



Professional Development



Round Table



Wednesday, February 16, 2011



5:00-7:45 p.m.

Lewis University Dining Room (in the Academic Building: park in lots G, F or D)

Please join Will County Reading Council for a mini-conference style presentation of professional development ideas presented by reading professionals in Will County. This event will offer concurrent sessions on topics to improve reading instruction.

This is a great opportunity to share ideas and brush up on strategies and practices for effective, engaging reading instruction. What a great opportunity to re-energize your practice for 2011!

Enjoy a renewing evening while you choose from among several presentations, engage in conversation about practice, and nibble on delicious appetizers.



5:00 WELCOME & SNACKS



5:30 FIRST ROUND PRESENTATIONS

6:00 SECOND ROUND PRESENTATIONS

6:30 THIRD ROUND PRESENTATIONS

7:00 COFFEE AND DESSERT



Several engaging sessions have been slated for the evening, but there is room for one or two more. The deadline for proposals has been extended to January 28.

Submit proposal to Joyce Eddy, 13000 79th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463 jedagreen@att.net

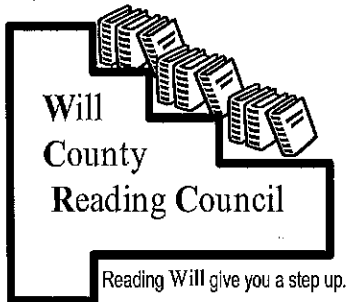
Include: Name; School; District; Phone; Email; Names and email addresses of any others who will present with you. Be sure to provide the title of your presentation and a clear summary of the content of the presentation in 100 words or less. Please describe your topic, content, and method of presentation.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service projects were on the agenda for WCRC during the month of December.

On the 15th, WCRC joined the Black Road Branch of the Joliet Public Library for their children's event known as ***Santa Reads***. The library prepared stations for ornament making, refreshments, game playing, and story reading. The highlight for most children was visiting with Santa. The jolly head elf himself is also a WCRC member! Will County assisted in most of the stations and gave away over 100 books to the children visiting Santa and their older siblings. The evening was a great success and ran even more smoothly than it had in the past.

On December 16th, WCRC participated in a ***Joliet ZONTA*** project providing a festive holiday for women who have experienced domestic crisis along with their children. Once again members helped entertain children with games and activities prior to dinner. During the buffet-style meal, members assisted moms with dishing up food and finding places to sit. Following the meal Will County members read holiday stories to various age groups and joined in the distribution of gifts to each family. The ZONTA organization provided gifts for the women and a special gift bag for each child that contained a book donated by Will County Reading Council among the many presents inside. Everyone went home with a cheerful smile and wishes for a happy holiday.



Call for Nominations

WCRC officer positions available!

Nominate your colleagues or yourself to serve on the 2011-2013 WCRC board. No experience necessary; learn as you go; have a good time with us!

Positions open for election:

Vice President (then serves as President-elect and President in subsequent years)

Secretary (2011-2012)

Treasurer (2-year term)

Send nominations to Amy O'Brien via email: amyfuerst@hotmail.com

See you in 2011 at:

- Winter Professional Development Round Table at Lewis University Feb. 16
- IRC conference in Springfield, March 17-19
- Travel back in time to the Chicago World's Fair with the "Tea Ladies"
(Coming in April—date to be announced in February newsletter)