Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award

The Illinois Reading Council will recognize an outstanding teacher who makes significant contributions in promoting literacy among students, colleagues, and school communities. The award winner will receive a monetary award, an engraved plaque, a personalized banner, and recognition at the annual Illinois Reading Council conference. This award is supported by a generous gift from Jerry Johns, Past President of the Illinois Reading Council and the International Literacy Association.

Self-nominations and nominations by others will be accepted. Nominee must be a current member of IRC and ILA.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the application form.

2. Attach three letters of recommendation.
   a. Recommendations can be written by a colleague, an administrator, a parent, or a student.
   b. Letters should address reasons why you are an excellent reading teacher.

3. Address your reading philosophy and contributions in a typed response no longer than four double-spaced pages.
   a. Discuss your philosophy about literacy instruction including the theories that guide and shape it.
   b. Explain how you implement your beliefs about reading.
   c. Describe your community activities connected to enhancing literacy.

4. Send the completed application form, letters of recommendation, and your philosophy statement by **November 1st** to:

   Melissa Wheeler, Committee Chair
   Email: irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org
Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award
Application Form
(Please Print)

Last Name ___________________________________  First Name _________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________  State ____  Zip ______________  Email _______________________

Home Phone (_____)___________________________  Business Phone (_____)________________________

School Name _____________________________________________________________________________

District ______________________________________  City ________________________________________

School Address ____________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________  State ____  Zip ______________  County _______________________

Nominated by: ____________________________________________________________________________
(If self-nominated, just write “Self-Nominated.”)

Check area of teaching responsibility:

_________ PreK-5      _________ Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach

_________ 6-12       _________ College Instructor

IRC Membership Number _______________________  Local Council ________________________________

International Reading Association Membership Number __________________________________________

List any IRC Council(s) to which you belong and offices held.

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List any other reading or reading educational organizations to which you belong and offices held.

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Nomination Forms due by November 1st.  Feel free to copy this form.