During this interactive workshop, the keynote speaker will clearly define and discuss what an autism diagnosis entails, including the process regarding how it is made and what teachers can do to support a student in their classroom. Additionally, a panel of professionals will provide resources for parents and siblings. Experiences from a parental point of view will also be shared.

**Keynote speaker: Apryl Cano**  
*Autism Resource Center Specialist*

Apryl Cano has worked in the field of special education for over 15 years. She comes from a background of teaching students with Autism and Developmental Disabilities, focusing on both academic and life skills. Apryl has extensive knowledge of best practices in curriculum and instruction for students with Autism. She has served as a leader and trainer of educators in the public school system and therapeutic day school setting. Apryl has also worked at University of Illinois at Chicago’s -Resource Center for Autism and Developmental Delays, training parents and professionals. She recently spearheaded the opening and development of an identical resource center to support parents and staff of students in Schaumburg School District 54. Apryl currently oversees the center’s operation and serves as the Autism Resource Center Specialist to provide resources, consultation, and training to patrons. Apryl holds a Master’s of Science in Teacher Leadership from University of Illinois Springfield and a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from Northern Illinois University.
Join West Suburban Reading Council & Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education for an exciting morning of literacy!

Saturday, January 26th
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Register Online!

A special event for educators, friends & family!

Concordia University Chicago
Koehneke Community Center-Oak Park/ River Forest Room

AGENDA:

8:00-8:30 Check in, breakfast
8:30-8:45 Welcome
8:45-9:30 Keynote
9:40-10:20 Supports in the classroom presentation
10:20-10:40 Break for Vendors
10:45-11:15- Parent Speaker “What I wish my autistic child’s teacher knew…”
11:30-12:00- Q & A Panel
12:00-12:30- Evaluations and Vendors

West Suburban Reading Council’s Special Service Project!

THE PENCIL PROJECT

The Pencil Project began in 1998 when Maria Viki’s (the Founder of the Pencil Project) mother visited a school in Africa. While visiting a group of second graders, her mother was impressed by one boy who had a small broken pencil. It was his most prized possession. Upon her mother’s return to the U.S. along with her daughter’s assistance, the Pencil Project was started by collecting

RATE:

Registration fee:

Members $25.00
Non-members $30.00
Students: $15.00
New Members: Join IRC & WSRC $70.00

Registration fee includes breakfast & presentations.

Please bring your printed registration ticket to the event.

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packages of pencils. The pencils were shipped to the school Maria’s mother visited. Since that time, the Pencil Project has grown and services schools not only in 3rd world countries but also extreme poverty areas in America.

As part of our service projects, West Suburban Reading Council will be collecting new packages of pencils at this literacy event. Please consider donating for this very special cause.

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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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Clock hours will be offered—provide your IEIN during registration.

Registration deadline: January 11th