



PARC Winter Newsletter

November 28, 2023

Letter from the President

Join us on **December 8th from 6-8 pm**, when we will be hosting the **2024 Illinois Reads authors** at Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove. We will be enjoying refreshments as we get a sneak peek at the 2024 Illinois Reads books and mingle with the authors. On **January 12th at 4:45 pm**, we will be co-hosting the **Family Fort Night** with the Westmont Public Library. We will be distributing free books, singing by the campfire, eating Smores and reading in forts. For our final event of this year, we are very excited to be a part of the **Illinois Reads Book Festival** that will be held at **Westmont High School** on **Feb. 3rd at 10 am**. Come out and join us as we celebrate reading with families in the community. Please put these dates in your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you!



Illinois Reads Book Review

Grade 3-5

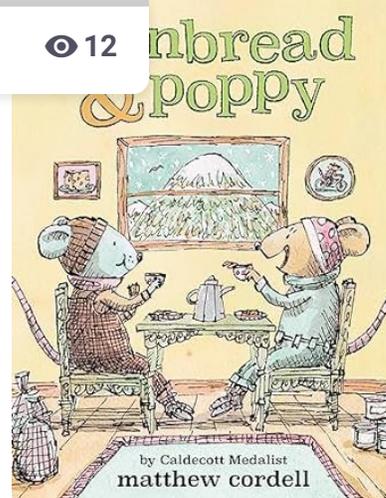
Cornbread and Poppy At The Museum

This is book 3 of this early reader series created by Matthew Codell. Cornbread and Poppy have different interests but are great friends. Cornbread is invited to attend a Gala at the museum where a new exhibit is being launched. Poppy, who prefers outdoor adventures, agrees to go with Cornbread. The evening is full of spectacular wonders that two friends share together. The pen and ink drawings with watercolor bring the tale to life. This is a great series for readers who are

transitioning to ear
from the author by
[and Poppy series](#)



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ILLINOIS READS

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Friday, December 8, 2023

Anderson's Bookshop
5112 Main Street
Downers Grove, Illinois
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the 2024 Illinois Reads Sneak Peek. Authors will be sharing a reading from their book followed by autographing. Books will also be available for purchase from Anderson's Bookshops. Light refreshments will also be served.

Visit our website for more information www.illinoisreads.org

Birth-4

- My Hair is Like the Sun*
by St. Clair Detrick-Jules and
illustrated by Tabitha Brown
Mine!
by Candace Fleming and
illustrated by Eric Rohmann
- No Fair!*
by Jacob Grant
- You Are New*
by Lucy Knisley
- A Book About You and All the World Too*
by Jean Reidy
- Ethan and the Strays*
by John Sullivan

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- Cornbread & Poppy at the Museum*
by Matthew Cordell
- The Enchanted Bridge*
by Zetta Elliott
- Ella Iscincible*
by Reese Eschmann
- Josephine and Her Dishwashing Machine*
by Kate Hamigan
- Mayor Good Boy Turns Bad*
by Dave Scheidt and Miranda Hamon
- The Shipwrecked Switthorn: New Powers Every 24 Hours*
by Mary Winn Heider and Chad Sell

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- Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali*
by Marc Bernardin
- Wolfpack: A Novel*
by Amelia Beausskill
- Saint Juniper's Folly*
by Alex Crespo
- Whalefall: A Novel*
by Daniel Kraus
- Graceland Cemetery: Chicago Stories, Symbols, and Secrets*
by Ardam Selzwe
- I'll Have To Be Haunted*
by Miranda Sun

K-2

- Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year*
by Andrea Beaty
- 3rd, TCCN Level 1*
by Ivan Brunetti
- The New Bicycle*
by Darcy Day Zoell
- Not a Monster*
by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez
- You Are A Story*
by Bob Raczka
- How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up*
by Ruth Spiro

6-8

- The Bravest Warrior in Nefaria*
by Ad Alsaid
- If Found Us*
by Lindsay Curne
- Restoring Prairie, Woods, and Pond: How a Small Trail Can Make a Big Difference*
by Laurie Lawlor
- Lo & Behold*
by Wendy Mass and
illustrated by Gabi Mendez
- World Made of Glass*
by Ami Polonsky
- The Lost Ryū*
by Emi Watanabe Cohen

Adult

- Good Night, Irene: A Novel*
by Luis Alberto Urrea
- A Taste for Poison: Eleven Deadly Molecules and the Killers Who Used Them*
by Neil Bradbury, Ph.D.
- King: A Life*
by Jonathan Eig
- I Have Some Questions for You: A Novel*
by Rebecca Makkai
- Ghostly: A Collection of Ghost Stories*
by Audrey Niffenegger
- On Rotation: A Novel*
by Shirlene Oluobi

Join the IRC Book Club

Great Opportunity for Professional Development Hours

IRC Book Clubs begin January 22, 2024.

Register by January 15

Registration is FREE



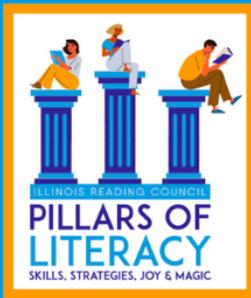
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\$50, which includes IRC membership for one year. PLEASE NOTE:
The cost of the books is not included.

Beginning January 21, participants will be reading, reflecting on, and responding in the Shifting the Balance book club, the Illinois Reads book club, and/or the La enseñanza en el aula bilingüe book club during the seven-weeks of online discussions. Participants who complete all assignments will be eligible to **receive 15 PD clock hours** for each book. Please note that all three book clubs will also be repeated during the Spring 2024 session.

For more information: <https://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/book-clubs>



2024 IRC CONFERENCE

March 14-15, 2024

Springfield, Illinois

[Click here for more information](#)

Membership

PARC extends a warm welcome to new members this Fall. We are so happy to have Kristin Cantrell, Khadiga Chaudhry, and Frank Ferrara join our ranks. We are also pleased that many have elected to renew their memberships. Thank you, Barbara Ashton, Margaret Egan, Lynda Goldberg, Heather Kraus, Heather Scott, Katy Boehm, Susan Daeschler, and Kara Harmon. We hope to see you all at an upcoming PARC event! Bring a friend too. We love our 92 members and hope to grow even more!

Meet your PARC Board

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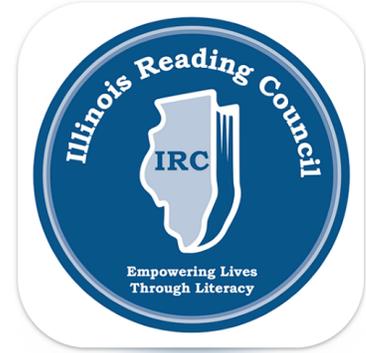
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To provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.



Prairie Area Reading Council (PARC)

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