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## ILLINOIS READS

### A READING STATE OF MIND



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#### Birth-4

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REGION 6			
Central Illinois	Pam Folger	\$1,500	Literacy in Recovery
REGION 8			
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National Road	Amy Hewing	\$400	Bluestem Books and Breakfast
REGION 9 Southern Illinois	Pamela Turner	\$1,500	Reading Inspires a Total Eclipse of the Mind!
<b>REGION 10</b>			
IRC	Steve Layne	\$350	Book Chat Magic
SRL	Alan Holtz	\$600	Media Center's Manga Madness 2023

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### The Illinois Reading Council

### STATIC STICK DECAL CONTEST

The Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE) and the Illinois Reading Council (IRC) invite **YOU** to design a **STATIC STICK DECAL** that encourages children to read.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

You must be a student in grade 4, 5 or 6 in a school in the state of Illinois.

#### **GUIDELINES**

Make your original design in the 4 inch square on the back of this sheet.

(Teachers may copy the application form as many times as needed.)

Invent an original character(s) to include in your design. You may **NOT** use any published cartoon or comic characters (including characters such as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Super Heroes, Pokémon, etc.) nor any computer-generated art.

Develop an **original** saying or slogan.

You are limited to three colors plus black and white. The label with Illinois Reading Council and Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education must be on the STATIC STICK DECAL design but it may be moved from the location on the application form.

Complete the application form on the back of this sheet. Mail it with your design to:

Kathleen Sweeney c/o Illinois Reading Council 1100 Beech Street Building 8, Suite 2 Normal, IL 61761

#### ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15!

#### THE STATIC STICK DECAL CONTEST WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

An autographed book by a well-known children's author.

An invitation for the winner and his/her parents to be our guests at the Friday Luncheon at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference. The winner will sit in a place of honor and be introduced during the luncheon.

30 STATIC STICK DECALS with the winning design to distribute to classmates.

#### **TIPS**

Don't forget - The work MUST BE ORIGINAL. You may not use any published trademark, cartoon, comic characters or computer-generated art.

Keep the art work simple and positive. Too much detail within the space provided may result in a smeared look when the cling is reproduced.

Fine line markers, pens and pencils work the best. Crayon is usually difficult to read. A white background provides a cleaner design.

Spelling must be standard and correct.

The Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education and The Illinois Reading Council

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### Request for Membership on IRC Standing and Special Committees

Please consider becoming more involved in the Illinois Reading Council. Members of the local reading councils may submit their own names for consideration. Below are brief descriptions of committee goals.

#### IRC STANDING COMMITTEES:

Budget, Finance, and Strategic Planning Committee - Prepare a yearly budget, report on the audit, and review dues structure. Work to establish a well-defined vision for the future of IRC.

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee - Review and update the IRC bylaws and policies.

Conference Committee - Make plans for the annual conference of the council.

Membership Committee - Stimulate membership of ILA, state, local, and special interest councils.

Nominating Committee - Prepare a slate of candidates for IRC Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

Organization/Council Bylaws Committee - Act as liaison between ILA and local and special interest councils.

#### IRC SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Advocacy Committee - Gather and disseminate information concerning legislation related to reading.

Book Club Committee - Host four virtual book clubs in the spring, summer, fall, and winter.

Educational Media Committee - Assist state, local, and special interest councils with newspapers in education and with the integration of technology and literacy.

Family Literacy Committee - Collect and disseminate information concerning adult, parent, and family literacy.

ILA Exemplary Reading Program Award Committee - Assist ILA in recognizing outstanding reading and language arts programs in Illinois schools.

Illinois Reads Committee - A yearly statewide project to encourage reading for all Illinois citizens.

International Projects Committee - Address issues, provide resources, and encourage others to become involved in literacy projects in third world countries.

IRC Literacy Support Grants Committee - Recommend financial grants for literacy projects.

Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award Committee - Recognize an outstanding teacher contributing to literacy.

Obama Literacy Fund Committee - Promote the importance of multicultural literature and focus on providing multicultural literature for teachers' use.

Prairie State Award Committee - Review nominations to select an outstanding Illinois children's/YA author.

Professional Learning - Share best practices in educational initiatives and effective professional development to support all grade levels and content areas.

Publicity and Publications Committee - Provide templates and support to IRC and local councils to promote membership and events. Provide guidance in creating and publishing IRC materials.

Sticker Design Contest Committee - Promote the Static Sticker Decal Contest that encourages children to read.

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The *Illinois Reading Council Journal* seeks manuscripts dealing with topics, issues, and events of interest to educators involved in literacy programs at all levels of education.

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The complete review process takes approximately 10 to 16 weeks. Upon receipt of a manuscript, an initial review will be conducted and feedback sent to the author. Manuscripts accepted for peer review will be evaluated by at least two reviewers who are uninformed as to the identity of the author. The editor will compile notes from the reviewers and send feedback to the author, including whether the article has been accepted for publication and any requests for revision. Manuscripts are evaluated in terms of interest, quality of writing, appropriate documentation of ideas, uniqueness, and needs of the journal. Research articles should include a clear description of the methodology and should be written in a style that will be readable by classroom teachers. The final decision for acceptance of manuscripts resides with the editor. Please review articles in the journal before submitting manuscripts for consideration. Any questions about the submission process should be directed to Roxanne Owens, IRCJ Editor, by e-mail at ircjournal@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

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For each issue, short items such as original poems, cartoons, artwork, or personal anecdotes may appear throughout the journal. Such submissions should be one-half page to one page in length, double-spaced, and word-processed. Front and back cover art is also accepted. The editor selects these items.

If you have questions about the submission process, please e-mail Roxanne Owens, *IRCJ* Editor, at IRCJournal@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

#### **IRCJ** Submission Guidelines

Article submissions should be eight to 25 double-spaced pages, including references. Please prepare and submit your manuscript consistent with the following guidelines.

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