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SOUTH EASTERN READING COUNCIL

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Greetings from the South Eastern Reading Council President

By now the school year is in full swing and many of you will find yourselves overwhelmed with the variety of daily tasks you are asked to perform. Even though we are all busy, I would like to personally invite you to reserve two dates on your calendar this year to join us as we continue to grow as leaders in the reading community. The officers have worked hard this summer planning two meetings that we feel will appeal to all of our members.

One of our goals for this coming year is to increase our membership so, we encourage you to attend the meetings and bring a friend with you. It will be a relaxing evening spent with friends and colleagues as well as earning CPDUs. Each meeting will feature door prizes and refreshments.

Check the second page of the newsletter for meeting dates and speakers. You won't be disappointed.

"It is noble to teach oneself,
but still nobler to teacher others—and less trouble."
Mark Twain

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IRC/South Eastern Website

Have you checked out the updated Illinois Reading Council website lately? It is full of helpful information for any teacher.

South Eastern Reading Council now has their own link on the IRC website. Meeting dates, officers and other important information is posted there. Check it out!

www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org



SERC 2007-2008 Programs

Tuesday, October 30, 2007, 6:30-8:00

Picture Books for All Ages

Susan Cisna, retired teacher from Villa Grove, IL, will share "Picture Books for All Ages". Over her 32 years of teaching, Susan has taught 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th grades. She has served as the President of East Central/EIU Reading Council, Regional Director for IRC, Corresponding Secretary for the Illinois Reading Council and Chairperson of the Exemplary Reading Program Committee. Susan has been honored with the Illinois Teacher of the Year Award of Merit, The Illinois Education Association's Advocate of Education Award, and the Illinois Reading Council's Teacher of the Year for 2004. Most recently Susan was honored by the State of Illinois House of Representatives with House Resolution 1141 honoring her for her achievements in the field of reading education. One of her most important literacy goals is achieved by conducting workshops and presentations for teachers throughout the state and at national and international conferences.

Location: Ophelia's Cup, 205 S. Whittle Ave, Olney, IL 618-392-6287

Directions: From the south and west: enter Olney on Rt. 130. Turn right onto Main Street. Continue on to the first stoplight. Use right hand lane. Go through the stoplight, but then make an immediate right hand turn (past the bank). Proceed one block, stop. Ophelia's will be on the right in the second block.

From the north: enter Olney on Rt. 130. Turn left onto Main Street. Continue on to the first stoplight. Use right hand lane. Go through the stoplight, but then make an immediate right hand turn (past the bank). Proceed one block, stop. Ophelia's will be on the right in the second block.

Registration: Registration forms can be sent to Pat Burt at ROE #12 or registrations will be taken at the door. Cost is \$5.00.



Mark your calendars now!

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Tuesday, February 26, 2008 Authors Judy Burris and Wayne Richards

We are Judy Burris and Wayne Richards, a sister-brother author and photographer team. We have been intrigued with butterflies since we were children. We were raised to have a strong respect for the natural world and always enjoyed spending time on hiking trails looking for animals and trying to identify the trees, wildflowers and insects that we saw. As adults, this childhood interest in animal and plant life has translated into a nearly full-time devotion to gardening specifically to support butterflies in every stage of their development, (egg - caterpillar - chrysalis - butterfly). We have spent many years observing, hand-raising, and photographing these miraculous creatures in our own backyard butterfly gardens. We live in northern Kentucky about ten miles from Cincinnati, Ohio. We enjoy teaching others about flower gardening, nature photography and butterfly life cycles. We encourage everyone to give more serious thought to natural habitat conservation and responsible, poison-free management of their own backyards to support native flora and fauna for future generations to enjoy. Our first book, [The Life Cycles of Butterflies](#) (Storey Publishing) is available online and at retail stores now. Our website, <http://www.butterflynature.com>, is updated frequently with new information on butterflies.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. Paperbacks \$17, hardback \$27

Location: Ty's Family Buffet, 1065 W. Main Street, Olney, IL
618-392-5017

Directions: From the south, east and west: Enter Olney on Route 130. Turn left, west, onto Main Street. Continue approximately 1/2 mile. Ty's will be on the left. Enter through the rear door.

From the north: Enter Olney on Route 130. Turn right, west, onto Main Street. Continue approximately 1/2 mile. Ty's will be on the left. Enter through the rear door.

Registration: Registration forms can be sent to Pat Burt at ROE #12 or available at the door. Cost is \$10.00



By-Law Revisions

The IRC has asked all local councils to review and revise their by-laws. The SERC Board has done just that, but now we need members to vote on the revisions. By-laws have been posted on our SERC website. Please check them out and be prepared to vote on the changes at our October 30, 2007 meeting. Go to www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org, click on local councils, then click on South Eastern. Click on by-laws to see the revisions to be voted on.

BORDERS

EDUCATOR'S SAVING WEEK

Wednesday, September 26-Tuesday, October 2

You'll Enjoy 25% off your personal and classroom purchases of list priced books, CDs, DVDs, café items, gifts and stationery and more when you bring in your current Classroom Discount Card, educator ID or pay stub.

Updated e-mail list

In order to get information to our members we are asking you to update your email account with our Membership Director, Tambree Krouse. Please send her your current account at tbkrouse@hotmail.com.

Literacy

Unleash the Power

Illinois Reading Council Conference

March 13-15, 2008

Articles, poems, tidbits, etc, are always welcome to be included in the SERC newsletter. E-mail them to Diana Woods at dwoods815@yahoo.com

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Bring a friends to a Council Meeting!

East Central—EIU Reading Council
Presents
Candace Fleming
Author of the 2008 Monarch Award Nominee:
Boxes for Katje

November 12, 2007—Monday 7:00 p.m.
Buzzard Auditorium (EIU)