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“The times change, and if you don’t change with them, you get left behind.” Bradley Walsh

CHANGE IS GOING TO COME TO THE *IRC COMMUNICATOR*

By the Illinois Reading Council

The Illinois Reading Council is excited to announce a reboot to revitalize the monthly *IRC Communicator* e-newsletter. In future issues, IRC will be sharing some new and energizing monthly columns.

- **#WhatIAmReading:** In this column, we would like members to share books that you are reading. The information can be very short with only 2 to 3 sentences about the book. You can share pictures of you and your book in your favorite reading spot. We encourage you to be creative as you help inspire fellow educators. Posts will also be shared on our social media outlets.
- **Highlight Reel:** In this column, we would like members to share snapshots of successes in your classrooms. The articles can be anywhere from 100 to 300 words. Again, we would love for you to share pictures if possible. Please remember no success is too big or too small to share as your success could help inspire other fellow educators.
- **Themed Book Lists:** Share books that would help other educators with any creative and diverse topic. Examples: Four books to jump start the new school year or three books that help with equity in the middle-grade classroom.
- **Other Literacy Topics:** IRC would also like to encourage members to continue sharing literacy articles on a variety of topics. Suggested topics are listed below, but articles on other topics of interest are welcome.

- Why We Need to Read Banned Books
- Tips for Teaching Writing
- Board Games that Teach Literacy Skills
- Literacy Meets STEM
- SEL via Literacy
- For the Love of Librarians
- Trauma Informed Practices
- Culturally Responsive Teaching and Literature
- Strategies for Struggling Readers
- Building the Reading and Writing Connection
- Increasing Equity & Opportunity for All Learners
- Diverse Books for your Classroom
- Books the Kids Loved This Year
- My New Favorite Professional Books and Resources
- Skills and Strategies
- Current Research in Literacy
- Accessing Resources (e.g., Tips for Writing Grants, Other Professional Organizations, etc.)
- Technology and Other Literacy Links
- And any other literacy topics that interest you!

IRC will also continue to share past favorite columns including the Family Literacy Bookshelf, IRC Book Clubs and Webinars, and other upcoming PD Events.

If you are interested in sharing an article, please send your article as soon as possible and it will be published through the next school year. We are hoping to have articles on file before we all get busy in the fall. Articles can be submitted as a Word document to irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org. The suggested length for articles is 250 to 300 words. Please feel free to include links to the author websites, YouTube videos of authors reading the book, or other useful links. However, please note that we will not use links for purchasing merchandise.

Also, please note that the publication schedule will be slightly different as we reboot the content. The July issue will be sent out in the first week of July and all future newsletters will follow that schedule, rather than being published at the end of the month. The due date for time-sensitive submissions for each issue will be the 15th of the previous month, e.g., July 15th for the August issue.

We look forward to reading your articles and thank you for sharing!

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