
January 2021

West Suburban Reading Council

Happy New Year!

The **West Suburban Reading Council's** Board of Directors has been busy planning for what we hope is an exciting year. Our increased communication with members has been rewarding and will continue in 2021. We remain passionate and dedicated to providing our members with a variety of professional development events in a virtual format until it is safe to resume in person. We have a lot to share with you! WSRC is proud to serve you and we are incredibly thankful for your support.

Mark your calendars for our next virtual event!

Literacy as a Tool for Healing and Trauma

Presenter: Julie Hoffman

When: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Where: Zoom [Register Here](#)

Healing from trauma can be scary, messy, and complicated. Fortunately, the power of story can help. This session will cover some of the basics regarding trauma, including a review of the physiological responses (fight, flight, freeze). There will be discussion about how vicarious experiences (being in the shoes of a fictional character) helps a reader know they are not alone, introduces new coping mechanisms, and provides a safe place to approach traumatic experiences.

Expect lively read-alouds and group discussions about how the books can be used to teach SEL goals in general or toward healing from trauma. You will receive a link to a comprehensive book list, but you might also want to start filling your Amazon cart during the presentation!

Audience: All, with a particular focus for grades 4 – 8 **Clock hours available**



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Welcome to our New Members!

Natalie Stasinopoulos

Mary Atkins

Stephanie Furlong

Joanne Smith

Vanessa Wolf

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More Important News from IRC

Joining IRC has many benefits including the opportunity to attend the [Webinar Series](#) for members only. Participants who watch the live or recorded webinars can earn professional clock hours. Please feel free to share the [IRC Webinar Flyer](#) and encourage your colleagues to join IRC!

Webinars: Below is the list of those that have been previously recorded (pdf's are also available). ISBE PD Clock Hour Credit will be available for these webinars until the deadline of June 30, 2021.

- **September 2, 2020**
[Word Study That Works](#)
with Timothy Rasinski ([Handout Available](#))
- **October 7, 2020**
[History's Beating Heart: Tools for Making Historical Figures Come to Life](#)
with Kate Hannigan
- **November 11, 2020**
[Using Poetry to Expand Content Knowledge and Structure Informational Text](#)
with Clare Landrigan
- **December 2, 2020**
[Inspiring Lifelong Readers](#)
with Jon Scieszka
- **January 6, 2021**
[Dark, Absurd Humor...for Dark, Absurd Times](#)
with Crystal Chan

The **Illinois Reading Council** is an approved Illinois State Board of Education Professional Development provider. IRC members will earn one (1) professional development clock hour for watching the entire 60-minute webinar.

Please visit the IRC website for more specific information about registration and participation. www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org



Save The Date:

Upcoming IRC Webinars

Each live webinar begins at 7:00 p.m. Registration will open 3 weeks prior to each webinar.

February 3

Discovering the 2021 Illinois Reads Books with Becky Anderson [Click here to register today!](#)

March 3

The Power of Wordless Picture Books with Matthew Cordell

April 7

The Literacy Lessons I Learned from Hamilton with Penny Kittle



West Suburban Reading Council's Recommended Resources

Websites:

[CASEL - CASEL](#)

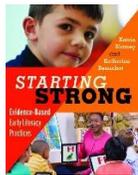
CASEL is committed to advancing equity and excellence in education through social and emotional learning. The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning defined SEL more than two decades ago.

<https://casel.org/>

[Lead for Literacy](#)

Shining a Light on Literacy

<https://leadforliteracy.org/>



Professional book:

Starting Strong: Evidence-Based Early Literacy Practices by Katrin Blamey and Katherine Beauchat

Starting Strong shows teachers how to use four proven instructional approaches—standards-based, evidenced-based, assessment-based, and student-based—to improve their teaching practice in all areas of early literacy.

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