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

Join the IRC Book Club

Great Opportunity for Professional Development Hours
IRC Book Clubs begin January 22, 2024.
Register by January 15, 2024, to participate in the book clubs.

Registration is FREE for IRC Members. The cost for non-members is $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.


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**2024 IRC CONFERENCE**

**March 14-15, 2024**

Springfield, Illinois

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**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!

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

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