other pertinent information. **TAKE A LOOK!**

WEST SUB GOES ELECTRONIC

West Sub would like to become part of the electronic age. In order to get information to our members via email or phone message, we're asking you to update your email or phone number. Please send your current account to

bashton1515@sbcglobal.net

BOOKS FOR BABIES

West Sub is in the planning stages of presenting new moms with a book to read to their child, along with a tshirt. In order for this service project to become successful, we need your assistance. If you would like to be part of this project, please email or phone Barb or Marlene at

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 16 Teaching Research Skills with
Picture Books

December Holiday Book Talk

February 2 Reading Conference - Concordia
University

March 13 - 15 IRC Conference Springfield

April 17 Poetry and Fluency

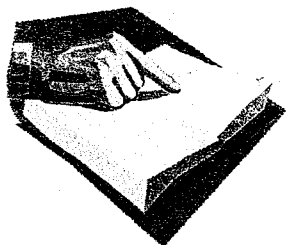
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Gail Huizinga and Sue Johnson

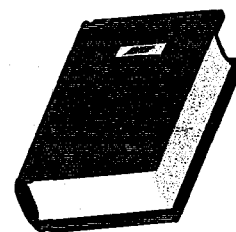
Teaching Research Skills with Picture Books

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

COME AND HEAR HOW Gail AND SUE AND HOW THEY USE PICTURE BOOKS TO DEVELOP STUDENTS RESEARCH SKILLS. THEY'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO HAVE STUDENTS GATHER AND ORGANIZE INFORMATION AND CREATE A DOCUMENT IN THEIR OWN WORDS.



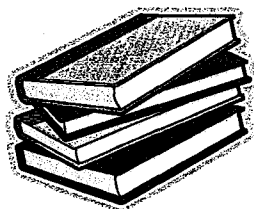
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SPRINGER SUITE
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REGISTRATION 4:30

DINNER 5:00

PRESENTATION 6:00



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